



Normandy landings, 80 years on

From 5 to 7 June 2024

Welcome to the press accreditation platform for the commemorations of the Normandy landings. This platform can only be used to request accreditation for ceremonies organized by France. For ceremonies organized by other countries, please contact their embassies in France:

- UK ceremony at Ver-sur-Mer – 10:30 on 6 June (link to come)
- Canadian ceremony at Courseulles-sur-Mer – 11:00 on 6 June (link to come)
- US ceremony at Colleville-sur-Mer – 12:00 on 6 June
 - ABMC contact: Ms Ashleigh Byrnes: byrnesa@abmc.gov
 - Accreditation link: https://whova.com/portal/registration/ddayt_202406/

For ceremonies organized by other nations, please directly contact their embassies in France.

Important: submitting an online accreditation request does not mean that you will automatically be accredited to access the ceremonies. Accreditation will only be confirmed after the documents submitted are reviewed and approved, and will be dependent upon the number of spots available. Each request is also subject to administrative investigations by the French authorities in accordance with Article L.211.11.1 of the Internal Security Code.

Accreditation requests can be made until the final date of 6 May 2024.

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Key dates

- 18 April: opening of accreditation
- 30 April: deadline for accreditation requests
- 30 April-15 May: responses to accreditation requests
- 3 June: pass collection via embassies in Paris for foreign journalists and via Mission Libération for French journalists
- 5 June: access to the Caen IPC and possible collection of passes

Please try to anticipate an early pass collection before June 5.

CEREMONIES WITH ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES MANAGED BY MISSION LIBÉRATION

Wednesday, 5 June:

- Morning: Tribute to the *maquisards* and the French SAS members (Maquis de Saint-Marcel, Plumelec, Morbihan)
- Afternoon: Tribute to civilians victims of war (Haras de Saint-Lô, Manche)

Thursday, 6 June:

- 15:00: International ceremony at Omaha Beach, Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer

Friday, 7 June:

- Morning: Ceremony for the return of republican sovereignty (Bayeux, Calvados)
- Afternoon: Cherbourg commemoration – Voie de la Liberté (Manche)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

TRANSPORT

To find out more about the traffic restrictions, please visit the Calvados Prefecture's dedicated page: <https://www.calvados.gouv.fr/Actions-de-l-Etat/80e-anniversaire-du-Debarquement-et-de-la-liberation-de-la-Normandie> (French only)

Arrival in Caen

- You must make your own way to Caen. To book a train, go to: <https://www.sncf-connect.com/>
- By train: Paris-Caen, then shuttle bus from station to CPI Caen. Highly recommended (car traffic will be complex and parking spaces restricted).
- By car: drive to the IPC at the Caen congress centre (Centre des Congrès de Caen), where you will be directed to the car park. Address: 13 Av. Albert Sorel, 14000 Caen
- Caen railway station will remain open during the events
- Caen Carpiquet airport will be closed on 5 June after the last evening flight and all day on 6 June

You must use the secure buses departing from the Caen IPC, exclusively provided by the Prefecture, to reach the ceremonies.

PARKING

You must park your personal vehicle near the IPC in Caen and use the shuttle buses provided for all journeys to the ceremony venues.

Remember, the train is the recommended means of transport (car traffic will be complex and parking spaces restricted).

You will not be able to access any sites (Omaha, Courseulles-sur-Mer, Ver-sur-Mer or Colleville-sur-Mer) with your personal vehicle. The entire Bessin area will be closed to traffic and reserved for authorized vehicles.

CEREMONY INCOMPATIBILITIES

No one journalist can cover all ceremonies on 6 June due to the distances between each site and the early arrival times required by each.

Incompatible ceremonies:

- Saint-Marcel and St Lô
- Ver-sur-Mer and Colleville-sur-Mer
- Ver-sur-Mer and Courseulles-sur-Mer
- Bayeux and Cherbourg

! Exceptions :

- Shuttle bus between Colleville-sur-Mer (US ceremony) and Omaha Beach (international ceremony)
- Shuttle bus between Ver-sur-Mer (UK ceremony) and Omaha Beach (international ceremony)
- Shuttle bus between Courseulles-sur-Mer (Canadian ceremony) et Omaha Beach (international ceremony)

** OUTWARD TRIP

The buses provided by the Prefecture will follow these routes:

Final schedules will be sent to accredited journalists before the ceremonies

Ceremonies on 5 June:

- Vannes railway station > Saint-Marcel (morning)
- Caen IPC > Haras de St Lô (afternoon)

Ceremonies on 6 June:

- Caen IPC > Ver-sur-Mer
- Caen IPC > Colleville-sur-Mer
- Caen IPC > Courseulles-sur-Mer
- Caen IPC > Omaha Beach

Ceremonies on 7 June:

- Caen IPC > 1st stop Bayeux > 2nd stop Cherbourg (NB. you cannot attend both Bayeux and Cherbourg ceremonies)

**** RETURN TRIP**

Ceremonies on 5 June:

- Saint-Marcel > Vannes railway station (midday)
- Haras de St Lô > Caen IPC (evening)

Ceremonies on 6 June:

You will be able to return to the Caen IPC by bus after the UK, US, Canadian and international ceremonies.

- Ver-sur-Mer > Caen IPC: departure around 12:30
- Colleville-sur-Mer > Caen IPC: departure around 14:00
- Ver-sur-Mer > Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer: shuttle bus departure for the Omaha Beach international ceremony around 12:15 for journalists accredited for both ceremonies
- Colleville-sur-Mer > Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer: shuttle bus departure for the Omaha Beach international ceremony around 13:30 for journalists accredited for both ceremonies
- Courseulles-sur-Mer > Caen IPC: departure around 13:00

Ceremonies on 7 June:

- Sous-préfecture de Bayeux > Caen IPC
- No return buses have been scheduled from Cherbourg. Please plan your own journey by train

CAEN INTERNATIONAL PRESS CENTRE (IPC)



All journalists who wish to do so can work at the IPC at the Caen congress centre located at 13 avenue Albert Sorel, 14000 Caen.

- The IPC will open at midday on 5 June and close at 16:30 at the latest on 7 June

- Accreditation point for ceremonies organized by France
- Accreditation office for US, UK and Canadian ceremonies
- Departures of secure buses for large ceremonies (international, US, UK and Canadian)

Services available on site:

- High-speed Internet connection (WiFi and RJ)
- Host broadcaster feed available
- Reception area: packed lunches for sale between 12:00 and 15:00
- Unlimited coffee and pastries all day
- Water fountains
- Cloakroom/luggage lockers/equipment

Workspaces:

- Hall Tansillo (editors): around 400 spots with tables and chairs, WiFi networks and plug sockets
- Two briefing rooms available for reservation (Atelier 2 and Atelier 3)
- Four individual rooms available for reservation by delegations or channels, who will have to equip them for use – i.e. with TV studio equipment, office spaces, etc. (Atelier 4, Atelier 5 and Atelier 6)
- Stand-up positions (available for reservation using the form ‘Working with Aviwest’). Agencies or media outlets who are allocated one of these positions should bring their own equipment (cameras, tripods, microphones, additional lighting, etc.)

OMAHA BEACH

RECORDING THE CEREMONY

TF1 will be in charge of covering the international ceremony at Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer. The channel will share a pool note.

TV channels can contact Marie Dupriez now to find out how to obtain footage from the host broadcaster. Contact: mdupriez@tf1.fr

No other cameras are authorized to film the ceremony on site.

The ceremony will be broadcast on screens at Caen’s international media centre and the forward press centre at Omaha Beach (live coverage by the host broadcaster).

FORWARD PRESS CENTRE

Due to the tight location of the ceremony, not all accredited journalists will be able to access the Omaha Beach CPA.

The international ceremony will have a forward press centre with capacity for around 200. This centre will be located 170 m away from the location of the ceremony itself.

- High-speed Internet connection (WiFi and RJ)
- Several live link-up positions with close proximity and a sea view (to be specifically requested using the form and subject to availability), through Aviwest coverage exclusively
- Host broadcaster feed available

IN THE STANDS

For official photographers

One person (official photographer or videographer) per Head of State or Government, accredited via the press accreditation form.

For photojournalists

- The pool will be made up of photographers from the Press Liaison Committee, as well as a photographer for the US, UK and Canada.
- There will be a specific space for accredited photojournalists at the ceremony venue, subject to availability

For editors

Seats in stands (organized by country and type of media outlet, i.e. radio, press, agency, TV, etc.) subject to availability

For live link-ups

The live link-up area is located on the coast, to the east of ceremony, just next to the forward press centre.

Live link-up positions offer a sea view and shelter in the event of rain.

Useful contacts

- Mission Libération for French ceremonies: accreditation@missionliberation.fr
- US Embassy: Sophie Roy Roysx@state.gov
- British Embassy: Tess Mendibe Tess.Mendibe@fcdo.gov.uk
- Canadian Embassy: Ashleigh Searle ashleigh.searle@international.gc.ca