

Valor Tours, Ltd. presents...

Battle of the Bulge & Eagle's Nest tour to

France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany

June 8 to 17, 2010 – Paris to Munich

Escorted by historian/author Captain Wilbur Jones, USNR, Ret.



Above: Previous group at Bastogne.

Left: Capt. Wilbur D. Jones, Jr. at Luxembourg.

Below: View from Eagle's Nest.

**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

Tue June 8 (D)

Join at the Mercure Gare de Lyon in Paris, central location. Dinner and introductions at local bistro.

Wed 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 Hotel de Champagne in Epernay.

Thu June 10 (B)

Depart for Bastogne. Upon arrival in Bastogne, walking guided tour of Bastogne and Memorial. Overnight in Hotel du Commerce, in Houfflaize, Belgium.

Fri June 11 (B)

Travel north today through the area that bore the brunt of the spearhead. Visit Houffalize; Trois Pont; La Gleize, location of a 71-ton king tiger tank; Stavelot; Malmedy, with its memorial to the Malmedy massacre. Return to Bastogne via St. Vith and Clevaux. Overnight Hotel du Commerce.

Sat June 12 (B)

Depart Bastogne following Patton's 3rd Army route in reverse to Luxembourg via Martelange and Arlon. Afternoon half day guided tour of Luxembourg and American Cemetery and Memorial where General Patton lies in rest. Overnight Hotel du Commerce.

Sun June 13 (B)

Check out of the hotel for a relaxing travel day as we enjoy the mountain scenery. Stop at Veckring where you will enter the Maginot Line at Fort Hackenberg for an underground train tour. Then drive south to Metz, where fierce fighting took place, for a lunch stop. Afternoon leisurely drive across Rhine River valley to Strasbourg.

Mon June 14 (B)

Depart Strasbourg for another day of varied scenic driving through Bavarian hills to Berchtesgaden. Spend the next two nights at Hotel Grunberger in Berchtesgaden.

Tue June 15 (B)

Spend the day exploring Eagle's Nest in the beautiful Austrian Alps.

Wed June 16 (B, D)

Leaving the mountains behind, we head north, passing the Olympic tower, for Munich, the center of the Nazi power with many of its significant buildings still visible. A local historian will guide us around and will include Dachau, the first Nazi concentration camp. Farewell dinner and overnight Hotel Wallis.

Thu 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, 2010

\$2,995 per person, twin share
\$400 single supplement

Land only

Tour Cost Includes services of Capt. Wilbur Jones as escort/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); one way transfer airport/hotel in Paris; one way transfer hotel/airport in Munich; local taxes.

Tour cost is based on currency values as of July 2008 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.

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A deposit of \$400 per person is required to hold space along with attached application form. Personal check or American Express only. Fully refundable up to April 11, 2010. Cancellation between April 11 and May 9, 2010 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 (hotel to be advised) 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. For your convenience Valor Tours will arrange door-to-door transport from Paris airport to hotel.

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 \$400 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.

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"...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: Hotel in Berchtesgaden.



Below left: Passengers on the 2006 Battle of the Bulge tour standing on a bridge overlooking Strasbourg.



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, 2010, a 5% discount will apply to both tours, not including airfare or single supplement. D-day tour escorted by Bob Reynolds and Capt Wilbur Jones USN Ret. Extra nights in Paris @ \$140.00 per night per person, twin share. Single occupancy \$220.00 per night.



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