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Presents

World War II in the Heart of Germany

October 10 to 22, 2024

Escorted by Bob Kozlowski



America's Oldest and Most Experienced Military History Tour Operator

In the heady rush of Allied troops across Western Europe in the fall of 1944, the Supreme Command had hopes the War in Europe would be over by Christmas. But, the German offensive in the Ardennes – the Battle of the Bulge – dashed those hopes. As the New Year 1945 dawned, it was clear the War in Europe would continue to be a slow, slugging match.

As the Soviet troops pushed from the East, the other Allies fought from the West. And then, the Concentration Camps were discovered. On top of the brutal fighting, the camps brought home the horror of the War.

In this tour, we'll visit Nuremberg, home of the annual Nazi Reich Party Day and later the site of the European War Crimes trials. We'll tour the city and then move on to visit a number of the concentration camp sites, including Buchenwald, Bergen-Belsen, and Nordhausen. We'll also take a cruise on the Elbe River. As we continue to visit concentration camp sites, we'll journey to Munster and visit the Panzer Museum there. We'll then travel north to Peenemunde, site where the "Wonder Weapon" rockets were developed. We'll then continue on to Berlin where we will see where the Holocaust originated as well as the scene of the final battle in the War in Europe. Also a visit to Stalag Luft III, recently discovered POW camp featured in the movie "The Great Escape", and Seelow Heights. We'll return to Berlin for a farewell dinner.



WWII In the Heart of Germany tour – Munich to Berlin 2024 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 address: _____

I/we wish to reserve ___ spaces on a ___ twin share basis (two persons to a hotel room), or ___ I am traveling alone and wish to pay the single supplement so as not to share my hotel room, or ___ share with another tour member

Enclosed is my/our check for the deposit in the amount of \$ _____ (\$600 per person), or please charge my credit card _____

Account number _____

Exp _____ Security code _____

Please arrange my/our air arrangements from _____ to Europe to coincide with tour in ___ Economy class or ___ business class.

I/we would like ___ additional night's hotel accommodations in: ___ Munich and/or ___ Berlin.

Reason for taking tour, i.e. Veteran, history buff, family member, etc.

Special needs, dietary requirements _____

Next of kin _____

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

Signature _____

Date _____

Reservations and Final Payment

Reservations can only be held with a deposit of \$600 per person accompanied by the Application form. Payments accepted in the form of a personal check or credit card. Final payment is normally due by July 10, 2024 unless otherwise stated on confirmation. Reservations will be accepted on a first come – first served basis. Valor Tours, Ltd. does not recommend that children under the age of 12 participate on this tour. Passport required. Visas are not required. Tour cost based on minimum of 10 paying participants. Changes to itinerary may result if we have less than 10 paying passengers. Airfare from the U.S. to Europe not included, however if you need assistance with air arrangements we will be happy to help.

Cancellations and Changes

If Valor Tours, Ltd. receives cancellation more than 90 days prior to departure your deposit is fully refundable. Cancellations received between 89 to 30 days prior to commencement of tour subject to loss of deposit. Cancellation within 30 days or “no shows” are non refundable. Refunds may take up to 30 days to process. Cancellation charges also apply to additional travel arrangements such as airfare. If flight changes are requested after airline tickets are issued, revision fees will apply. Travel and emergency insurance is available for purchase. Details will be sent to those who sign up for tour. Available upon request.

Baggage allowance

We recommend one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please. Portage for one bag per person is included in the tour cost; however there may be times when you will be responsible for your baggage, so it is to the benefit of the passenger to travel light. Passengers are responsible for carry-on bags, purses, camera bags, briefcases, etc. No responsibility is accepted for loss or damage to baggage, or any of the passenger’s belongings.

Disabilities

Any personal disability requiring special attention should be reported to Valor Tours at the time of reservation. Valor Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour participants, but is not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants and other independent suppliers. Motor coach companies and other carrier employees may not physically lift participants or assist them on or off conveyances. A qualified companion must accompany persons requiring such assistance. Be advised that foreign countries do not have the disabled and handicapped laws that Americans enjoy here at home.

Single travelers

Single occupancy of hotel rooms is an additional \$1400 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.

Not included in tour cost

Meals not indicated in itinerary, airfare from the U.S., passport fees, items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, alcoholic beverages, tipping to driver & guide, foreign airport departure taxes, cancellation/trip interruption/emergency travel insurance coverage, air fare to/from Germany.

Valor Tours Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels listed with alternate hotels of similar quality, or of lesser quality should our passenger numbers fall below 10 passengers. Regardless our passengers will always have hotel rooms with private ensuite.



Bob has escorted over eight tours to Europe for Valor Tours, including Poland, Bulge and Normandy.

Bob Kozlowski, is a Financial Advisor in the Phoenix Arizona area with over 40 years experience. Originally from Chicago, he attended Arizona State University and has a BS and MBA. Bob is a Lifetime Member of the ASU Alumni Association. An avid history buff, he has been a war-strategy gamer since he was 11 years old. Bob has spent the last 25 years traveling throughout Europe. His living motto is "always in search of the truth."

Itinerary – subject to change

October 10 Thursday (D)

Independent arrivals in Munich. Meet at the Louis Hotel, Munich for three night stay. Welcome dinner at local restaurant.

October 11 Friday (B)

Walking tour of Nazi sights. Afternoon Dachau Concentration Camp outside of Munich. Overnight Louis Hotel.

October 12 Saturday (B)

Morning drive to Berchtesgaden and Eagle’s Nest, Hitler’s retreat. Return to Munich and Louis Hotel.

October 13 Sunday (B)

This morning we check out of our hotel and drive to Nuremberg where we visit the Nazi Party Rally grounds, Documentation Center, Luitpold Arena, Deutscher Hof Hotel, Gaushaus, Palace of Justice (Nuremberg Trials) and the city Center Hauptmarkt. Overnight Boutique Hotel ELCH, Nuremberg.

October 14 Monday (B)

Leave Nuremberg for Leipzig to see Altenburg Luftwaffe Field and Museum. Continue to Nordhausen (Dora) underground manufacturing facility tour. Then to Buchenwald concentration camp. Head to Kassel for overnight. Renthof Kassel Hotel.

October 15 Tuesday (B)

Leave Kassel for Munster and visit to the Panzer Museum. Then onto Hanover to see the Bergen Belsen camp where Ann Frank perished. Ending day at our hotel in Hanover. Mercure Hanover Mitte.

October 16 Wednesday (B)

Head to Bremen to see the U-Boat production facility known as Valentin. Then onto Hamberg heavily bombed in the war, see a Flak Tower, an air-raid shelter turned into a restaurant where we will have lunch, and unearthed in 2007, U-boat sub pens. Overnight East Hotel Hamburg.

October 17 Thursday (B)

Leave Hamburg by way of Blohm and Voss shipyards that built the battleship Bismarck. Peenemunde rocket sight and museum. Overnight Hotel Asgard.

October 18 Friday (B)

On leaving Peenemunde on our way to Berlin, visit Sachsenhausen Concentration camp and Beelow Woods memorial to the Sachsenhausen camp exodus. Ending the day in Berlin. Ellington Hotel for 4 nights.

October 19 Saturday (B, L)

All day touring Berlin: site where citizens burned books, Hitler's Bunker, Bradenburg Gate, Reichstag, Von Staffenberg's execution site, Checkpoint Charlie. Lunch at Clarchens Ballhaus a dance hall that existed in the war. Holocaust Museum, "Topography of Terror" museum, Gestapo Museum and the Wansee Conference Museum, where the Holocaust was planned and Templehof Airport (Berlin Airlift). Overnight Ellington Hotel, Berlin.

October 20 Sunday (B)

Continue with Berlin touring.

October 21 Monday (B, D)

Today drive to the Seelow Heights and museum. Then onto Torgau to see the bridge where the US and Russians linked up. Back to Berlin for farewell dinner and overnight.

October 22 Tuesday (B)

Check out of our hotel and depart Berlin. Tour ends.



Travel insurance

Emergency medical/sickness, missed connections, baggage loss/delay, worldwide travel assistance insurance coverage and cancellation/trip interruption insurance coverage with Travelex is made available to all participants within the U.S. and Canada. We strongly recommend this coverage.



Panzer Museum, Munster

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Tour Cost

\$4950.00 per person, twin share – land only

October 10 to 22, 2024

Single supplement \$1400.00

Includes: 12 nights hotel accommodations, ensuite; breakfast daily; welcome and farewell dinners; one lunch; services of Bob Kozlowski as tour leader throughout; private coach/driver from Sept 17 to 28; all entrance fees; boat trip on the Elbe River, portorage at hotel; local taxes.

Based on minimum of 10 full fare passengers.

Early booking discount policy applies.

Left: Berchtesgaden