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60th Anniversary of D-Day Commemorated All Year in France

June 6th marks the 60th anniversary of D-Day, but villages in Normandy will be commemorating the event throughout the year, following the dates of their liberation.

San Diego, CA—February 27, 2004—Unless you fought in World War II, you won't be allowed access to the D-Day landing beaches on June 6th, 2004, the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. Due to security measures, only veterans with special badges will be permitted to visit the landing beaches and the American cemetery on this date.

However, non-veterans don't have to miss out on this important anniversary. The region of Normandy was not liberated until the end of September, and the area has planned a rolling program of events in 2004 that follows the schedule of each town's liberation. Classic Journeys, a tour operator running high-end, small group walking tours around the world, has collaborated with their expert, on-site local guides to take advantage of these ceremonies throughout the year.

In addition to visiting small towns in Normandy as they commemorate their liberation, Classic Journeys' week-long tour of Normandy and Brittany includes walks through apple orchards, wooded valleys, dairy farms and quaint villages. A highlight of the tour is a walk across the bay of Mont St. Michel, timed with the ebb of the tide to follow in the footsteps of pilgrims who came en masse to win the favor of Saint Michael. The tour ends with three nights along the coast of Brittany, with walks along seaside trails, an exploration of the 16th century seaport of St. Malo, and a lesson in Breton cooking with a local expert.

The 7-day, 6-night tour offers a wide range of cultural and natural history experiences, easy-going walks, and the services of a full-time local guide. Land tour price is \$2795 per person and includes first-class accommodations, scheduled activities, and most meals. Tour size averages 10 and is limited to 18 people per departure. The tour dates for 2004 are May 9 – 15, June 13 – 19, July 25 – 31, September 5 – 11, and October 3 - 9.

Classic Journeys is the premier company offering Cultural Walking Adventures, Family Journeys and Cooking and Walking tours worldwide. The company is headquartered in La Jolla, California and can be reached at 800-200-3887, www.classicjourneys.com or e-mail at moreinfo@classicjourneys.com.

NOTE TO EDITOR: Classic Journeys can make available expert local guides for quotes and background information on the D-Day anniversary or other topics of interest.

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