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# Battle of the Bulge & Eagle's Nest tour to

France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Austria and Germany

Escorted by Henry Bodden

June 8 to 18, 2018 – Paris to Munich



Bastogne



## Fri June 8 (D)

Arrival limo transfer to the Mercure Paris Centre Eiffel in District 15, center of Paris, near Eiffel Tower. Group dinner at local restaurant for briefing and introductions.

Overnight Mercure Paris Centre Tour Eiffel.



*Our hotel is just down the street from the Eiffel Tower.*

## Sat June 9 (B)

Depart Paris by private coach to Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood, site of WWI battle, then onto Reims, location of Eisenhower's SHAEF HQ where we spend the night at the Holiday Inn.

## Sun June 10 (B)

Depart for Battle of the Bulge territory: Houffalize via Sedan (WWII Bridge), northern advance route of 4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division of Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army. After checking into hotel, afternoon tour with local historian to La Roche, Marche, Hotton, Houffalize, Manhay, Grandmenil and Baraque de Fraiture. Next three nights Hotel du Commerce.

## Mon June 11 (B)

With local historian we head to northern Bulge battlefield sites including Kampfgruppe Peiper route to Trois Ponts, La Gleize (King Tiger tank), Stavelot, Malmedy Massacre site, Saint Vith, Bullingen, Losheimergraben, Losheim Gap, and Siegfried Line.

## Tue June 12 (B)

With local historian full day of Bastogne defense area including Mc Auliffe Square, Foy (101<sup>st</sup> Airborne foxholes), Longvilly, Noville, Mergeret, Bastogne Historical Center.



Patton's Grave

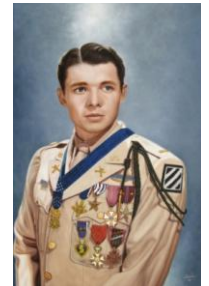
## Wed June 13 (B)

Check out of the hotel and head southwest via Clervaux (28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division), National Museum of Military History (Bulge), Luxembourg American Cemetery (Patton's grave), Fort Hackenberg, the largest fort of Maginot Line (tour), continuing through the Rhine Valley to Strasbourg. Best Western Monopole Metropole.

## Thu June 14 (B, D)

Drive south on the scenic wine and cheese route and along the Vosges mountains, the French side of the Swiss Alps, to Holtzwihr, the site of Audie Murphy's one man stand. See remains of this battle as well as a memorial in his honor.

Heading back to Strasbourg, stop at the Notre Dame Strasbourg Cathedral. Free time to stroll around. Dinner at the Kammerzell House (pictured below right), built in 1427, typical local cuisine in a historical building. Overnight Strasbourg.



## Fri June 15 (B)

Depart Strasbourg for scenic days drive through Schwarzwald (Black Forest), crossing territory captured by US 7<sup>th</sup> Army and French 1<sup>st</sup> Army, into Bavaria. Stop at Gen. Erwin Rommel's house, suicide site and grave in Herrlingen. Stop at Dachau for tour. Overnight Hotel Grunberger, Berchtesgaden.



Holtzwihr – Audie Murphy's one man stand.



### Sat June 16 (B)

Morning drive to Koenig Sea. Afternoon Obersalzberg complex Documentation Center museum, vast remains of the bunker system and actual Eagle's Nest high above. Lunch on dutch treat Eagle's Nest.



### Sun June 17 (B, D)

Leave Berchtesgaden and head north to Munich with stop at Dachau. Meet our American local guide, Colinne Bartel who will show us around Dachau (snacks at Dachau cafeteria), before heading to Munich to see Nazi sites in old town. Dinner in old Nazi hang out. Overnight Hotel Wallis, Munich.

### Mon June 18 (B)

Check out of hotel and transfer to airport for flights back to the U.S. Optional extension in Munich. Details upon request.



**Cost \$3800 per person, twin share (land only)  
Single supplement \$800**

Includes 10 nights hotel accommodations at hotel listed or similar (3 and 4 star hotels); portorage for one suitcase per person; private coach transport from Paris to Munich for 9 days; airport/hotel/airport transfers in Paris and Munich; escorted by historian tour leader Henry Bodden; breakfast daily; three dinners; entrance fees at museums and memorials listed; local historians and private tours where indicated; emergency travel insurance coverage; arrival transfer by limo to hotel in Paris and departure transfer to airport in Munich. Based on a minimum of 10 participants.



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To hold your place on this tour, a deposit of \$500 per person is required with attached application form. Final payment due March 8, 2016. Confirmaiton, reading list and travel insurance information will be mailed upon receipt of your reservation.

Immediately before Battle of the Bulge tour we offer our annual D-Day Normandy Invasion tour June 2 to 8, Paris to Paris which enables our passengers to take both tours back to back. 5% discount off both tours by doing so.

*Itinerary can be altered, within reason, to fit the needs of our passengers if they have a specific site or cemetery they wish to visit. Optional extenion in Munich available.*

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Tour leader Henry Bodden at Bastogne



Bastogne Museum

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