

Dates (I): May 16 - 30, 2020
Dates (II): September 8 – 22, 2020
Tour Length: 15 Days / 14 Nights
Arrival Airport: Paris (CDG)
Departure Airport: Munich (MUC)
Countries: France, Belgium,
Luxembourg, and Germany



***History, Fun and Adventure from the D-Day Beaches of Normandy
to Belgium, the Rhine River, Romantic Road and Bavarian Alps!***

World War II History, Culture and Scenery in France, Belgium and Germany.

This Tour begins at Paris (CDG) Airport in France and finishes at Munich (MUC) Airport in Germany. On our drive from Paris to Normandy, we make a stop at Benouville, where you will hear the incredible story of the four-year preparation and training period for the Allies, which preceded D-Day 1944. Visit Pegasus Bridge, where the British 6th Airborne Division spearheaded the entire assault forces with a commando-style raid on the village. See an original German coastal battery with its original cannons still in place. We will also make our way to Arromanches, to witness the ruins of the former artificial "Mulberry" harbor. We will spend a full day visiting sites at UTAH Beach, including the town of Ste. Mere Eglise, La Fiere Causeway, Sainte Marie-du-Mont, and more. At OMAHA Beach, we will start by visiting Pointe du Hoc, where the 2nd US Ranger Battalion scaled the 100ft cliffs against all odds. Next, we continue to Verville-sur-Mer, where the 29th Infantry Division suffered horrible casualties on D-Day. We will also visit Normandy American Cemetery, to pay our respects to more than 9,000 war dead buried there.

Visit Battle of the Bulge sites in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium.

From Normandy, we head along the northern coast to the Pas-de-Calais to Recques-sur-Hem. Relax in the evening and stay overnight in an 18th Century Chateau hotel, surrounded by a private park. We continue with a visit to a former Nazi underground secret weapons factory at La Couple, before arriving in the Belgian Ardennes, where we will spend a full day visiting Battle of the Bulge sites. We will overnight in Bastogne, where the 101st Airborne Division and other units held the line under continuous German attacks to take the important city. Our Battlefield Tour of the Ardennes also includes the foxholes of "Easy Company" paratroopers (*Band of Brothers*) from the 506th PIR, 101st Airborne Division and much more. Visit the actual spot where General Patton's 4th Armored Division broke through the encirclement around Bastogne, marking a major turning point in the battle. We will have a scenic drive into nearby Luxembourg, where we will visit the Luxembourg American Cemetery and see General Patton's grave. We continue this incredible tour with a visit to the Rhine River in Germany, where we enjoy the spectacular scenery from our medieval castle hotel overlooking the town of St. Goar on the Rhine River...

Explore Third Reich Sites in Bavaria, Germany and visit the Eagle's Nest.

The secrets of the Third Reich are revealed as we investigate Hitler's rise to power in Nuremberg and Munich, the birthplace of the 'Movement'. We will also explain how the Nazi State changed under Hitler's tyrannical Dictatorship, and how propaganda was perfected at the annual Nazi Party Rallies in Nuremberg. At Dachau Memorial we will explain the history of the Jewish Holocaust. During our two full days in Berchtesgaden, we explore the nearby Obersalzberg Mountain, which was a refuge for Hitler in the early days. The mountain was transformed into the southern headquarters for the Third Reich in the mid-1930's. History comes alive as we tour Hitler's underground bunkers at Obersalzberg and travel to the infamous mountaintop Eagle's Nest.

Normandy to the Eagle's Nest Tour

DAY 1: IN FLIGHT - to Paris Charles De Gaulle Airport (CDG)

DAY 2: NORMANDY – SWORD / JUNO / GOLD BEACHES – British & Canadian Sectors

Join us this morning arriving at Charles De Gaulle Paris Airport. Meet your Tour Guide and Chauffeur and transfer west to Normandy. Lunch. Our first stop will be in Benouville, on the eastern flank of the Allied invasion beaches. Here we will learn how the British 6th Airborne spearheaded the landings at Pegasus Bridge (SWORD Beach). We will also see the famous Gondrée Café. Continue west with a stop at JUNO Beach before arriving in Bayeux for check-in and dinner. Overnight Bayeux. (B, D)

DAY 3: NORMANDY - UTAH BEACH – American Airborne Landings

Breakfast. Today begins with the new "D-Day Experience" (C-47 flight simulator) near Carentan and visit the Dead Man's Corner Museum this morning. Next, we trace the path of the American paratroopers and see the 82nd Airborne Division drop zones and the 'Iron Mike' Monument at La Fiere. Visit the Airborne Museum in Ste. Mere Eglise and break for lunch in the famous town square, seen in Darryl F. Zanuck's "*The Longest Day*". Afternoon drive through the hedgerows to La Madeline, otherwise known as "Roosevelt Beach," to see the monuments and memorials on UTAH Beach. Return to hotel in Bayeux for dinner. Overnight Bayeux. (B, D)

DAY 4: NORMANDY - OMAHA BEACH – American Sea Landings

Breakfast and hotel check out this morning. This morning we will start at Pointe du Hoc; where the rocky cliffs bear witness to the courage of Colonel Rudder's 2nd Ranger Battalion. They faced impossible odds in attacking the heavily defended German battery there. Transfer to OMAHA Beach at Vierville –sur-Mer and the American Cemetery at Colleville sur Mer, seen in Spielberg's epic movie *Saving Private Ryan*. Continue to Arromanches (GOLD Beach) for our lunch break. This afternoon, we will enjoy a special film presentation of "100 Days in Normandy", and see the remains of the greatest engineering feat of the invasion: Project Mulberry, the artificial harbor. We will also visit the only German Coastal Battery in the Atlantic Wall which still has its original guns in place: Longues-sur-Mer. Transfer back to Bayeux and dinner on your own tonight. Overnight Bayeux. (B)

DAY 5: PAS-DE-CALAIS – Hitler's Wonder Weapons

Breakfast and hotel check out this morning. We continue with lunch en route and journey up the French coastline to the Pas-de-Calais area. This afternoon we arrive at St. Omer, and visit the nearby V2 rocket base museum. The museum "La Couple" is located in an incomplete, former top-secret, German wartime weapons factory underground. The massive concrete dome structure is accessible only by elevator, where a fascinating exhibit on the research and development of Nazi secret weapons awaits you. Afternoon arrival at the enchanting 18th Century Château de Cocove in Recques-sur-Hem. Hotel check in and dinner. Overnight Recques-sur-Hem. (B, D)

DAY 6: PAS-DE-CALAIS / BASTOGNE – The Battle of the Bulge

Breakfast. Check out of hotel this morning and continue south into the Belgian Ardennes. The result of Adolf Hitler's surprise winter 1944 attack in this area became known as the largest battle on the Western Front: "The Battle of the Bulge". Arrival in Bastogne for lunch, and visit the 101st Airborne Museum this afternoon. Check in at our hotel in dinner. Overnight Bastogne. (B, D)

DAY 7: BASTOGNE / LUXEMBOURG – The Battle for Bastogne

Breakfast. After check-out this morning we start with a Battlefield Tour in and around Bastogne, including a visit to "Easy" Company's foxholes near Foy (101st Airborne Division, from the *Band of Brothers*). Continue to the nearby Mardasson (American Memorial) on the outskirts of Bastogne, and head south of town to the site of Patton's 4th Armored Division breakthrough at Assenois. Continue to the American Cemetery in Luxembourg City – Hamm; and to see the final resting place of General George S. Patton, Jr. Continue to the Luxembourg / Germany border for lunch. Afternoon transfer to St. Goar on the Rhine River for hotel check-in and dinner. Overnight St. Goar. (B, D)

DAY 8: RHINE RIVER – St. Goar and Rheinfels Castle

Breakfast at leisure this morning. Noon transfer to Boppard, Germany for lunch, and enjoy a short Rhine River Cruise back down to the village of St. Goar for a private Wine Tasting at *Stephan's Wine Paradise*. Free time for shopping in St. Goar and dinner tonight across from the famous Loreley rock. Return to our castle hotel overlooking the Rhine River. Overnight St. Goar. (B, D)

DAY 9: ROTHENBURG O.D.T. – The Medieval City

Breakfast. Hotel check out and transfer south via the German Romantic Road to Rothenburg ob der Tauber (*Rothenburg above the Tauber River*). Lunch. Optional afternoon orientation of Rothenburg, including stops along the old, medieval city wall and ramparts, Marktplatz (*Market Square*), and Herrngasse (*Street of Lords*). Optional visit to Käthe Wohlfahrt's Kristkindlmarkt (*Christmas Market Store*), with over 70,000 hand-painted Christmas ornaments. Transfer to Nuremberg for hotel check-in and dinner. Overnight Nuremberg. (B, D)

DAY 10: NUREMBERG – War Crimes Trials and Party Rallies

Breakfast. We start off with a visit to the East Wing of the Palace of Justice (*Nuremberg Courthouse*), where the International Military Tribunal was held after the war. Transfer to the city center to see the Imperial Fortress and lunch in the old town square. Afternoon 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, the Zeppelin Field and Grandstand, Great Road and Congress Hall where we will visit the Documentation Center (museum). Dinner on your own tonight. Overnight Nuremberg. (B)

DAY 11: DACHAU – Model Concentration Camp

Breakfast. Transfer south to Dachau and visit the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site. Just two months after becoming Chancellor of Germany, Hitler established the Nazis first encampment for the concentration of political undesirables. Dachau evolved into a central camp for most of southern Germany with over 30,000 recorded deaths by the wars end. This morning we will tour the former concentration camp before seeing a documentary film and visiting the museum. Lunch. This afternoon we continue to the alpine resort village of Berchtesgaden. Hotel Check-in and dinner. Overnight Berchtesgaden. (B, D)

DAY 12: BERCHTESGADEN – Alpine Headquarters and Eagle's Nest

Breakfast. Morning excursion up Germany's highest alpine mountain road to the infamous Eagle's Nest, formerly Hitler's mountaintop Tea House and conference center. Situated on a high mountain crag 6017 ft. above sea level, the building has been a restaurant since 1953 and maintained by the Berchtesgaden Historical Trust since 1960. We will hear details of its engineering and construction, as well as its use during a guided tour of the building. Return to the Eagle's Nest bus station and visit the former Diplomatic Guest House (now a Documentation Center) for a guided tour of the air-raid shelters. Lunch. Afternoon driving tour of Obersalzberg, including sites like the former Berghof site (Hitler's home), Nazi Platterhof Hotel, Albert Speer's residence and Architecture Studio, as well as Bormann's Model Farm. Continue with a drive to Ramsau and Lake Hintersee. Return to Berchtesgaden. Dinner on your own. Overnight Berchtesgaden. (B)

DAY 13: BERCHTESGADEN / SALZBURG – The City of Mozart

Breakfast. Today we start with a visit to the Enzian Schnapps Distillery for some free sampling of the local Grassl Schnapps, made from the root of a wild alpine flower. After a visit to the Distillery Shop, we will take a short journey over the border to Salzburg, Austria for a walking orientation of the old town. Highlights today include the Salzburg Cathedral, Mozart's birth house, the famous medieval Getreidegasse shopping street and St. Peter's Monastery, where we will have the option to eat lunch in the Monastery Restaurant "Stiftskeller". Afternoon return to Berchtesgaden and relax before dinner. Overnight Berchtesgaden. (B)

DAY 14: MUNICH – The Capital of the Movement

Breakfast and check out. Transfer to Munich for a driving tour of the city's historical highlights, including the Haus der (Deutschen) Kunst, the University (home to the White Rose resistance movement), and Königsplatz (site of the 1938 Munich Accords). Lunch. Afternoon walking tour of the old city including the most significant locations of Hitler's unsuccessful 1923 Beer-Hall Putsch. We will also see many historical sites connected with the Nazi Party and the occult Thule Society, the sinister group and benefactor behind the German Workers Party. Late afternoon transfer to our final hotel for check-in and dinner. Overnight Munich. (B, D)

DAY 15: IN FLIGHT - from Munich Airport (MUC)

Breakfast and check out of our hotel this morning. Transfer to Munich Airport for return flights home.

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Normandy to the Eagle's Nest Tour

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 (*the following two pages*) and a refundable \$400 deposit (*per person*) are required to book this Tour. You can book 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.

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Flight Information:

Tour begins at Paris (CDG) Airport in France and finishes at Munich (MUC) Airport in Germany. The tour price does not include roundtrip airfare to and from Europe. We encourage you to visit your local Travel Agent or check airfares on the Internet for flights. Please keep in mind, your departure from the U.S.A. should be *no later than*:

- Saturday, May 16 in order to arrive Paris (CDG) Airport by 8:15 am on May 17, 2020
- Tuesday, September 8 in order to arrive at Paris (CDG) Airport by 08:15 am on September 9

The Tour begins at Paris (CDG) Airport in the morning of May 17, 2020 / September 9, 2020. We normally meet up as a group around 9:30 am at the airport – Full Details on the Tour Group Meeting Point will be provided in your Travel Packet about 90 days after booking. Return flights home from Munich Airport (MUC) in Germany can be any time after 9:00 am on May 30 / September 22, 2020.

Travel Insurance:

The tour price does not include Travel Insurance. We strongly recommend protecting your investment by purchasing trip coverage. Travel Insurance must be purchased within 14 days of your initial tour reservation booking. The insurance cost will depend entirely on your policy – please contact *TravelSafe®* toll-free at 1 (888) 885-7233 for insurance inquiries or enroll online on the company website: www.travelsafe.com

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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:

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Billing Address (*if different from address above*):

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