



We are currently planning the NCRS Road Tour to meet at a Normandy hotel location, arriving on Saturday the 8th June 2019, allowing Sunday the 9th June for the final day of the 75th D-Day Anniversary activities - including a flyover and visit the D-Day beaches and any celebrations - staying the night at the same Normandy hotel. Monday 10th June drive to the host hotel - La Croix Joreau at Parçay-les-Pins.

Le Mans race track is approx just over an hours car ride away - 44 miles.

Wednesday/Thursday 12/13th - NCRS Flight Judging & Judging School  
Friday 14th - The Saint-Saturnin Classic car show and the Parade des Pilotes  
Race 15th/16th - 24hr Race  
Monday 17th - depart La Croix Joreau

#### **The Race:**

Le Mans 24hr Race - 15th & 16th June 2019:

The 87th 24 Hours of Le Mans is an automobile endurance event taking place on 15 and 16 June 2019, at the Circuit de la Sarthe, Le Mans, France.

Watch the race from the Corvette Coral.

**Parade des Pilotes:** Always a very fun and popular event the Drivers' Parade. On Friday, the streets of downtown Le Mans fill with people, creating a festive and unforgettable atmosphere as fans clamor for a glimpse of their favorite competitors! This is a must-see event shared between the drivers and the public the day before the start of the race! Late in the afternoon, all the drivers entered in the 24 Hours of Le Mans will parade in vintage cars through downtown Le Mans. They will take a specially designed route through the city, between crowded streets and squares.

**The Saint-Saturnin Classic car show:** British Welcome originated from a passion for Le Mans and the 24 hour race. It's a fun, colourful car show to welcome visitors to Le Mans, held every year, on the Friday before the 24 hour race. Over a thousand classic cars of all shapes and sizes, from all around the world, gather in Saint-Saturnin, on the northern outskirts of Le Mans. Bring your classic car and show it off in the exhibition car park and grounds with over 800 sports and classic cars. Wander around the stands, watch a film, admire the cars, have a bite to eat and then see off the Saint-Saturnin Cavalcade of prestigious cars as they make their way into town for the Parade des Pilotes. This not-to-be-missed event is free for both visitors and exhibitors.

<http://www.classicshowsuk.co.uk/classic-car-show-event-information/classic-car-show-by-date.asp?id=1004>



### **The Road Tour:**

The Normandy landings were the landing operations on Tuesday, 6 June 1944 of the Allied invasion of Normandy in Operation Overlord during World War II. Codenamed Operation Neptune and often referred to as D-Day, it was the largest seaborne invasion in history. For those of you who can't make the D-Day celebrations you can join the Road Tour on Monday 10th at the Normandy hotel and be part of the Road Tour driving into Parçay-les-Pins.

### **The Beaches:**

Codenamed Operation 'Overlord', the Allied landings on the beaches of Normandy marked the start of a long and costly campaign to liberate north-west Europe from Nazi occupation. On the morning of D-Day, ground troops landed across five assault beaches – Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword.

**Utah Beach:** The western most of the D-Day beaches, Utah was added to the invasion plans at the eleventh hour so that the Allies would be within striking distance of the port city of Cherbourg.

**Omaha:** commonly known as Omaha Beach, was the code name for one of the five sectors of the Allied invasion of German-occupied France in the Normandy landings on June 6, 1944, during World War II.

**Gold:** commonly known as Gold Beach, was the code name for one of the five areas of the Allied invasion of German-occupied France in the Normandy landings on 6 June 1944, during the Second World War. Gold, the central of the five areas, was located between Port-en-Bessin on the west and La Rivière on the east.

**Juno:** or Juno Beach was one of five beaches of the Allied invasion of German-occupied France in the Normandy landings on 6 June 1944 during the Second World War. The beach was defended by two battalions of the German 716th Infantry Division, with elements of the 21st Panzer Division held in reserve near Caen.

**Sword:** Among the five beaches of the operation, Sword is the nearest to Caen, being located around 15 kilometres (9.3 mi) from the goal of the 3rd Infantry Division. The initial landings were achieved with low casualties, but the advance from the beach was slowed by traffic congestion and resistance in heavily defended areas behind the beachhead. Further progress towards Caen was halted by the only armoured counter-attack of the day, mounted by the 21st Panzer Division.

### **Things to see and do:**

Take a tour of the D-Day landing beaches

Walk through the American Military Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer

Visit the American D-Day sites

American Museum - <http://www.goldbeachmusee.fr>

Visit Arromanches-Les-Bains (and watch "Normandy's 100 Days at the Arromanches 360 Cinema) and Pointe du Hoc

