

D Day Planning Tour



Day One: Guests meet Colonel Oldfield at Inkpen in Berkshire where Terence Otway trained his battalion for the Merville Battery action. Here we discuss the planning process, choice of location, staff structure, deception and security breach fears. We move to the north end of Salisbury Plain Training Area to see the other aspect of airborne delivery. Netheravon is where the gliders practiced landing at Pegasus and Horsa bridges.

Moving down the Avon valley calling briefly to show the planning HQ for 6 AB Div at Briggerston. Then through Salisbury and stop on the A338 to show one example of where the roads had to be widened to accept the heavy traffic heading for the ports. Stoney Cross airfield next to talk about the massive expansion of airfields and their uses. Then down to the coast at Lepe where there are remains of hards for loading landing craft, construction site for some of the Mulberry components and the point where PLUTO left the mainland for the Isle of Wight.

The day finishes in Southampton at one of the docks and on the Common, which was one of the assembly areas for troops prior to embarking. Disperse for the night.

Day Two starts at Poling Chain Home radar station to discuss the importance of air superiority and preventing German air reconnaissance flights seeing the assembly of the massive invasion fleet. Then on to Hayling Island where the COPPs trained and worked from. While on the coast we discuss the landing techniques and the Funnies before talking about the British practice landings there.

Then on to Southwick House where we hope to be able to get inside the camp and we talk about the C2 for Neptune under Adm Ramsay and talk through the whole C2 issues as well as the fateful meetings and decisions made there. We discuss detail on the naval organization and how the routing of convoys worked. We have an overview of Portsmouth harbour from Portsdown to describe the amazing scene below on 5 Jun 1944. On to the Portsmouth Naval Memorial close by then ending at Southsea seafront for the D-Day Museum where Colonel Oldfield will show the guests around before they are then able to wander around on their own for the last hour until it closes at 17:30.

Tour Prices:

£75 for either day

£125 for both days

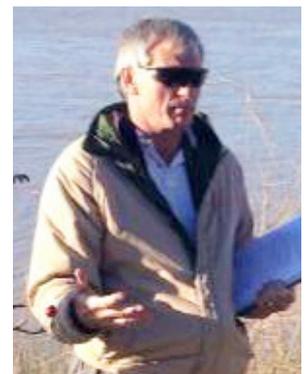
Next Trip Dates:

6th & 7th June 2015

09:30 to 16:30 each day

What's included:

Professional guidance by Colonel Paul Oldfield



Transport & Entries:

Guests follow in own transport. Guests pay for museum entry.

