

ALPVENTURES®
**WORLD WAR II
TOURS**

Men, Masterpieces, and Monuments Tour
Day-by-Day Itinerary

Tour Dates: October 16 - 28, 2020

Tour Length: 12 Days / 11 Nights

Arrival Airport: Paris (CDG)

Departure Airport: Munich (MUC)

Countries: France, Germany, Austria



Re-trace the Footsteps of the Men and Women who saved Europe's Art from the Nazis

Alpventures® exciting new Men, Masterpieces, and Monuments Tour focuses on the men and women of the U.S. Army's MFAA (*Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives*) section in France, Germany and Austria during World War II. These men and women were tasked by FDR to locate, safeguard, and restitute many thousands of pieces of stolen artwork in Nazi-occupied Europe. From the world-famous Louvre museum in Paris, to the Altaussee Salt Mine located deep in the Austrian Alps, our 12-day Men, Masterpieces, and Monuments Tour is sure not to disappoint! Discover the history of these brave men and women as we follow their journey across the battlefields of France, Germany and Austria. Enjoy a City Tour of Paris, including a stop at the Jeu de Paume Museum and time at the Louvre. Hear the story of the D-Day landings and relax with a scenic boat cruise along the Seine River. We enter Germany the way the soldiers did in 1944, with a Battlefield Tour of the Hürtgen Forest and the fortress-city of Aachen. Visit the Aachen Cathedral, and see the Domschatzkammer (*Cathedral Treasure Chamber*), which boasts Germany's top collection of sculpture from the 12th to the 16th Century. We continue with a stop in Cologne, where you will visit the impressive Cologne Cathedral and see the Hohenzollern Bridge over the Rhine River, and we will show you where the treasures of the Aachen Cathedral were hidden in Siegen. A highlight of the trip will be our Private Tour of the Merkers Salt Mine, where during the war, the Nazi Regime stashed away billions in gold bars; among other treasures. Our fascinating Men, Masterpieces, and Monuments Tour also includes two nights in Nuremberg, Germany, where we will explore the Third Reich's most important art bunker, and tour the former Nazi Party Rally Grounds. The annual propaganda spectacles were used as powerful tools of mass manipulation, and we will discuss the effects of German propaganda and the Holocaust during our visit to the Nuremberg Documentation Center. We also make a stop at the infamous Nuremberg Courthouse, where the War Crimes Trials were held after World War II.



Cologne, Germany 1945



Ike sees art at Merkers mine



Recovering stolen art in Austria

Men, Masterpieces, and Monuments Tour

Enjoy a great mix of Art, History, and Scenery; from Paris to the Austrian Alps.

Alpventures® Men, Masterpieces, and Monuments Tour shows you the real story of these unlikely Heroes. Our Tour combines some of the top museums, historical sites, and beautiful scenery in Europe. Over half of this action-packed World War II Tour takes place in Bavaria, southern Germany; where the men and women of the MFAA discovered approximately 1,500 secret art repositories alone. From Nuremberg, we continue south to Füssen at the foot of the Bavarian Alps and take a Tour of King Ludwig II's Neuschwanstein Castle. You will also get to discover Hitler's mountain headquarters at Obersalzberg near the resort town of Berchtesgaden. Get a Private Tour of the wartime air-raid bunkers and secret headquarters, before visiting the impressive Obersalzberg Documentation Center. We will finish our Men, Masterpieces, and Monuments Tour with a scenic drive through the Austrian Alps to Altaussee, where we will have a Private Tour of the historic Altaussee Salt Mine and enjoy a relaxing boat ride on the majestic Lake Altaussee. We spend our last evening enjoying our farewell dinner together in Berchtesgaden, overlooking the spectacular alpine landscape.

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October 16: IN FLIGHT – to Paris Charles De Gaulle Airport (CDG)

October 17: PARIS – Paris City Tour

Join us today arriving at Charles De Gaulle Paris Airport as we make our way south into the center for a Paris Tour including the main city highlights. Lunch. This afternoon we enjoy a scenic boat cruise on the Seine River before checking in to our Paris hotel. Welcome Dinner and Tour Orientation tonight. Overnight Paris. (D)

October 18: PARIS – The Louvre Museum

Breakfast. This morning includes a visit to the world-famous Louvre, and free time this afternoon in Paris for optional sightseeing or shopping. Dinner on your own tonight. Overnight Paris. (B)

October 19: PARIS / AACHEN – Doorstep of the Third Reich

Breakfast. After we check out of our Paris hotel this morning, our quest takes us across northeast France and through a part of Belgium to Aachen, just inside the border of Germany. Lunch. Afternoon City Tour of Aachen, including a visit to the beautiful Cathedral and Treasure Chambers, which boast Germany's best collection of 12th to 16th Century sculpture. Late afternoon check in at our Aachen hotel. Dinner. Overnight Aachen. (B, D)

October 20: HÜRTGEN – Battle for the Siegfried Line

Breakfast. On our second day in Aachen, we will spend the day just southeast of the Imperial City, where the U.S. Army suffered some of its highest casualties in the European Theater - the Hürtgen Forest. Visit places where historic, bloody battles occurred, like Schmidt, Vossenack and the Kall River Trail. Lunch in the Hürtgen Forest. Continue our Battlefield Tour this afternoon before heading back to nearby Aachen. Dinner on your own tonight. Overnight Aachen. (B)

October 21: COLOGNE / SIEGEN – Stolen Art Bunkers of the Reich

Breakfast and check out of our Aachen hotel this morning. Today we head deeper into Germany where we will stop in Cologne on the Rhine River. Visit the Cologne Cathedral and see the historic Hohenzollern Bridge over the Rhine. Lunch. Afternoon transfer east to nearby Siegen, to see one of the many stolen art repositories the Monuments Men located upon entering Germany. Continue to Alsfeld, on the German Half-Timbered House Road. Check in at our hotel and dinner. Overnight Alsfeld. (B, D)

October 22: MERKERS – Finding the Nazi loot and Art at Merkers

Breakfast. Check out of our Alsfeld hotel and continue to nearby Merkers-Kieselbach in beautiful Thuringia, Germany. Morning Private Tour of the Merkers Salt Mine, where you'll visit the rooms Nazis stashed billions in gold bars, and huge amounts of art works during the war. On April 12, 1945, General Eisenhower himself, visited the underground tunnels of the Merkers mine. Lunch. Afternoon transfer south through Thuringia into Bavaria, in the south of Germany. Arrive in Nuremberg with late afternoon check in at our hotel and free time in Nuremberg's Old Town for dinner on your own. Overnight Nuremberg. (B)

October 23: NUREMBERG – Party Rallies and the Nazi art shelter

Breakfast. Morning Tour of the former Nazi Party Rally Grounds, where Hitler staged his grand propaganda spectacle in front of millions of devoted followers. Our Tour follows the history and development of the Reichsparteigelände, including sites such as the World War I Memorial at Luitpold Grove, Zeppelin Field and Grandstand, the Great Road and Congress Hall; where we will visit the excellent museum. Lunch. After lunch we will visit the 1000-year-old Königsburg Castle, and take a Guided Tour of the former Nazi art shelter under the fortress - the recently-opened bunker was used to store Hitler's most prized personal art treasures and religious relics. Dinner. Overnight Nuremberg. (B, D)

October 24: FÜSSEN – The Monuments Men find Art in the Alps

Breakfast. Check out of our Nuremberg hotel this morning, and visit the historic Nuremberg Courthouse, site of the War Crimes Trials in 1946. We will continue south along part of the German Romantic Road with lunch en route to Füssen, at the foot of the Bavarian Alps. Check in at our hotel and relax in the Old Town before dinner. Overnight Füssen. (B, D)

October 25: NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE – The Crown Jewel of Bavaria

Breakfast. Check out of our Füssen hotel and make the short drive to Hohenschwangau, where we will have a Guided Tour of King Ludwig II's Neuschwanstein Castle. Lunch. This afternoon, we will continue east along the spectacular German Alpine Road to the resort village of Berchtesgaden, nestled in the Bavarian Alps near Salzburg, Austria. Check in at our Berchtesgaden hotel and dinner. Overnight Berchtesgaden. (B, D)

October 26: OBERSALZBERG – Hitler's Alpine Headquarters at Berchtesgaden

Breakfast. This morning we have a Guided Tour of the former Nazi Alpine Headquarters on the Obersalzberg mountain. See the sites of Hitler's former home, as well as the various homes and security facilities that were once located on the Obersalzberg. Tour an authentic wartime air-raid shelter and visit the impressive Obersalzberg Documentation Center. Lunch. Afternoon at leisure in the village of Berchtesgaden, with an optional visit to the Berchtesgaden Salt Mines or Lake Königssee. Dinner on your own tonight. Overnight Berchtesgaden. (B)

October 27: ALTAUSSEE – The Altaussee Salt Mine in Austrian Alps

Breakfast. Morning scenic drive across the border into Austria, where we will see magnificent views of the surrounding mountains on our way to Altaussee. In this idyllic setting, we will enjoy a Private Tour of the Altaussee Salt Mine, where the Monuments Men found 6,577 paintings hidden in over 130 underground tunnels in the mine. We finish with a boat cruise on Lake Altaussee and lunch on the lake, before returning to Berchtesgaden in the late afternoon. Special Farewell Dinner tonight. Overnight Berchtesgaden. (B, D)

October 28: IN FLIGHT – from Munich International Airport (MUC)

Tour Price (per person):

Double Room
USD \$4,590.00

Single Room
USD \$5,390.00

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. 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.

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Tour Reservation Form

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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.

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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



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Name (*as it appears on Passport*):

Address:

Day Phone:

Email Address:

Evening Phone:

Date of Birth:

Passport Number:

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*): _____