

Valor Tours, Ltd. presents...

Battle of the Bulge & Eagle's Nest tour to

France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany

June 8 to 17, 2012 – Paris to Munich

Escorted by historian & author Henry Bodden
Pictured right in Holtzwihr, France



Above: Houffalize where we stay for three nights while exploring the Ardennes and Battle of the Bulge area.

Left: Your tour leader, Henry Bodden at Luxembourg.

Below: View of Eagle's Nest, then and now.



**Paris – Chateau Thierry – Reims
Bastogne - Luxembourg –
Metz - Maginot Line -
Strasbourg –
Berchtesgaden –
Dachau - Munich**

We ran this tour for the first time in 2006 so successfully that we have repeated it every year since. This tour is a potpourri of historic sites on a leisurely drive by private motor coach from Paris to the Eagle's Nest at Berchtesgaden. It follows our D-Day Normandy tour and both tours can be taken back to back. We will enlist the services of local historian guides at each stop giving us a more in-depth study of the regions and their history.

Itinerary in brief

Fri June 8 (D)

Join at the Mercure Terminus Nord in the Center of Paris, across the street from the Gare de Nord train station. Dinner and introductions at local bistro.

Sat June 9 (B)

Depart Paris by private coach to Chateau Thierry, 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 4th Armored Division of Patton's 3rd 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, Siegfried Line.

Tue June 12 (B)

With local historian, full day of Bastogne defense area including Mc Auliffe Square, Foy (101st Airborne foxholes), Longvilly, Noville, Mergeret, Bastogne Historical Center and Mardasson Memorial (Bulge Museum).

Wed June 13 (B)

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

Thu June 14 (B)

Depart Strasbourg for scenic day's drive through Schwarzwald (Black Forest) and Freudenstadt, captured by French I Corps in April 1945, crossing territory captured by US 7th Army and French 1st Army, into Bavaria. Overnight Hotel Grunberger, Berchtesgaden.

Fri June 15 (B)

Obersalzberg complex and Documentation Center museum, vast remains of the bunker system and actual Eagle's Nest high above.

Sat June 16 (B, D)

Head north toward Munich with stop at Dachau. Evening group dinner at Ratskeller. Overnight Munich.

Sun June 17 (B)

Check out of hotel and transfer to airport for flights back to the U.S.



Museum at Bastogne



By September 1944 Allied forces in Western Europe were nearing the German border. An attempt to gain an early crossing of the Rhine at Arnhem had failed with operation Market Garden. In December, the Allies were poised to cross the Rhine, the last great natural barrier to the heart of Germany. In the meantime, Hitler was planning a counter offensive through the Ardennes region of Northern Europe. This became known as the "Battle of the Bulge".

Battle of the Bulge & Eagle's Nest tour — June 8 to 17, 2012

\$2,995 per person, twin share
\$500 single supplement - Land only

Tour Cost Includes services of Tour Leader/historian; local guides/historians; private coach from June 9 to 17 w/driver; nine nights hotel accommodations w/breakfast daily; welcome dinner in Paris; farewell dinner at Bavarian style restaurant in Munich; entrance fees at museums indicated; local taxes; portage for one suitcase per person; emergency travel insurance coverage (cancellation/trip interruption not included); local taxes.

Tour cost is based on currency values as of May 2011 and is subject to change. Tour cost based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together. Unused components of tour are non-refundable. Not included in tour cost are unlisted meals, telephone calls, passport fees, laundry, alcoholic beverages, tips or airfare. These tours are not recommended for children under the age of 12.

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.

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to hold space along with attached application form. Personal check, American Express or Paypal only. Fully refundable up to March 11, 2012. Cancellation between March 11 and May 9, 2012 subject to loss of deposit. Cancellation after May 9 or "no shows" are non refundable. You will need a passport valid six months beyond date of travel. Visas and inoculations are not necessary.

Travel document package containing airline tickets (if ordered), ID badge, baggage tags, passenger list, hotel contact list and final instructions will be sent to each participant about two weeks prior to departure.

Tour begins in Paris at the Mercure Terminus Gare du Nord in central Paris, across the street from the Gare du Nord train station, and ends in Munich on June 17. Please make your air arrangements accordingly. If you need help with air arrangements, Valor Tours, Ltd. will be happy to check on availability and fares from your hometown airport upon request.

Any disability requiring special attention should be reported to Valor Tours, Ltd. at the time of reservation or final payment.

Smoking is not allowed on motor coaches and non-smoking rooms in Europe are not always available.

Single occupancy of hotel rooms is an additional \$500 over and above the tour cost. If you would like to avoid this expense, you may share with another single traveler. Valor Tours will make every attempt to find you a suitable roommate of the same age and gender, however Valor Tours, Ltd. cannot be held responsible for incompatibility, nor can they guarantee a roommate should one not be available. In that case, the single supplement will apply.

Itinerary will be altered to fit the needs of the passengers on the tour. If there is a particular sight, cemetery, memorial or museum, which you would like to visit and it's not too far off our route, then we will include it.

"...I thoroughly enjoyed the trip and different people we traveled with...it added detail about how a particular area fit into the mosaic of war for me...you can count on my continuing on Valor Tours trips and look forward to them." Phil Peterson, Utah, Europe 2005

"...I'm always grateful for your wonderful tours. I've made a lot of great friends." Dana Boller, Costa Mesa, CA 2005

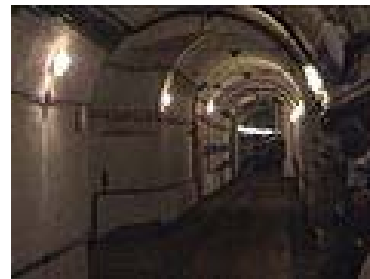
"...The beaches, museums and cemeteries we visited, as well as key battle areas, gave us a most thorough exposure to what happened in 1944...you know how to bring people together and make them comfortable." The Witt's, Carmichael, CA '99



Above: General Patton's grave at Luxembourg.

Left: Strasbourg

Below left: Fort Hackenberg, the Maginot Line's largest fortification, where we stop for a tour by underground train.



If the "Battle of the Bulge & Eagle's Nest" tour, June 8 to 17, is purchased in conjunction with "D-Day Normandy Invasion" tour, June 2 to 8, 2012, a 5% discount will apply to both tours, not including airfare or single supplement. Extra nights in Paris @ \$125.00 per night per person, twin share. Single occupancy \$250.00 per night.



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