## READY TO PLAN FOR YOUR TRIP?

## Normandy, London & Paris

For any questions or concerns about your upcoming tour not addressed here, please call 1-800-826-2266

## **WEATHER & DESTINATION SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

Time Zone: Holland is 6 hours ahead of the US Eastern Time Zone and 7 hours ahead of the US Central Time Zone.

Weather: Average High/Low

	April	June	Sept	Oct
London	55°F/43°F	65°F/53°F	68°F/52°F	59°F/48°F
Normandy	59°F/44°F	70°F/54°F	69°F/54°F	62°F/50°F
Paris	62°F/45°F	74°F/56°F	70°F/52°F	65°F/48°F

**Packing:** Bags with wheels are not suitable as a carry-on bag in Europe where motorcoaches have very limited space. The European Union does not allow these bags in the passenger section of the motorcoach. *Packing Note:* Washcloths are not standard in European hotels. Feel free to bring them with you. If you use them regularly, packing a washcloth or bringing a packet of facial cleanser wipes is a good idea.

**Currency:** The unit of currency in the United Kingdom is the British Pound and in France is the Euro. Currency exchange rates fluctuate on a daily basis. A helpful website for referencing current rates is <a href="https://www.oanda.com">www.oanda.com</a>.

**Electrical Current:** The electric current in the United Kingdom and France is 220 volts, 50 cycles. Electric outlets and plugs differ from those in North America. An adapter is required to plug your device into an electrical socket. However, a voltage converter is only required if your device is not compatible with 220 volts. Check the voltage of any device that you are thinking of bringing. If the tag on your device lists 110-220 volts, then you will not need a converter. Adapters and converters are available at luggage, department, and electronics stores.



**Gratuities:** Gratuities for all included features of your tour, such as city guides, included meals, and attractions are included in the cost of your tour. You will be responsible for the gratuities for your British Blue Badge guide, European guide and driver, and the Holiday Vacations Tour Director. The gratuity for your British Blue Badge Guide is 7 pounds per person per day. The recommended amount for the European guide and driver is 7.00 Euros per person, per day of service and \$7.00 US Dollars per person, per day for the Tour Director. Tips should be offered individually directly to each person at the end of their time of service. If you have questions, please ask your Tour Director.

**Public Facilities:** Outside of your hotel room some of the restrooms will have pay toilets or attendants collecting at the door. You may wish to have local coins available for these situations. All tap water is safe to drink. The hot and cold water faucets may be the opposite of North America and hot water can be extremely hot.

Value Added Tax (VAT): There is a Value Added Tax in the EU. This tax is levied on most goods with the exception of food and many services. In certain cases, the Value Added Tax on goods which are exported to the United States can be reimbursed to you upon completion and submission of a special form. There may be a service charge for the forms deducted from your reimbursement.

