

End the War in '44 Tour

From the Atlantic Wall to Hitler's Germany.

The Allies breached Hitler's "Atlantic Wall" on the beaches of France on June 6, 1944. After the Battle for Normandy, American and British tanks pushed German troops back across France with great momentum; by September, they stood at the door to the West Wall. As Allied Leaders planned exactly how and when to cross the Rhine, GIs comforted each other with the words:

"End the War in '44..."

Operation Market Garden and the Hürtgen Forest.

After the Allies' failure to capture the bridge at Arnhem in Operation Market Garden, American forces pinned their hopes on winning the Battle of the Hürtgen Forest near Aachen. The Hürtgen Forest became an American bloodbath. By December 1944, G.I.'s settled into their foxholes in the Ardennes and hoped to recuperate as Christmas approached. On December 16th, three German Armies unleashed a storm of artillery on the American "Ghost Front". The Battle of the Bulge had begun: *"Stay alive in '45!"* This Tour focuses on the Airborne Memorials, drop zones and museums in Holland and the Hürtgen Forest Battlefield in Germany. Includes a full-day excursion in the Ardennes to visit Battle of the Bulge sites and the ruins of the Bridge at Remagen. The Tour starts at Paris CDG Airport and continues to Calais, France, Belgium, Holland and Rhine River, Germany. The Tour concludes at Frankfurt Airport.

Day-by-Day Tour Itinerary

August 17: IN FLIGHT to Paris Charles De Gaulle Airport

August 18: The Atlantic Wall

Arrival this morning at Paris CDG Airport, France. We start with a detailed explanation of the D-Day landings in Normandy on the bus ride from the airport to the Second World War Museum in Calais. The impressive museum is located in the enormous German communications bunker for the Pas-de-Calais, in the middle of the city. Late afternoon transfer to our hotel, the 18th Century Chateau de Cocove. Welcome Dinner tonight at our hotel. Overnight Chateau de Cocove.

August 19: Hitler's Secret Weapons

Breakfast. Short transfer from Chateau de Cocove to St. Omer. Morning Tour of the former German V2 Rocket Base at La Couple. The La Couple bunker complex was the Third Reich's response to the Allied bombing destruction of Peenemünde. Visit the underground bunker and museum. Transfer with lunch en route to Lommel, Belgium. Overnight Lommel.

August 20: Market Garden - The Plan

Breakfast. Today we visit the Lommel German War Cemetery. The Lommel Cemetery is the largest outside Germany. Next we head to Holland and see Joe's Bridge at the Dutch border, the first bridge captured for Market Garden on September 10, 1944 and launch pad for all ground forces in the Operation. Continue to Eindhoven town center for town orientation and lunch. Afternoon transfer to Best and visit the Wings of Liberation Museum Park. Dinner and Overnight in Best.

August 21: Market Garden - Airborne Operations

Breakfast. This morning we tour the area of the 101st Airborne Division paratroopers. We will see drop zones of the 101st at Son before continuing north along "Hell's Highway" to Henkenshage Castle (General Maxwell Taylor's Headquarters) in St. Oedenrode. Lunch. Afternoon transfer via Veghel / Grave to Groesbeek Heights. In this area we focus on 82nd Airborne Division drop zones and operations in and around Nijmegen. A highlight is a visit to the National Liberation Museum this afternoon and finishing at Nijmegen Bridge near the town center. Overnight Nijmegen.

August 22: Market Garden - Arnhem Bridge

Breakfast. This morning after breakfast we continue up to Oosterbeek to visit the Airborne Museum at Hartenstein Castle. Transfer to Arnhem for lunch. Afternoon walk via John Frost's command post to the Arnhem Bridge. Afternoon transfer back to Nijmegen for free time. Transfer south to the beautiful Limburg Region of southern Holland. Overnight Limburg.

August 23: Southern Holland – Margraten Cemetery

Breakfast. Morning transfer to the nearby Netherlands American Cemetery at Margraten. Lunch. Afternoon transfer to Maastricht for free time in the Old Town. Return to our hotel and dinner. Overnight Limburg.

August 24: Battle of the Ardennes

Breakfast. Today we have a full day excursion into the northern Ardennes. We will visit Battle of the Bulge sites, including the Ardennes American Cemetery in Neupre, and the infamous "Malmedy Crossroads" at Baugnez, Belgium. This afternoon we have lunch and on the Battlefield in Poteau and visit the Ardennes '44 Museum. Here (weather permitting), we have a Battlefield Tour in a preserved World War II Halftrack. Transfer back to Limburg. Dinner. Overnight Limburg.

August 25: Battle of the Hürtgen Forest

Breakfast. Hotel check out. Transfer over the border into Germany to the town of Schmidt in the Hürtgen Forest. Full day Tour of the Hürtgen Forest, including American Memorials, Battlefields (foxholes, bunkers) and cemeteries. Sites will include the areas of Vossenack and Schmidt / Dueren. Late afternoon transfer to Vossenack / Hürtgenwald for Hotel check in and dinner. Overnight Vossenack / Hürtgenwald.

August 26: The Bridge at Remagen

Breakfast and hotel check out. Morning conclusion of Hürtgen Forest sites. Transfer east to the Rhine River with lunch en route. Visit the Remagen Bridge Museum and see the ruins of the bridge as we discuss the history of the battle. Late afternoon transfer to St. Goar on the Rhine River. Hotel check in at Rhinefels Castle. Farewell Dinner and overnight at Rhinefels Castle.

August 27: IN FLIGHT from Frankfurt Airport

Tour Price (per person):

Double Room

USD \$3,695.00

Single Room

USD \$3,995.00

Reservation Policy:

A completed and signed Tour Reservation Form and a refundable \$400 deposit (*per person*) are required to book Tours. You can book this Tour online, by phone or by mail. (To book online: scroll to the top of this page and choose the quantity of people, then click the *Book this Tour* button). Payment in full is due 90 days prior to Tour departure, and must be paid in US Dollars by check. Credit cards are accepted for the deposit only; and cannot be accepted for final payment.

Cancellation Policy:

Although Tour cancellations are not anticipated, Alpventures® reserves the right to cancel Tours for any reason, prior to Tour departure date, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on Alpventures® part. A full refund will be granted up to 30 days prior to Tour departure. A cancellation fee of 20% of the Tour price will be charged for cancellations between 30 and 20 days prior to departure date and 40% between 20 and 10 days prior to departure. No refunds will be honored within 10 days of Tour departure date.

Alpventures® World War II Tours

5205 SE 68th Avenue – Portland, OR 97206

Toll-Free 1 (888) 991-6718

www.worldwar2tours.com

To book a Tour by mail or phone; please read the following information carefully, sign at the bottom, complete the back and send it along with your refundable \$400 tour deposit (per person). You can also fax it to us at +1 (425) 460-8465. Contact us for questions +1 (888) 991-6718.

Alpventures® Tours
5205 SE 68th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97206 USA

Web: www.worldwar2tours.com
Email: info@alpventures.com
Telephone: +1(503) 997-8687

Reservation and Cancellation Policy:

A refundable \$400 Tour Deposit per Person and completed Tour Reservation Form is required for all tours (unless otherwise indicated). Payment in full is due 90 days prior to tour departure date. All tour participants' cancellations must be in writing. A full refund will be granted up to 60 days prior to tour departure. A cancellation fee of 20% of the Tour price will be charged for cancellations between 30 and 20 days prior to departure date; 40% between 20 and 10 days prior to departure. No refunds will be honored within 10 days of Tour departure date.

Alpventures® Responsibility:

Rates are based on group participation and a minimum of 10 people is required per Tour (unless otherwise indicated, such as a mini-bus Tour). There will be no refund for services or portions of the tour not taken. It is also understood and agreed that refunds will not be made to participants who do not complete the Tour, for any reason whatsoever. Alpventures® has no responsibility in whole or in part for any delays, delayed departure or arrival, missed carrier connections, loss, death or injury to person or property or accident, deliberate criminal attack, mechanical defect, failure or negligence of any nature however caused, including, without limitation, any negligent act or omission or breach of contract by third party in connection with any transportation, accommodations, or other services, or for any substitution of hotels or of common carrier equipment with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby. Rates quoted are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of printing and are subject to changes therein at or before time of departure. No revisions of the itinerary or its included features are anticipated; however, Alpventures® reserves the right to make any changes, with or without notice, that might become necessary with the mutual understanding that any additional expenses will be paid by the individual participant. Alpventures® reserves the right to cancel Tours for any reason, prior to Tour departure date, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on Alpventures® part. Baggage service is included during the land portion of the Tour; but it is at the owner's risk throughout. Alpventures® retains the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of the Tour at any time, subject only to the requirement that the portion of the total amount paid which corresponds to the refundable unused services and accommodations be refunded. The other transportation or airlines companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time participants are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the company(ies) and the participant and/or purchaser of the Alpventures® tour. Any litigation arising between the participant and Alpventures® shall be brought in the State of Oregon.

By signing this contract, the participant certifies that he/she has no physical, mental, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms of this contract. Any litigation arising from the relationship created by this agreement shall be brought in the State of Oregon. I have read the above terms and conditions, and hereby agree in full to the terms of this contract:

Full Legal Name
(as it appears on your Passport)

Please sign and date

Name (as it appears on Passport):

Address:

Day Phone:

Evening Phone:

Email Address:

Date of Birth (optional):

Double Room (Name of Roommate):

Single Room (A Single Room Supplement is required on all tours) Single Room Amount:

I am: Vegetarian Diabetic Pacemaker Other:

I will be bringing medication:

YUK! Please do not serve me: Fish Beef Chicken Pork Other:

I am allergic to the following foods:

Special Requests or Needs:

Please put my deposit on the following Credit Card: Visa MC American Express Discover

Card Number _____ Expiration: _____

Cardholder (Name as it appears on card): _____

Billing Address (if different from address above):

Security Code: _____ Signature (as on card): _____