



Valor Tours'
**OPERATION DRAGOON:
RIVIERA TO THE RHINE**
Invasion of Southern France
from Nice to Frankfurt tour
September 4 to 13, 2010

Saturday September 4

Arrive independently in Nice. In the evening meet for an introductions, briefing and dinner in the hotel or local restaurant. Overnight Nice.

Sunday September 5

We will depart our hotel in Nice and drive across the Riviera, visiting Le Muy the target of the First Airborne Task Force charged which preventing German reinforcements from reaching the landing beaches. Airborne Museum. Dramont/Saint Raphael and ES where the 36th Infantry Division landed. Then visit the Memorial and Liberation Museum at Toulon. Overnight Toulon.

Monday September 6

Near Marseilles see the French foreign Legion museum in the morning and then drive via the beautiful Rhone River valley and Aix-en-Provence to Avignon, where we will visit the Pope's Palace in the afternoon. Short stop at AEP. Overnight Avignon.

Tuesday September 7

Montelimar and surrounding towns as we review actions of Task Force Butler and the 3rd Infantry Divisions trapping of the German 19th Army: Hill 300: Condulac Pass; Puy-St. Martin; Crest. Overnight in historic Lyon at the hotel used as Nazi SS HQ's of Klaus Barbie.

Wednesday September 8

We will drive the famous Burgundy wine road through Resistance country and visit the Resistance and Deportation museum in the ancient citadel at Besancon. Overnight Besancon.

Thursday September 9

In the morning we depart Dijon and drive toward the Vosges Mountains, passing through Montbelliard, scene of an intense battle between the French 1st Army and the retreating German 19th Army, and Belfort, site of the Belfort Gap – a passage into the Vosges Mountains, heading towards the villages of Bryeres and Biffontaine. As the 36th ID advanced, one of their units was cut off and isolated by rear-guard elements of the German 19th Army. Visit the site of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team's rescue of the "Lost Battalion." Proceed to Jepsheim, site of **Colmar** Pocket battle and memorial for the 254th Infantry Regiment, attached to the French First Army. Site of Audie Murphy MOH action. Kaisersberg, site of Charles Murray MOH action. We'll drive on to Strasbourg and spend the night at the Best Western Monopole Metropole.

Friday September 10

In the morning visit Turckheim and the Battle of the Colmar Pocket Museum. In the afternoon the Nazi Natzweiler-Struthof Concentration Camp site, the only one in France. Overnight Strasbourg.

Saturday September 11

Today visit the Citadel at Bitche whose history pre-dates WWII.

Bitche was where Germany units first broke through in Operation Nordwind, January 1945. Hagenau - site where Medal of Honor recipient Morris E. Crain (Technical Sergeant, U.S. Army, Company E, 141st Infantry, 36th Infantry Division) earned the medal at the cost of his life to give covering fire for his men on 13 March 1945. Overnight in Metz.

Sunday September 12

Visit Fort Ainese in Metz, then onto the Lorraine American Cemetery. Drive to Frankfurt for farewell dinner and overnight.

Monday September 13

Tour ends with check out of hotel and coach transfer to Frankfurt airport. Or continue with CROSSING THE RHINE TOUR.

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 CROSSING THE RHINE TOUR, Sept 13 to 22, 2010.