TERMS & CONDITIONS

'The small print'…

Even a privately organised trip like this one has to comply with 'rules and regulations', health & safety, etc., as well as having 'terms and conditions', booking forms and the like; the following are in addition to the travel & booking conditions set out by Rossendale Travel Limited (copy available upon application).

General
The trip is arranged / organised in good faith by Brindle Historical Society ("The Organiser") as a 'Private Excursion' for education / leisure / recreational purposes, using Rossendale Travel Ltd and Greatdays Travel Group as the supplier of, or agents for the advertised services (e.g. coach travel, ferry, hotels, etc.). They acknowledge that the providers of facilities / services (including themselves) and sites to be visited have a duty of care to ensure that they meet the necessary health and safety standards, and should / will have carried out any necessary risk assessment(s), as appropriate. However, neither they nor their members (individually or collectively) can be held responsible or liable for any situation beyond or outside their control, howsoever caused.

Passengers acknowledge that the trip is at their own risk, having assessed all financial, health, security and related risks, and duly indemnify the organiser from any loss, claim or action that may arise from taking part in the trip / activity.

Prices are based on costings quoted by Rossendale Travel Ltd. in September 2009. The trip price may be subject to a surcharge or increase if, for example, there is a substantial increase in fuel and / or other suppliers costs, an increase in VAT and / or other taxes levied, or any Government or similar action which is beyond and / or outside their and the organiser's control, now or before the trip is paid for in full by the 1st May 2011. All timings are for guide purposes and the organiser reserves the right to change the advertised itinerary (without compensation) should circumstances dictate.

Meals and refreshment breaks (except breakfast at the hotel) are not included in the price. Entry to cemeteries, memorials and visitor centres on the WW2 battlefields is free, whilst museums and other 'attractions' are not. However entry to the Pegasus Bridge Museum, the D-Day experience at Arromanches and the Bayeux Tapestry is included in the trip price.

The coach driver and / or the courier (on behalf of the organiser) reserve the right to refuse travel, at any time, to a passenger who is under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other substances, or whose behaviour is deemed by them to be inappropriate. In such circumstances, no refund will be given and any subsequent costs incurred by the said passenger will be his / her responsibility.

Payment
The contract / trip and payment are protected by Greatdays Holiday Services Trust Account and all cheques should be made payable to "Greatdays Trust Account No. 2" where the money will be held in trust until the contract (trip / tour) has been fully performed. A deposit of £50 must accompany a completed booking form and places on the trip will be confirmed in writing once a cheque has cleared. Payment of the balance must be paid, via the organiser, no later than 8 (eight) weeks before travel, or cancel, otherwise you could be liable for cancellation charges up to 100% of the value of the final invoice / cost.

Financial protection
All monies paid / the total cost of this trip will be held in trust until the trip is completed / finished. In the case of insolvency during any stage of the trip, Greatdays Holiday Services undertakes to repatriate all passengers to their point of origination by providing a ferry crossing and a replacement coach if necessary.

This trip / "private excursion" is operated in conjunction with Greatdays Holiday Services Ltd., Travel House, 2 Stamford Park Road, Altrincham WA15 9EN. Both Rossendale Travel Ltd. and the organiser confirm that all passenger monies paid to Greatdays Holidays Services Ltd. are deposited in a trust account which has been established by their solicitors and which is operated by Barclays Bank plc. This trust account conforms to / with the requirements of the Package Travel, Package Holiday and Package Tour Regulations 1992. This is the protection required by law for all passengers money. Once passengers have paid a deposit and balance of the trip, the money is deposited in the trust account where it is held until completion of the advertised trip for which he / she / they have booked.

Booking cancellation / transfer
The trip is based on a minimum number of places to make the trip viable (30 passengers at 11th September 2009). The organisers reserves the right in any circumstances to cancel your booking (without compensation) up to 9 weeks before travel, giving a full refund of all monies paid.

If a passenger cancels his or her booking(s), this incurs administration costs for the organiser and supplier(s) and therefore deposits will be retained to cover any costs incurred. In addition, the following cancellation charges will apply if passengers cancel after paying for the trip – 55 to 28 days 30%, 14 to 27 days 45%, 7 to 13 days 60% and 6 days or less prior to departure 100%. If a customer cannot travel for any reason, he / she may transfer the booking to another person at no cost, providing that a minimum of 2 weeks notice is given.

Travel requirements (Passport, Visa, Health & Insurance)
U.K. passport holders need only a passport for visiting EC countries. Responsibility for visa and other entry / travel requirements by non-EU passport holders is down to the passenger.

All passengers must have personal / individual travel insurance in force for the duration of the trip (such travel insurance shall cover every eventuality, including repatriation back to the U.K.). In addition, passengers must have (and carry with them) a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), which is an agreement with EC countries enabling passengers to obtain emergency medical treatment as or when available.

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D-DAY BEACHES & NORMANDY

A 9 day coach trip to Normandy in northern France, based in Caen - visiting BAYEUX (for the famous Tapestry), MONT ST. MICHEL & the D-DAY BEACHES

26th June to 4th July 2011

Travel arrangements by **GREATDAYS** & ROSSENDALE TRAVEL

NORMANDY & D-DAY

Normandy... The Normandy region of France combines a 360-mile dramatic coastline with a verdant interior of lush farmland, bustling market towns and historic places such as Bayeux and Caen. Gastronomic delights abound – seafood, fine cheeses, cider, Calvados (an apple brandy) and tarte aux Normandie (an apple tart with frangipane).

Britain was shaped by the Normans, being invaded in 1066 by William the Conqueror, the Duke of Normandy. The invasion is famously recorded on the 70 metre long Bayeux Tapestry, now housed in a dedicated museum in the town. In Mediaeval times the English and the French fought several decisive battles in Northern France.

In modern times, the region became the focal point of the invasion of Europe by the Allies during World War Two. On the 6th June 1944 (or 'D-Day' as it became known), British, Canadian, American and Free French troops landed by sea and air on a 50 mile stretch of coastline. Over 175,000 troops landed on that day with 10,000 becoming casualties and 2,500 paying the ultimate price.

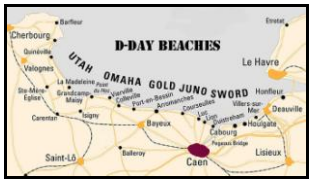
Brindle Historical Society... was formed in June 2002 and now has 66 members. Military history is of interest to members and locals alike and a dedicated website, www.brindle-at-war.net, was created with Lottery funding in 2008. It details Brindle's involvement in all conflicts - from the Civil War to the Cold War.

The trip... Back in 2004 Secretary Steve Williams organised a trip to the battlefields of the First World War in France and Belgium where men from the village fought and died. In 2008 members requested a trip to Normandy to visit the D-Day beaches as well as other sites of historical interest. As for D-Day, a villager landed on the Normandy beaches on the 10th June 1944 whilst a member of Brindle St. Joseph's R.C. Church lost his life at Tilley-sur-Suelles near Bayeux in July 1944.

Organising the trip is Steve Williams - the seventh coach trip he has organised and led in as many years. He will act as courier throughout and then guide to the D-Day beaches and battlefields. On hand to help passengers interpret the region's diverse history will be Brindle Historical Society Chairman, Ian Whyte – he will also lead on Caen and the visits to Bayeux and Mont St. Michel.

Everyone is welcome on the trip – whether they have a Brindle connection or not.

Bayeux Tapestry



D-Day Beaches

Mont St. Michel

www.normandie-tourisme.fr

For more information about Brindle, visit....

www.brindlehistoricalsociety.org.uk
www.brindle-at-war.net

ⓘ ITINERARY

Day 1 (Sunday, 26th June) - Travel from Lancashire to **Hull for over-night ferry to Zeebrugge.**

Day 2 (Monday, 27th) – Disembark at c9.00 a.m. heading along the coast for a short stop overlooking the Dunkirk beaches where the British Expeditionary Force was evacuated from in 1940. Travel south to Dieppe for a lunch stop in the town, the site of a failed raid by Allied forces in August 1942. Arrive in Caen late afternoon and check-in at the hotel.

Day 3 (Tuesday, 28th) – Full day excursion to visit the impressive **Mont St. Michel**, a fortified monastery cut off twice a day by the tide. It can trace its origins back to the 8th century although the current structure dates back to Norman times.

Day 4 (Wednesday, 29th) – Full day excursion to visit **Bayeux,** with entry into the museum that holds the world famous Tapestry. Time to take lunch and look around the historic town with its Cathedral and narrow streets. We return to Caen via the small village of Tilley-sur-Suelles, south of Bayeux, which has a D-Day connection to Brindle.

CAEN

Day 5 (Thursday, 30th) – **At leisure in Caen**, a city with over 1,000 years of history. There is a busy market and shopping centre, numerous museums, bars, cafes and restaurants. A Norman city, it has a castle, cathedral and numerous churches and museums. The city also has excellent transport links including a modern tram network although it is ideal to walk around, especially to the harbour and three large parks and gardens.

Day 6 (Friday, 1st July) – The first of two visits to the **D-Day beaches**. Today is the American sector, starting at St. Mere Eglise and then on to Utah Beach. A stop at the visitor centre and chance to look around the impressive Pointe-du-Hoc, climbed by American Rangers on the morning of the 6th June 1944. The day finishes on Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery there, made famous in the Steven Spielberg film 'Saving Private Ryan'.

D-DAY

Day 7 (Saturday, 2nd) – A day visiting British sites and beaches, starting at **Pegasus Bridge** – the first place in France to be liberated in the early hours of D-Day; the stop includes a visit to the adjacent museum. Heading to the coast, we take in the small resort of Ouistreham and follow the coastline viewing the beaches where British, Canadian and Free French forces landed. A lunch stop is taken at **Arromanches** where the remains of the Mulberry harbours can be seen off-shore (they formed a port after D-Day). There will be a visit to the D-Day museum in Arromanches before heading to the British WW2 Cemetery on the outskirts of Bayeux for a simple act of remembrance. On the way back to the hotel there will be a visit to a French hypermarket near Caen to purchase wine and local produce.

Day 8 (Sunday, 3rd) – Check out of the hotel. We **head north**, coming off the French motorway system at Boulogne and travelling along the Channel coast road. We view numerous elements of the 'Atlantic Wall', built by the Germans to prevent an invasion during the war. There will be a lunch stop in the fishing village of Audreselles before heading for Cap Griz Nes and its impressive white cliffs - the nearest point in France to England. We then head for Zeebrugge for the over-night ferry to Hull.

Day 9 (Wednesday, 4th) – Disembark and **travel back to Lancashire.**

Travel will be in a fully air-conditioned **Executive coach** from Rossendale Travel, driven by owner, Alan Weaver. The coach has a wash-room, video and tea / coffee making facilities and is fitted with seat-belts (N.B.: wearing seat belts is compulsory in France).

Starting around lunchtime, pick-ups will be in Chorley and along the M65 in East Lancashire, before heading to Hull for the overnight ferry to Zeebrugge. We will stay **six nights** in the 3★ Kyriad hotel in the centre of **Caen** on a B&B basis.

The trip will be **fully escorted throughout** with an experienced guide and coach driver. There will be a tour booklet for each passenger, as well as a commentary and a daily briefing (including health & safety information). **The cost** (which includes coach travel, a cabin on the ferry both ways, hotel rooms & breakfast, entry to two D-Day museums and the Bayeux Tapestry museum, is just...

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£689 in a **single room & cabin**

NORMANDY & D-DAY BEACHES 2011

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(* N.B.: Single Rooms limited; please check for availability ☎ 01254 854298)

All rooms 🚭 Non-Smoking unless you tick here ☐

Passenger name(s): ……

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Amount enclosed: £……

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