

BEACHES AND BATTLEFIELDS

A CLASSIC DRIVING TOUR FOR PRE-1978 VEHICLES

20 - 23 JULY 2017

OVERVIEW

The GRRC is delighted to announce its first tour dedicated to classic cars (all cars must be over 40 years old to qualify i.e. pre-1978). The tour will cover modest daily distances, offering a leisurely pace ideal for classic cars. Together, we'll explore Northern France along some beautiful roads often overlooked, whilst visiting many sites associated with WW1 and the WW2 Normandy landings.

Starting at Goodwood, the tour heads to Cherbourg via the Brittany ferry service. Once in France, we visit Bayeux via Utah and Omaha beaches, where Members will have the chance to stop and explore. Continuing with our D-Day theme we will then visit Gold, Juno and Sword beaches before passing Honfleur en route to Le Hayre.

Leaving Le Havre, our route passes through Picardy and Normandy via Amiens allowing us to visit the WW1 memorials at Lochnagar Crater and Thiepval before passing through the Somme en route to the Eurotunnel terminal for our crossing back to the UK.

DATES

Thursday 20 to Sunday 23 July 2017

20 JULY 2017

Members are to meet at the Kennels early in the morning. Should it be required, we are happy to arrange overnight accommodation at Goodwood on the evening of Wednesday 19 July (extra charges apply). Following welcome refreshments and a short briefing, we will then make our way to Portsmouth to catch our morning ferry with Brittany Ferries to Cherbourg (depart The Kennels by 0700hrs, check in for 0800hrs, crossing departs 0900hrs with a scheduled arrival into Cherbourg at 1300hrs local time).

Upon arrival at Cherbourg we make our way to the historic town of Bayeux via Utah and Omaha beaches. Our hotel is a 4* Novotel offering good quality accommodation and plenty of parking and just a short 10 minute walk away from the centre of town.

In the evening, Members will enjoy dinner in the hotel. Some wine is included with dinner.

21 JULY 2017

Departing Bayeux our route heads to the coast giving Members a change to visit more World War 2 beaches at Gold, Juno and Sword. Our route then heads through the French countryside past the delightful port of

Honfleur en route to our destination in Le Havre. Our hotel is a 4* Novotel offering a sauna, hammam, whirlpool bath and fitness room as well as plenty of parking and just a short 5 minute walk away from the centre of town.

In the evening, Members will enjoy dinner in the hotel. Some wine is included with dinner.

22 JULY 2017

From Le Havre we head east. Our route passes through Picardy and over some great roads. With a chance to meet up for lunch en route, Members will enjoy a fantastic day of driving and camaraderie as we head to our destination on the outskirts of Amiens. Our hotel is a 4* Novotel offering good quality accommodation as well as plenty of parking and is not far from the centre of town which boasts an impressive Gothic cathedral.

In the evening, Members will enjoy a final celebratory dinner together. Some wine is included with dinner.

23 JULY 2017

Leaving Amiens we head into the Somme to visit the Word War 1 memorials at Lochnagar Crater and Thiepval. Members should set aside at least 90 minutes to visit Thiepval. Our route then heads through Picardy to Calais where Members make their return to the UK using the Eurotunnel service to Folkestone.

PACKAGE

Our package includes:

- Single crossing with Brittany Ferries from Portsmouth to Cherbourg (20 July 2017 at 0900hrs)
- Single crossing with Eurotunnel from Calais to Folkestone (23 July 2017 at 1600hrs)
- 3 nights bed and breakfast accommodation in a range of 4* hotels
- Dinner on each night, with some wine included
- Overnight parking charges for the cars (where applicable)
- Printed route book including a full itinerary, driving directions and places to visit
- Personnel to assist all Members
- Support vehicles for transporting luggage and spare parts (limited availability)
- Access to the Spa facilities provided at each hotel (where applicable)
- VAT and all local taxes

PRICES

- £1,600 for two people in one car, sharing a twin or double room
- £1,300 for one person in one car in a single room