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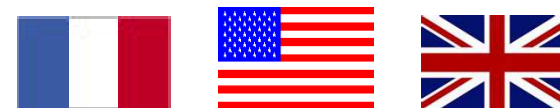
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Our experienced Western Front tour leader Michael Hanlon is a former U.S. Air Force Weather and Operations Officer and a manager of large projects for both corporate and governmental clients. He is the author of "About the Great War: An Introduction to the Most Momentous Event of the 20th Century" and is currently under contract to write a centennial series of guides to the war in all its dimensions. On the web, he is the editor of the award winning "Doughboy Center" website and the online newsletter, the "St. Mihiel Trip-Wire". A member of both the Great War Society and the Western Front Association's U.S. Branch, he also takes care of the websites of both his favorite organizations.

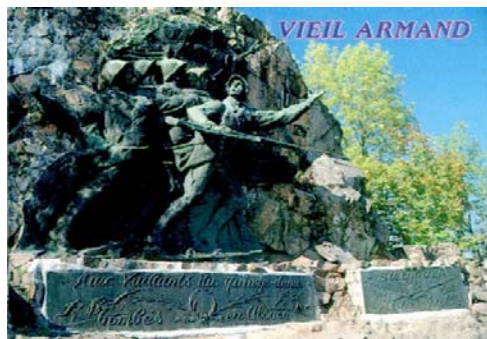


Mike Hanlon speaking to group on our 2010 Great War of 1914/18 Experience II tour.



Left: Our 2007 Western Front group at Belgian Fort Loncin destroyed by German "Big Bertha" Howitzers in 1914.

Below: Vieil Armand Monument in the Alsace, one of the few sites on the Western Front where the character of the War was similar to the Italian Front.



For more information on WWI, previous tours to France, Belgium, Turkey and Italy recommended reading list, and to communicate with Michael Hanlon by email directly greatwar@earthlink.net or refer to www.worldwar1.com

WWI – The Great War Tour 2012

REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, Calif. 94965 U.S.A. Questions? Call 1-800-842-4504.

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone (days) _____

Email: _____

I/we wish to reserve ___ spaces on a ___ twin share basis (two persons to a hotel room), or ___ single basis (I am traveling alone and do not wish to share). ___ Smoking, or ___ Non smoking.

Enclosed is my/our check for the deposit in the amount of \$_____ (\$500 per person), or please charge my American Express account number _____ Exp _____

(Valor Tours does not accept VISA or Master Card)

WWI places of special interest to me/us: _____

I/we need assistance with air arrangements from _____ to Brussels and returning from Paris to coincide with tour package.

I/we would like _____ extra nights in Brussels prior to tour commencement and/or _____ extra night at Charles de Gaulle Paris at end of tour.

Next of kin (name/phone) _____

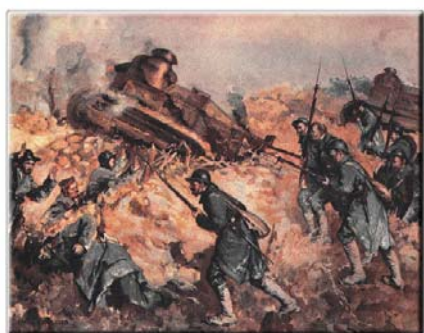
Dietary requirements _____

I/we have read and understand the terms set forth in this brochure

Signature _____ Date _____

Special needs: _____

U.S. Marine Corps silent drill team Belleau Wood Cemetery, Memorial Day 2008



Tank Attack: Second Battle of the Marne



2008 tour group at Verdun Memorial

Tour cost \$3,250 per person, twin share, land only – single supplement \$500 extra

Includes private coach transportation with driver from Brussels throughout tour services of tour director Michael Hanlon; seven nights hotel accommodations at 3 and 4 star hotels, twin share; breakfast daily; welcome and farewell dinners; picnic/box lunch on May 22 and 25; entrance fees and donations to museums/memorials; local guides when needed; background history and map tour book; local taxes; travel emergency insurance coverage. Based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together. Airfare not included.

Comments from previous tour:

"...the tour was high quality from the beginning to the end..."

Duane Allison, 2006

"...(Most memorable moment was) standing on the top of the Ossuary in Verdun, looking out on the French Cemetery with 15,000 graves..."

Gary Van Loon, 2006

"It was a pleasure to travel with a group as knowledgeable and enthusiastic as you all. We learned a great deal. We tracked down the specific Hill 253 in the Argonne where my Dad was wounded in 1918..."

Jack and Marion Lipson, 2007

"The tour was great! Mike is extremely knowledgeable and answered virtually all of our questions. The coverage of the battles was comprehensive and we saw a lot of interesting battlefields, cemeteries and monuments. I would unqualifiedly recommend this tour to any of my friends..."

Jack Moton, 2008

"I tell everyone that this was the best trip I ever had. We were a small group, but everyone was compatible. I think Michael and the coach driver were both extremely knowledgeable, and one being American, and the other British gave us a double view of events from different perspectives..."

Mary Fry, 2009

"...it was a wonderful trip and we would do it again. Mike was great and his knowledge of WWI was impressive. It is nice to have a guide who has all the answers and can explain all the battles & military moves..."

Kay and Tom Greyard, 2010

"...Most memorable part of the tour was the 'Last Post' ceremony, but everything was wonderful. Mike Hanlon was a great leader and ensured that we were all looked after. I was also happy to be around such wonderful people..."

Rachel Schweissinger, 2011

Our 2006 and 2007 groups made the Le Parisian newspapers.



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GENERAL INFORMATION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Please complete the application form and return with a deposit of \$500 per person. Reservations cannot be held without a deposit. American Express or personal check only can be accepted for payment. Make checks payable to Valor Tours, Ltd. and mail to 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, and CA 94965. Final payment is due Feb. 24, 2012. All passengers on deposit will receive written confirmation, description of insurance coverage (included in the cost) and newsletter with further details. Final travel documents will be sent Priority Mail to fully paid participants two weeks prior to departure. Unused components of the tour are non-refundable. Cost based upon a minimum of 10 participants traveling together and current rates.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All moneys are fully refundable for cancellations received up to Feb. 24, 2012. Cancellations received between Feb. 24 and March 23, 2012 subject to loss of deposit or \$500 per person. Cancellation received after March 23, 2012 or "no shows" are non refundable. Cancellation insurance is not included in tour cost, but is available upon request. Call for quote. Personal deviations and extensions to tour are subject to the same penalties. Payments made by check will be refunded by check and may take up to 30 days to process. Payments made by American Express must be credited back to your AX account and may take up to 60 days to appear on your statement.

HEALTH & TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION

A valid passport is required to travel to Europe. Visas and inoculations are not required, however we recommend getting Tetanus updated. Please check your passport to make sure it is valid at least six months beyond date of tour. Recommended reading list, description of travel cancellation insurance coverage and detailed itinerary sent to passengers on deposit only. Travel documents including ID badge, baggage tags, final instructions and tour book will be sent to all fully paid passengers in mid-April. If you have any questions, call Valor Tours, Ltd. at 1-800-842-4504.

WHAT TO BRING

Casual and comfortable travel clothes, comfortable walking shoes, brimmed hat, suntan lotion, wash clothe, bottle of Woolite, plenty of film, camera (water proof if possible), wind breaker, back pack, flask to carry water, binoculars. Leave expensive jewelry and high-heeled shoes at home. Carry medications, airline tickets, passport, cash on your person – do not pack in suitcase, as there are occasional delays. Travel light – one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please.

SINGLE TRAVELERS

When a tour member asks Valor Tours to seek a suitable roommate, we will do the best we can to oblige and find a colleague with common interests and habits. Valor Tours cannot be held responsible for incompatibility or guarantee a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found, the single supplement would apply.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE COST

Foreign airport departure taxes, meals not indicated in itineraries, passport fees, alcoholic beverages, phone calls, laundry, items of a personal nature, and airfare.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

To ensure worry free travel, this tour includes valuable emergency travel insurance at no additional cost to you. This coverage is provided by TRAVELEX Insurance Services. A description of insurance coverage will be sent to each participant upon receipt of his/her application and deposit. Coverage includes sickness and accident medical expense; accidental death and dismemberment; trip delay or missed flight connections; medical evacuation and repatriation; baggage and personal effects loss or delay; assistance services worldwide. Cancellation/trip interruption coverage is not included but available upon request.

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. Unused components are non-refundable. Itinerary/hotels subject to change.

Featuring:

- **Opening Battles, 1914**
- **Verdun, 1916, The 300-Day Battle**
- **Exploring the Vosges Mountains, the Great War in Alsace-Lorraine**
- **The U.S. Marine Corps on the Western Front**

Itinerary in Brief – subject to change

Sunday May 20 (D)

Independent arrivals in Brussels from U.S. Afternoon tour Leige Fort. Evening welcome dinner at restaurant near hotel. Overnight Thon City Centre Hotel Brussels.

Monday May 21 (B)

Mons; the Retreat from Mons and Le Cateau; and the Siege of Maubeuge. Overnight hotel near Maubeuge.

Tuesday May 22 (B, L)

The Meuse Argonne Offensive: US Marines on the last night of the war; U.S. Cemetery Romagne; Sgt. York and Lost Battalion sites. Overnight hotel in Verdun.

Wednesday May 23 (B)

Verdun 1916 – The Wars Longest Battle. Comprehensive tour. Overnight hotel in Verdun.

Thursday May 24 (B)

St. Mihiel: Thiaccourt Cemetery; 2nd Division U.S. Marine Sector; other St. Mihiel sites. First U.S. Combat Deaths at Bathelemont. Rouge Bouquet site of the Rainbow Division. Overnight hotel in Colmar.

Friday May 25 (B, L)

Vieil Armand. Grand Balloon (highest point of Vosges). Le Ligne: French, German and U.S. (Harry Truman's 129th FA) sites. Overnight hotel in Colmar.

Saturday May 26 (B)

AEF Headquarters, Chaumont. Voie Sacree to Verdun. Champaign sites as time allows. Reims Cathedral. WWII surrender site. Overnight Reims.

Sunday May 27 (B, D)

USMC at the Battle of Soissons. Memorial Day ceremony at Belleau Wood with the U.S. Marine Corps. Farewell dinner and overnight hotel near Charles de Gaulle airport.

Monday May 28 (B)

Check out of hotel. Tour ends. We will be happy to help with your extended travel arrangements in Paris or in Europe, i.e. hotels, trains, tours.