
UNESCO Lists French Historic Sites as World Heritage



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PARIS, July 27: UNESCO has added France's Normandy D-Day landing beaches and the Royal Capetian Fortresses of Languedoc to its World Heritage List during the 48th session of the World Heritage Committee in Busan, South Korea.

The Normandy site covers nearly 80 kilometers across the Manche and Calvados departments and marks the historic beaches where Allied forces landed on June 6, 1944, during World War II. The

operation played a key role in the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi occupation and remains a symbol of international cooperation and sacrifice.

UNESCO also recognized the Royal Capetian Fortresses of Languedoc, a group of medieval defensive structures located in southern France's Aude and Ariège departments.

Known as the "Cathar Castles," these fortresses mainly date back to the 13th century and were built or strengthened to protect strategically important territories. The latest additions highlight France's rich historical and cultural heritage, preserving sites of global significance for future generations and strengthening efforts to safeguard humanity's shared legacy.