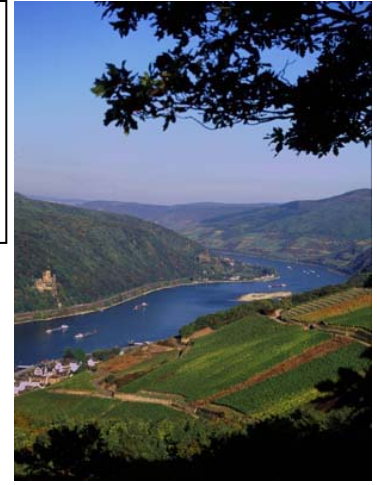


Valor Tours

**CROSSING THE RHINE: OPERATION MARKET
GARDEN TO REMAGEN BRIDGE**
Frankfurt to Amsterdam tour
September 13 to 22, 2010



Monday September 13

Independent arrivals into Frankfurt. Meet at designated hotel. Welcome dinner at hotel tonight for briefing and introductions. Overnight Frankfurt.

Tuesday September 14

Today drive north along both banks of the Rhine via Wiesbaden, Schierstein, the Lorelei, and Koblenz for scenic views and a glass of wine. Visit **Remagen, the Ludendorf Bridge** (site where 9th Armored Division/1st Army - first Allied unit to cross the Rhine, March 1945) and Museum. Overnight Remagen.

Wednesday September 15

Morning driving tour of **Cologne**, an industrial city heavily bombed during the war, stopping at famous Cologne cathedral, which was damaged but not destroyed. Afternoon visit the **Hurtgen Forest area** and Vossenack museum with local historian. Overnight Pullman Aachen Quellenhoh Hotel, formerly HQ of Col. Wilck, commander of forces defending Aachen during the battle to take the city, overlooking Farwick Park, object of the 3rd Battalion, 26th IR, 1st ID.

Thursday September 16

Visit **Battle of the Bulge sites** in Germany and NE Belgium: Monschau Germany where Battle of the Bulge attack began, and Elsenborn and Twin Villages where 2nd and 99th Infantry Divisions held the line. Visit Fort Eben-Emael, considered impregnable, the fort was taken by Germany Paratroopers and Glider forces, and was the site of the first use of shaped charges. Taking this fort allowed the Germans to bypass the Maginot Line and proceed through Belgium into France in 1940. Visit Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial at the village of Margarten, Holland. Overnight Maastricht, Holland.

Friday September 17

Visit Thorn to see the ancient cathedral. Visit **Eindhoven**, drop zone for the 101st Airborne whose mission was to secure three bridges. We will find the three bridges in these small towns and review the 101st actions in the area: Son – the southernmost of the three bridges (Wilhelmina Kanal); St. Oedenrode – Intermediate bridge and site of C47 Prop Memorial in town of River Dommel; Veghel – the northern most bridge. Visit Overloon and War & Resistance Museum. Overnight Nijmegen.

Saturday September 18

Visit **Nijmegen** and the drop zone of the 82nd Airborne whose mission was to secure two bridges: Grave – the southernmost of the bridges spanning the Maas river; Lent – the northernmost bridge over the Maas-Waal Kanal. Visit the National Liberation Museum in Groesbeek. This is the most extensive museum in the area of **Operation Market Garden**. Continue onto and overnight at Arnhem.

Sunday September 19

Visit Arnhem: John Frost Bridge of the “**Bridge Too Far**” fame. Airborne Museum in Oosterbeek, best museum in the area for an overall look at Market Garden; Arnhem Oosterbeek War Cemetery, a British cemetery for those KIA during the operation. Visit **Arnhem War Museum 40-45**. Overnight Arnhem.

Monday September 20

Travel to Amsterdam. Take a canal boat tour to see the architecture. Visit **Anne Frank House**. Overnight Amsterdam.

Tuesday September 21

Visit north of Amsterdam for Volendam. Zaanse Schans and Marken. Farewell dinner tonight and overnight Amsterdam.

Wednesday September 22

Check out of hotel and transfer to airport. Tour ends.

Tour cost, land only, \$3395 per person, twin share. Single supplement \$600 extra.
5% discount if booked six months or more prior to departure. 10% discount if booked six month or more prior to departure and in conjunction with Operation Dragon: Riviera to the Rhine tour, Sept 4 to 13, 2010.