



 **SAMPLE TOUR**



THE NETHERLANDS IN WWII



FROM OCCUPATION TO LIBERATION



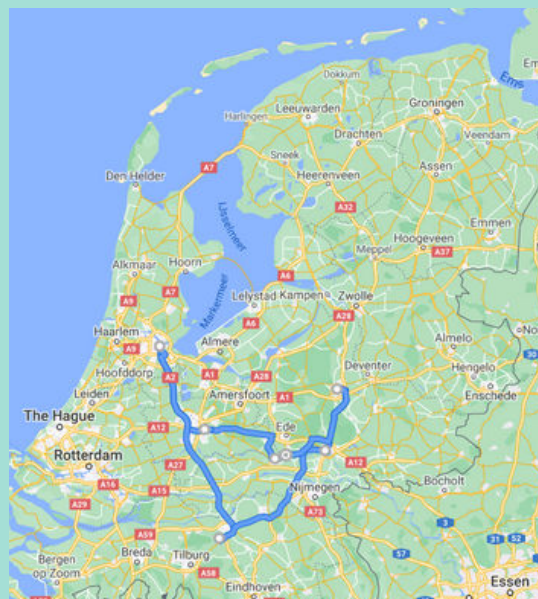
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Destination: the Netherlands

Tour length: 4 days/4 nights

Tour includes:

- 4 nights with breakfast in a mix of 3 and 4 star hotels
- Dinners on request
- 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 4 themes of the Netherlands during WW2: Blitzkrieg (invasion), Holocaust (occupation), Operation Market Garden and the road to Liberation.

Highlights of the tour include a special lecture on the Dutch resistance at the University of Amsterdam, visits of the Grebbelinie and Grebbeberg War Cemetery, the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, the Camp Vught National Memorial, the Airborne Cemetery and the Dutch National Liberation Memorial in Wageningen where the Nazi-German groups capitulated on 5 May 1945.



1 BLITZKRIEG - AMSTERDAM

On May 10, 1940, Nazi Germany invaded the Netherlands. We travel to the Grebbelinie area, where the Dutch army tried to stop the German advance during the Battle of the Grebbeberg.

Here, we see the bunkers and trenches and visit the National Dutch Army WWII Memorial & Cemetery (Grebbeberg War Cemetery).

Our second stop will be the Waterline Museum in Vechten, which tells us the story of the Dutch defense system based on flooding large areas of land. This system had successfully stopped enemies since the 16th century, but turned out to be outdated by 1940.

Welcome dinner and overnight in Amsterdam.





THE HOLOCAUST - AMSTERDAM

Today we start with a lecture about the Holocaust in the Netherlands and the Dutch Resistance.

We continue with a walking tour of Amsterdam, which includes a visit of the Anne Frank House, the Jewish Quarter and a visit of the National Holocaust Memorial Hollandsche Schouwburg, from where tens of thousands of Jewish men, women and children were assembled to be deported to concentration camps.

We end the day with a visit of the Camp Vught National Memorial, the only SS concentration camp outside Nazi Germany, where Jews, political prisoners, Sinti and Roma gypsies and resistance fighters were imprisoned and tortured. Overnight in Amsterdam.



OPERATION MARKET GARDEN (BATTLE OF ARNHEM) - ARNHEM

The Battle of Arnhem, the largest airborne operation of WWII, was part of Operation Market Garden and started on 17 September 1944.

We start with a tour of Arnhem to get a better idea what happened and went wrong during the city's bloody battle. During our tour, we visit Airborne at the Bridge, the Airborne Museum Hartenstein and Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery (Airborne Cemetery), which contains the graves of the majority of those killed during the September landings and others killed later while fighting in the area.

At the end of the day, we visit the Koning Willem III Barracks in Apeldoorn. Here we see the Warrack Room and the site of the Airborne Hospital and will learn what happened to the British and Polish soldiers after the battle. Overnight in Arnhem.



LIBERATION

The liberation of the Netherlands began in September of 1944 with the liberation of Maastricht and many cities in the Southern Netherlands. An important final step in the road to Dutch liberation were Operation Veritable and Operation Grenade (February / March, 1945), where American, British and Canadian troops started the invasion of Germany.



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LIBERATION - WAGENINGEN

We visit the Freedom Museum in Nijmegen to learn more about the final stages of WWII and the celebration of regained freedom in both the Netherlands and Germany.

Our next visit is the National Liberation Memorial in the city of Wageningen, as well as museum commemorating the capitulation of the Nazi-German troops in the Netherlands on 5 May, 1945 that took place here. This historic event is still celebrated every 5 May as 'Nationale Bevrijdingsdag' (National Liberation Day).

Farewell dinner and overnight in Arnhem.

