

Summary of JCU trip to France

We arrived in Paris on Tuesday, May 25, 2010. We all loaded in the bus and headed for Caen. We stopped at the Caen Memorial Museum where we had the opportunity to see items and facts regarding the war. At the museum we watched a very interesting film that provided more information for us. After the film we loaded back up and headed to the hotel. Dinner was at an amazing restaurant that was just a short walk from our hotel.

On Wednesday, May 26, 2010, we headed out early to do some sight seeing. We viewed several locations, such as Omaha Beach, Point de Hoc, Arromaches and the breath taking sight of the American Cemetery. It was overwhelming to be standing in the location where so many soldiers had died. We headed back to Caen and had a great practice. We had dinner at the same location as the night before.

On Thursday, May 27, 2010, we had lunch in Amboise where we were able to all of the great pastries and foods as we walked up and down the street. We visited Chenonceau and had dinner at the hotel in Tours.

On Friday, May 28, 2010, we visited Chamord and spent time walking through the amazing Chataeu. It was a beautiful structure. We stopped on the way to Paris at a location to do a wine tasting. We had a nice tour of the cave. We checked in at the hotel in Paris that night and had dinner at the Hippo restaurant.

Saturday, May 29, 2010, was the big day. We had breakfast and headed out to Amiens for the game. All of the players on both teams had a really great time. We had dinner at the football facility in Amien and then headed back to Paris.

Sunday, May 30, 2010, was a day of sightseeing. We traveled around Paris on a bus tour. We went to Versailles and viewed the beautiful structure and gardens. We had dinner at a very nice restaurant close to Versailles and then headed back to the hotel in Paris.

Monday, May 31, 2010, some of the coaches and team went to visit Notre Dame before the scheduled events started. We all met back at the hotel and headed out to the Eiffel Tower. It was an amazing view from the top of the Eiffel Tower overlooking Paris. We all gathered together afterwards and headed over to get pictures of the Arch. We had some free time and then headed over to the Awards dinner at Chez Papa. It was great food and a lot of fun. All of the coaches gave speeches and the team was having a great time.