



SAMPLE TOUR



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE AMERICAN ARMED FORCES



WWII: D-DAY & BATTLE OF THE BULGE



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Destination: France, Belgium and Luxembourg

Tour length: 6 days / 6 nights

Tour includes:

- 6 nights with breakfast in a mix of 3 and 4 star hotels
- 2 dinners (Welcome and Farewell)
- Specialist WW2 multi-lingual tour manager and local guides
- Travel on a Private deluxe coach
- Activities as per the itinerary



Overview:

This tour will highlight the vital role of the American soldiers during D-day and the Battle of the Bulge .

Highlights of the tour include the Mulberry Harbor at Arromanches, Omaha and Utah Beach, The Normandy American Cemetery, the Siegfried Line of the Battle of the Bulge, the Band of Brothers foxholes and memorial in Bastogne and the grave of General Patton in Luxembourg.

1 PARIS - NORMANDY

Transfer from central pick-up point in Paris to Caen. Upon arrival in Caen we start with a visit of Le Mémorial. The Memorial Museum is one of the most recommended museums involving WWII as it uses film, animation, audio tools and presents original artefacts from the war.

Our next visit will be the German Longues-sur-Mer Artillery Battery which bombarded the landing troops on both Gold and Omaha Beach during D-Day.

The last stop will be at Arromanches, where you can clearly see the remnants of the Mulberry Harbor, which was set up by the Allies on D-Day. Additionally, we will see the a unique film about the Battle of Normandy at the Arromanches 360 Circular Cinema.

Welcome dinner and overnight in Normandy.





AMERICA'S D-DAY - NORMANDY

We start with a visit of Pointe du Hoc, a clifftop taken by the US Rangers (2nd Ranger Battalion). The landscape, shaped by bomb craters and bunkers, gives a good impression of the heavy fighting here during D-Day.

Our next stop is Omaha Beach (Bloody Omaha) to understand the huge sacrifices that were made here for freedom. On a walk along the beach, we try to get a true picture of what the American soldiers of the first assault wave went through.

We will visit the Omaha Beach Memorial & Museum in memory of all who gave their lives. We spend time for lunch in Sainte-Mere-Eglise and learn more about the role of the American Airborne troops on D-Day.

Next, we continue to with a visit to Utah Beach, where we learn why the landing here was relatively easy and swift.

Our last stop today is at the Normandy American Cemetery, the first American cemetery on European soil in WWII, to pay our respects to the fallen. Overnight in Normandy.



NORTHERN FRANCE - AMIENS AND ARDENNES

Today we travel through northern France to Belgium.

We stop in Amiens, home to the largest Gothic Cathedral in France and known for the Battle of Amiens (1918) which led to the end of WWI.

Upon arrival in Belgium we visit the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial: the burial place of American soldiers who died during the Battle of the Bulge and during the Liberation of northern France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Overnight in the Ardennes area.



4 BATTLE OF THE BULGE PT. 1 - ARDENNES

We start today at the front line of the Battle of the Bulge: the Siegfried Line where the battle started in December 1944. Here we will see the many preserved anti-tank defenses, trenches, foxholes and memorials.

Our next stop will be the Malmedy Massacre Memorial. Here the Malmedy Massacre took place, when 84 American prisoners were massacred by a Waffen-SS unit under the command of Joachim Peiper. We also visit the Baugnez 44 Historical Center in memory of this sad event.

Next, we continue to La Gleize, where the Nazi-German advance died. While here, we visit the excellent December 44 Historical Museum. Overnight in the Ardennes area.



5 BATTLE OF THE BULGE PT. 2 - LUXEMBOURG

This morning we visit the Recogne-Bastogne German War Cemetery, to get an impression of the incredible German losses during the Battle of the Bulge.

In the footsteps of the Easy Company ('Band of Brothers'), we then travel to Bastogne to see where the company fought. Here we can visit their foxholes as well as their memorial.

We also visit the 101st Airborne Museum Le Mess, located in the former officers mess building of the Belgian Army, which was built in 1936. This prestigious building was used by the German army as "Unteroffiziersheim" (Petty Officer accommodation) during the occupation of Bastogne.

Before we cross the border into Luxembourg we visit the Bastogne War Museum and the Mardasson Memorial, a monument to honor the bravery and sacrifices of American soldiers during the Battle of the Bulge. Overnight in Luxembourg.





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GENERAL GEORGE S. PATTON - LUXEMBOURG

Our last day is dedicated to one of the best commanders of WWII and hero of the Battle of the Bulge: General George S. Patton Jr.

Our first stop is In Clervaux, where one of the opening scenes of the Battle of the Bulge took place and American soldiers suffered a heavy defeat.

We continue to Ettelbruck, to visit the General George Patton Museum and Memorial.

In Diekirch we see the American memorials and visit the National Museum of Military History.

Our last visit of the tour will be the impressive Luxembourg American Cemetery, established on December 29, 1944 during the critical Battle of the Bulge. This cemetery is the final resting place of General George S. Patton Jr.

The city of Luxembourg served as the headquarters for General Patton's United States Third Army.

Farewell dinner and overnight in Luxembourg.

