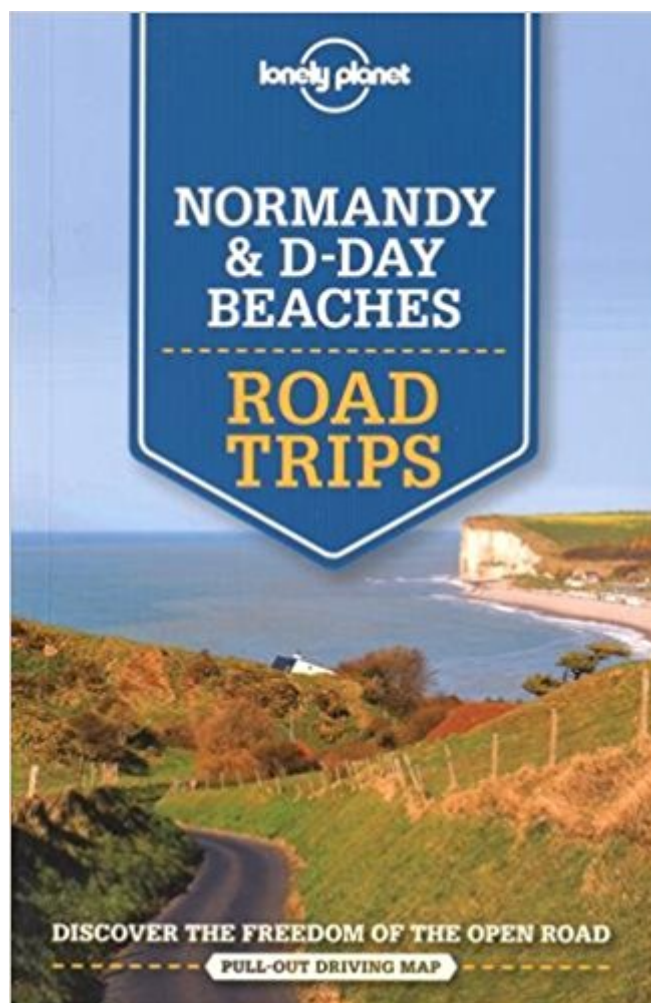


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# Lonely Planet Normandy & D-Day Beaches Road Trips (Travel Guide)



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We were looking for a book about roads we could take to explore this region, with suggested times (eg. day 1 do this, day 2 do that, etc) and routes. The title made this book sound exactly like what we were looking for. Save your money! This is a slim book of about 125 pages with the stuff you can find in just about any guidebook to the region. There is something akin to a pamphlet inside the book devoted to the erstwhile subject of the book, driving routes. That section with 3 routes runs

from pages 17 to 43, so around 25 pages including many full-page pictures. There is another 8 or so pages on the area around Lille, which isn't even in Normandy. The description on the website oversells what you get. In part the description promises "Get around easily - easy-to-read, full-colour route maps, detailed directions". What do you get? 1/2 page maps for each of the routes, and a 1-2 sentence route description for each leg. We wanted a book with suggested routes to visit the many villages and sites in Normandy. This isn't that book. I returned it.

i was planning to spend a couple of day visiting Normandy D-Day beaches and had spent about an hour on trip advisor looking at rated recommendations to work out what I was doing and i also had the whole of France book that gave me the overview the accompanying logisitics of what towns to stay out, driving and public transport options etc. I then saw this apparently more dedicated topic book in the library and borrowed it to read but it didn't really add any value. The content detail is a bit slim - hardly any more than the whole of France guide - but then again this road trip book only cost about a third of price so if you dont need the whole of France for a bigger trip, then maybe getting this road trip guide is enough. If you are on a bigger trip and dont get this guide, dont stress, you didnt miss much extra. In terms of content is worth a comment on the headline summary in the D-Day chapter that its significance is "when allied troops stormed ashore to liberate Europe from Nazi Occupation". Thats not completely true but it is a commonly held view that arose from the cold war propaganda against the russians that developed after world war 2. During world war 2 the russians were actually a major part of the allied forces and and had already been fighting the Germans in Europe in a massive land war for a full 3 years on the eastern front. By the time of the D-Day invasion, they had already broken the offensive capability of the german army and were advancing back through poland and into rumania and hungary towards the german border (the famous destruction of army group centre offensive). The russians suffered millions of casualties (many more than the western allies) in playing their part in defeating nazi germany (though it is a bit questionable as to how much better it was being liberating by them in comparison to the western allies?) By the time the western allies landed at D-Day, Germany had already lost the war and was being steam-rolled by continual russian attacks advancing from the east - if D-Day had been delayed until a year later, it was have probably been russian troops greeting the western allies on the invasion beaches rather than german defenders! Despite this nit-picking point the D-Day battlefield is still significant and whatever planning book you use, I am sure it will be a powerfully poignant visit david in the melbourne australia

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