

LRE FORUM

The LRE Forum is an annual event organised by the LRE Foundation. The 2022 edition will take place in Caen (3-6 April) and is organised in cooperation with the Region of Normandy and Normandy Tourism.

LRE Foundation

The LRE Foundation is a growing international, inclusive network that connects people and organisations dedicated to preserving and valorising the tangible and intangible cultural heritage related to World War II, its memory and meaning. The organisation's main objective is to make this history relevant and accessible, especially for the younger generations. The organisation's main two initiatives are Liberation Route Europe and Europe Remembers. For more information, visit: www.lre-foundation.org



The Normandy Region is a regional public authority, responsible for economic development, research, innovation, education and professional training, transports, digital development, culture. The Normandy Region is administered by the Regional Council, an assembly of 102 regional councillors from the five departments of Normandy.

It is a tourist destination deeply related to the field of memory. The Normandy Region is in charge of the overall development of the remembrance sector in its region and works to foster intercultural dialogue between all the concerned countries, offer high-quality presentations of the happenings in the past, based on historically accurate work from experts and strict professional ethical standards, and promote economic development through a better structured touristic offer. Working closely with its regional partners, the Normandy Region wishes to restore and promote existing sites, buildings and places of memory and to inform the general public, with special attention to young people and children.



Normandie Tourism is the official tourist board of the Region of Normandy and is responsible for its promotion as a tourist destination. The organisation provides information, advice and ideas for things to see and do, places to stay, events, maps and more, to enable tourists to have a unique experience in the region according to their own individual aspirations and motives.

Normandy Site Visits

Programme for Members and Partners of the LRE Foundation

Tour Guide: [Mathias Leclère](#)

Tuesday – 5 April 2022

14.00 | Departure from the LREXPO location ([MoHo](#), Caen)

After the LREXPO on April 5, lunch will be offered in the location. Participants of the site visits will then depart from the MoHo towards the Normandy American Cemetery.

15.00 – 16.00 | Visit of the Normandy American Cemetery

The impressive American Military Cemetery of Colleville-sur-Mer contains the remains of 9387 American soldiers who fell during the Battle of Normandy. The cemetery reflects and honours the sacrifices that the USA made for the liberation of Europe. From this point, one can overlook Omaha Beach, the deadliest landing beach of Operation Overlord.



Normandy American Cemetery, Colleville-sur-Mer © L. Leloup

16.45 – 17.15 | Visit to the Mulberry Harbour in Arromanches-les-Bains

While preparing for Operation Overlord, the Allied strategists decided to build two artificial, pre-fabricated ports in Normandy. These were considered essential for bringing reinforcements and equipment to the Continent. The remains of the port of Arromanches are still visible today as silent witnesses to this bold gamble and stunning technical achievement.



Arromanches © Thomas Le Floc'H

17.30 – 18:15 | Sunset at the British Normandy Memorial (Ver-sur-Mer)

The British Normandy Memorial records the names of the 22,442 servicemen and women under British command who fell on D-Day and during the Battle of Normandy in the summer of 1944. This includes people from more than 30 different countries. Inscribed in stone, their names have never, until now, been brought together. The site also includes a French Memorial, dedicated to the memory of French civilians who died during this time.



Mémorial Britannique de Normandie, Ver-sur-Mer
(sculpture de David Williams-Ellis) © Marie-Anaïs Thierry

19.15 – Arrival in Caen (MoHo)

Wednesday – 6 April 2022

09:00 | Departure from Caen (MoHo)

10.30 – 11.30 | Utah Beach Museum

Built on the very beach where the first American troops landed on June 6, 1944, the Utah Beach Museum recounts the story of D-Day in 10 sequences, from the preparation of the landing to the outcome and success. This comprehensive chronological journey immerses visitors in the history of the landing through a rich collection of objects, vehicles (including an original B26 bomber), materials, and oral histories.



Musée du Débarquement à Utah Beach © S. Frères

11.45 – 12.15 | Visit of Sainte-Mère-Eglise

The liberation of Europe from German occupation began in a spectacular fashion for the inhabitants of Sainte-Mère-Eglise. A misdrop brought paratroops raining down onto the village square, their chutes lit by the light of a house fire! Private John Steele would be the most famous of them all, left dangling from the pinnacle of the church tower.



Sainte- Mère-Englise © Marc Lerouge

13.30 | Arrival in Caen (Central Station)

Questions about the site visits?

Contact the LRE Forum team at event@liberationroute.com

More information about the LRE Forum 2022: www.lre-foundation.org/forum

To register: <https://live.eventtia.com/en/lreforum2022-caen>