

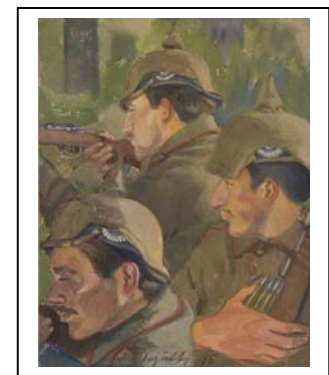
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America's Oldest and Most Experienced Military History Tour Operator

Inspired by distinguished historian John Keegan's two classics: *The Face of Battle* and *Six Armies in Normandy*, Valor Tours, Ltd. presents an overview of over 500 years of warfare. Starting in Brussels, we spend a day at the Waterloo battlefield of 1815 and motor south to the site of Henry's V's 1415 victory at Agincourt. Our next stop is one of WWI's signature events, the fateful 1916 Battle of the Somme. Then tour concludes with an examination of World War II's Allied effort to retake the European continent from the Axis. We begin with a visit to Dieppe, locale of the 1942 sea born raid that showed the challenges entailed in a cross-channel invasion. Then drive to Normandy for an in-depth examination of the 1944 invasion and liberation campaign. In transit we will also be making brief stops at other interesting historical sites as time permits.



Our experienced tour leader, Michael Hanlon is a former U.S. Air Force Weather and Operations Officer and a manager of large projects for both corporate and governmental clients. He is the author of "About the Great War: An Introduction to the Most Momentous Event of the 20th Century" and is currently under contract to write a centennial series of guides to the war in all its dimensions. On the web, he is the editor of the award winning "Doughboy Center" website and the online newsletter, the "St. Mihiel Trip-Wire". A member of both the Great War Society and the Western Front Association's U.S. Branch, he also takes care of the websites of both his favorite organizations. Michael has escorted over a half a dozens tours for Valor Tours Ltd.

"The tour was great! Mike is extremely knowledgeable and answered virtually all of our questions. The coverage of the battles was comprehensive and we saw a lot of interesting battlefields, cemeteries and monuments. I would unqualifiedly recommend this tour to any of my friends..." Jackie Moton, 2008

Disabilities

Due to the absence of handicap and disability laws in Europe, any tour participant with disabilities must be accompanied by a companion who is fully responsible for assisting the disabled tour member at all times throughout the tour. Our tour coach does not have a wheelchair lift and staff are not permitted to offer physical assistance. There is as much or as little walking as you wish as our tour coach is always available to retreat to. Travel emergency insurance coverage is included in the tour package.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, Calif. 94965 U.S.A. Questions? Call 1-800-842-4504.

Name _____ Name _____
(name w/o middle name, as it appears on your passport)

Name _____ Name _____
(As you would like it to appear on ID badge/passenger list)

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone (days) _____

I/we wish to reserve ___ spaces on a:
 ___ twin share basis (two persons to a hotel room)
 ___ single basis (I am traveling alone and do not wish to share)
 ___ single basis (I am willing to share with another tour member to save the single supplement expense)
 ___ Smoking, or ___ Non smoking.

Enclosed is my/our check for the deposit in the amount of \$ _____ (\$500 per person), or please charge my American Express account number _____ Exp _____
(Valor Tours does not accept VISA or Master Card)

I/we need assistance with air arrangements from _____ to Brussels, returning from Paris to coincide with tour package.

I/we would like _____ extra nights at the Astrid Centre Brussels hotel prior to tour commencement and/or _____ extra night at the Mercure Gare du Nord hotel in the center of Paris when the tour ends.

Next of kin (name/phone) _____

Dietary requirements _____

I/we have read and understand the terms set forth in this brochure

Signature _____ Date _____

Additional requirements or comments: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Please complete the application form and return with a deposit of \$500 per person. Reservations cannot be held without a deposit. American Express or personal check only can be accepted for payment. Make checks payable to Valor Tours, Ltd. and mail to 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, and CA 94965. Final payment is due May 8, 2012. All passengers on deposit will receive written confirmation, description of insurance coverage (included in the cost) and newsletter with further details. Final travel documents will be sent Priority Mail to fully paid participants two weeks prior to departure. Unused components of the tour are non-refundable. Cost based upon a minimum of 10 participants traveling together and current rates. Once deposit is received, current rates are guaranteed.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All moneys are fully refundable for cancellations received up to May 8, 2012. Cancellations received between May 8 and July 8, 2012 subject to loss of deposit or \$500 per person. Cancellation received after July 8, 2012 or "no shows" are non refundable. Cancellation insurance is not included in the cost of the package, but is available upon request. Personal deviations and extensions to tour are subject to the same penalties. Payments made by check will be refunded by check and may take up to 30 days to process. Payments made by American Express must be credited back to your AX account and may take up to 60 days to appear on your statement. Paypal payment should be made to valortours@yahoo.com.

HEALTH & TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION

A valid passport is required to travel to Europe. Visas and inoculations are not required, however we recommend getting Tetanus updated. Please check your passport to make sure it is valid at least six months beyond date of tour. Recommended reading list, description of travel cancellation insurance coverage and detailed itinerary sent to passengers on deposit only. Travel documents including ID badge, baggage tags, final instructions and maps will be sent to all fully paid passengers in July. If you have any questions, call Valor Tours, Ltd. at 1-800-842-4504.

WHAT TO BRING

Casual and comfortable travel clothes, comfortable walking shoes, brimmed hat, suntan lotion, wash clothe, bottle of Woolite, plenty of film, camera (water proof if possible), wind breaker, back pack, flask to carry water, binoculars. Leave expensive jewelry and high-heeled shoes at home. Carry medications, airline tickets, and passport, cash and travelers checks on your person – do not pack in suitcase, as there are occasional delays. Travel light – one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please.

SINGLE TRAVELERS

When a tour member asks Valor Tours to seek a suitable roommate, we will do the best we can to oblige and find a colleague with common interests and habits. Valor Tours cannot be held responsible for incompatibility or guarantee a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found, the single supplement would apply.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE COST

Foreign airport departure taxes, meals not indicated in itineraries, passport fees, alcoholic beverages, phone calls, laundry, items of a personal nature, and airfare.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

To ensure worry free travel, this tour includes valuable travel insurance at no additional cost to you. This coverage is provided by TRAVELEX Insurance Services. A description of insurance coverage will be sent to each participant upon receipt of his/her application and deposit. Coverage includes sickness and accident medical expense; accidental death and dismemberment; trip delay or missed flight connections; medical evacuation and repatriation; baggage and personal effects loss or delay; assistance services worldwide. Cancellation/trip interruption coverage is not included but available upon request.

Valor Tours, Ltd. reserves the right to modify the itinerary should road conditions, traffic, unexpected detours or local conditions beyond our control so dictate. European coach driving laws will be observed at all times. The coach driver is limited to the amount of time he may spend at the wheel. Unused components are non-refundable. Itinerary subject to change.

ITINERARY IN BRIEF – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Saturday 4 August (D)

Independent arrivals in Brussels from U.S. Meet at Astrid Centre Hotel Brussels. Optional afternoon visit to the Royal Military Museum. Welcome dinner and introductions. Overnight Brussels.

Sunday 5 August (B, BL)

Battle of Waterloo - June 1815: Comprehensive visit to the battlefield including: The Wellington Museum, the Lion's Mound, Panorama and Visitor's Center, Hougoumont Farm, Wax Museum, St. Jean Farm, Bonaparte's HQ, as well as Wellington's dispositions, French Cavalry charges and Blucher's arrival sites. Continue to Agincourt via Vimy Ridge and Arras. Overnight near Agincourt.

Monday 6 August (B)

Battle of Agincourt – October 1415: After an orientation to the battle at the Centre Historique Medieval, the group will spend the morning visiting key locations including those of the English archers, the charge of the French knights, the massacre at the baggage train and the opposing commanders.

Battle of the Somme – July 1916: Focus in the afternoon is on the northern sector of the opening day of the Battle of the Somme when British forces suffered their greatest losses, 58,000 killed, wounded or missing. Major sites include the Serre Pals Memorial, Theipval Ridge, Ulster Memorial, Newfoundland Park at Beaumont Hamel, and we end the day with a visit to the Basilica Museum. Overnight Albert.

Tuesday 7 August (B)

Battle of the Somme - July to November 1916: In the morning we visit the southern section of the early July 1916 offensive. Stops include Lochnagar Crater, Fricourt, Devonshire Trench and Mametz Wood. After lunch, visit famous sites associated with the extended battle: Poziers, Mash Valley, Flers, Courcellette, Delville Wood and the South African Memorial, Butte de Warlincourt. Overnight Albert.

Wednesday 8 August (B, L, D)

Dieppe – August 1942:

Drive to Dieppe to meet our local guide for lunch, orientation and tour. Then onto the Chateau Sommesnil used in 1940 by Field Marshall Rommel and occupied by German troops until the Americans took it over following D-Day in 1944. Enjoy special dinner prepared for our group and overnight in the Chateau.

Thursday 9 August (CB)

D-Day June to September 1944: This morning drive along the scenic English Channel coastline to Normandy. Stop at the Caen Peace Memorial and Museum, then to Pegasus Bridge, Mulberry Harbor and Arromanches before arriving at our family style hotel on Omaha Beach. Overnight Normandy.

Friday 10 August (B)

The American Sector: A morning walk along Omaha Beach and up the bluffs to

the U.S. Cemetery and Visitors Center. Then onto Point du Hoc, Utah Beach and American paratrooper operations behind the beach including Ste Mere Eglise and Brecourt Manor, the notable victory of the “Band of Brothers”. Overnight Normandy.

Saturday 11 August (B)

British and Canadian sectors: Juno Beach, Mulberry Harbor, Gold and Sword beaches. Overnight Normandy.

Sunday 12 August (B, D)

Operation Cobra/Liberation of Paris – 1944: Departing Normandy, we follow the Road of Liberation, through the Corridor of Death and Falaise Gap region to Argentan and Paris. Farewell dinner. Overnight Mercure Terminus Gare du Nord Hotel, across the street from the Gare du Nord train station, center of Paris.

Monday 13 August (B)

Check out of Hotel. Tour ends.

“...it was a wonderful trip and we would do it again. Mike was great and his knowledge of WWI was impressive. It is nice to have a guide who has all the answers and can explain all the battles & military moves...” Kay and Tom Greyard, 2010



“...Michael Hanlon did an outstanding presentation...”
Alfred Evans, 2007

Left: Napoleon’s battle at Waterloo.

Left: Battle at Agincourt.



Below: A re-enactment, this battle was fought in 1415 in which the army led by King Henry V of England defeated the forces led by Charles d’Albret on behalf of Charles VI of France, and recorded in English history as the Battle of Agincourt.



“I tell everyone that this was the best trip I ever had. We were a small group, but everyone was compatible. I think Michael and the coach driver were both extremely knowledgeable, and one being American, and the other British gave us a double view of events from different perspectives.”
Mary Fry, 2009

ADDITIONAL NIGHTS IN BRUSSELS & PARIS

Additional nights at the Astrid Centre Hotel Brussels pre-tour and the Mercure Terminus Gare du Nord Hotel Paris post-tour run about \$250 per night including tax. Call Valor Tours, Ltd. if you require assistance with air transportation from the U.S. to Paris. Additional arrangements may require additional deposits.



June 6th 1944, D-Day



American Cemetery and Memorial, Normandy