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BATTLE OF THE BULGE

75th Anniversary Commemoration Tour

12 DAYS | DECEMBER 12 – 21, 2019



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Clervaux • Lanzerath • Elsenborn Ridge • Malmedy • La Gleize • Keystone in the Way Commemoration Ceremony
75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge • Bastogne • Wiltz • Diekirch • Luxembourg American Cemetery
Ardennes • Bois Jacques



Join us on this one-of-a-kind journey of remembrance & commemoration

Walk in the footsteps of American soldiers who battled against Hitler's "Last Gamble." Guests who book on the December 2019 tour will commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Bulge with two extra touring days that incorporate ceremonies and festivities around Bastogne, and will experience the region in a similar state to how the American GIs found them in that harrowing winter of 1944 - 1945.

Dear Friend of the Museum,

I invite you to join The National WWII Museum on a commemorative 75th anniversary tour of the sites made significant during the Battle of the Bulge. Expertly researched by our own staff, and led by expert battlefield guide Roland Gaul and military historian Edwin Popken, this is the most immersive tour of the Ardennes available today. From the famous "northern shoulder" of the Bulge near Elsenborn Ridge, through the Bastogne Corridor, and to the Luxembourg Ardennes, you will trace the routes of the last major German offensive in the West and encounter the heroic stories of the soldiers who fought and won America's largest and costliest campaign of World War II.

In late 1944, few thought that a massive German counterattack was possible. Rome fell on June 4, and two days later, the greatest amphibious invasion in history brought more than 150,000 men to the shores of Normandy on D-Day. By the end of August, French and American soldiers were marching through the streets of Paris. Hitler's "Fortress Europe" was broken, and the Allies were rushing toward the German border on the road to Berlin. As Christmas approached, the Allied Forces in Europe felt the war was nearing its end. But on December 16, that optimism vanished suddenly. The supposedly impossible German counterattack was here and was larger than anyone could have anticipated. With over 400,000 German soldiers ready to push into the Ardennes, the next five weeks tested the limits of our troops.

Anyone who has read or watched *Band of Brothers* by Museum founder Stephen Ambrose knows of the swirling snow, the bitter cold, and the murderous nature of the German onslaught. We are honored to be joined by Robin Laing, the actor who portrayed "Babe" Heffron in the HBO miniseries. He will share his insight on what it was like to train for and re-create the battle for episode 6: "Bastogne".

We invite you to commemorate the battle during the time of year when it happened - exactly 75 years ago. This tour retraces the unexpected, dramatic battle and offers the unique opportunity to visit key sites blanketed in snow with expert battlefield guides. Join us for this inspiring educational journey, and stand in the precise locations where the American Spirit overcame the last desperate gamble of the Third Reich.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Watson
President & CEO, The National WWII Museum

"I had wanted to take the Battle of the Bulge tour for a long time. The experience of the war changed my dad, as it did most veterans. I was able to share with our group my father's Silver Star and Presidential Unit Citation at the Twin Villages. Very moving experience. I would recommend this tour to anyone."

- Robert B. Gretna, NE

"I had the privilege of laying the wreath during the ceremony. My brother was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944 and again in 1945. My mother was National President of the Gold Star Mothers. My other brother was killed in September 1944. This trip meant a lot to me!"

- Marge H. Richmond, IN

"The wreath laying was a very nice experience and showed us how important the locals regard the sacrifices made by these men and how important it is that they must never be forgotten. It was truly special to see the foxhole positions occupied by the troops 74 years ago!"

- Anonymous

"Roland is wonderful. Roland's knowledge of the Battle of the Bulge was very impressive, and the tour manager had the trip well planned and kept us on schedule without being pushy. The accommodations in Clervaux were outstanding; the meals were good and in locations that allowed us to mix with others on the tour. Great tour, well planned, well executed."

- William H. Little Rock, AR

Featured Guides and Special Guest



EXPERT BATTLEFIELD GUIDE

Roland Gaul

Battle of the Bulge Guide and Founder of The National Museum of Military History in Luxembourg

Born in Diekirch, Luxembourg, Roland Gaul has collected Battle of the Bulge artifacts since childhood. Growing up with the remains of one of history's largest land battles in his backyard, Roland developed a keen interest in military history at a young age. A graduate of the Diekirch "Lycée Classique," Roland continued his studies at the Royal Military Academy (ERM) in Brussels, Belgium. In 1982, he founded the Diekirch Historical Society and the Diekirch Historical Museum, which became the National Museum of Military History in 1993.

After a number of years in service at the American Embassy in Luxembourg, Roland began working for the government of the Grand Duchy in 1996. He was appointed coordinator for all national and regional ceremonies for the 60th and 65th anniversary commemorations of the Battle of the Bulge, as well as for the 60th anniversary of the Korean War. Roland assumed full-time direction of the National Museum of Military History in 2012.

A scholar, lecturer, historian, consultant, and author of several books, including the field guide *Battle of the Bulge in Luxembourg*, Roland has led many tours in the Ardennes over his 25 years as a guide for international audiences. He has also served as a consultant on many Battle of the Bulge films and documentaries.



MILITARY HISTORIAN AND BATTLEFIELD GUIDE

Edwin Popken

For more than 25 years, Edwin Popken has studied World War II and visited the battlefields throughout Europe, both well-known and lesser-known. His main interests are the operations in Northwest Europe between September 1944 and March 1945. A regular guide on the Museum's *Easy Company: From England to the Eagle's Nest* tours, Edwin has escorted guests from all across the United States to sites of Operation Market-Garden, the Huertgen Forest, and the Battle of the Bulge.

Edwin holds a Master's degree in Military History from the University of Birmingham, UK and is a member of the International Guild of Battlefield Guides with guild badge number 93.



FEATURED GUEST AND ACTOR

Robin Laing

Born in Dundee, Scotland, Robin Laing grew up in the fishing and golf towns of Arbroath and Carnoustie. After studying drama, he landed his first acting job playing Renton in the stage adaptation of Irvine Welsh's *Trainspotting*. Many more roles were to follow, including the lead role of Phil McCann in John Byrne's film *The Slab Boys*, Arthur Conan Doyle in *Dr. Bell and Mr. Doyle* for the BBC, and a series regular in the popular TV show *The Lakes*.

In 2000, Robin was cast as Edward 'Babe' Heffron in the HBO production of *Band of Brothers*, which followed the lives and achievements of the 101st Airborne's Easy Company during World War II. He had no idea that this eight-month job would have such a profound effect on his life and lead to lifelong friendships, not only with his fellow cast members, but also with the veterans on whom the series was based and their families.

Robin continues to work internationally in television, theater and film, and is a frequent voice-over artist for BBC radio and audiobooks.

Stand where history was made

On the outskirts of Bastogne, near the town of Foy, a short walk into the woods leads to the foxholes used by Easy Company of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. Braving temperatures of 20 degrees below zero, Easy Company held out against intense shelling, aerial attacks, and German assaults. The foxholes, dug on December 18, 1944, are still visible today, and a memorial to Easy Company honors the men who held Bastogne and recaptured Foy.



A SNOW-SUITED US INFANTRY SOLDIER IS SHOWN IN ST-VITH, BELGIUM, JANUARY 1945. COURTESY OF PHOTO 12 / ALAMY STOCK PHOTO.



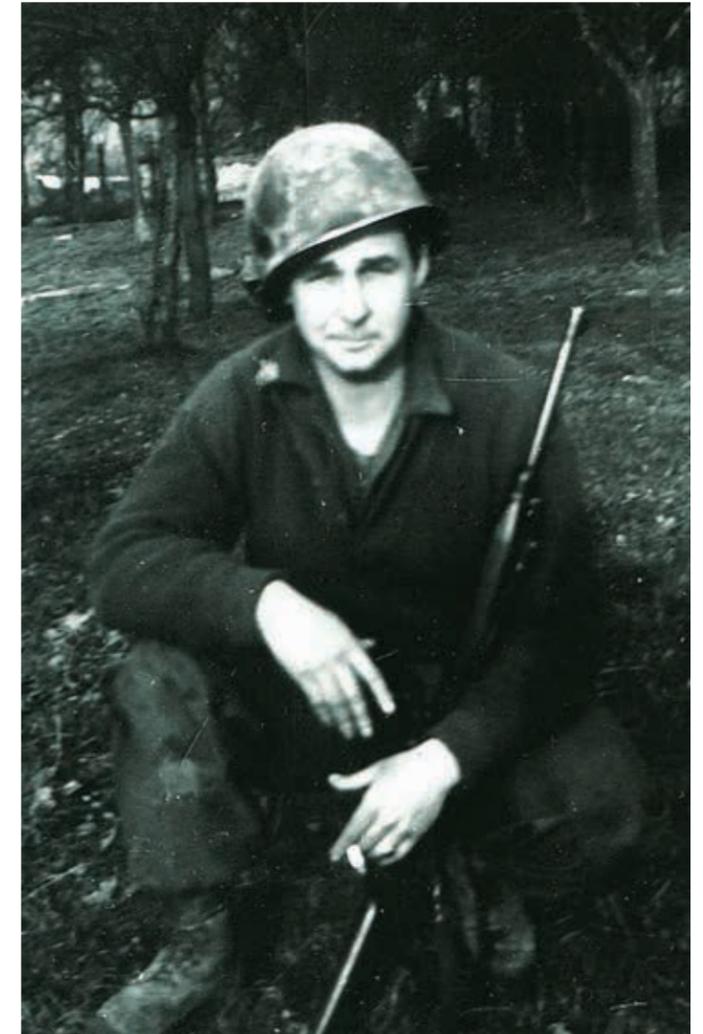
Learn their names

TO THE MEMORY OF THE SOLDIERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY WHO WHILE PRISONERS OF WAR WERE MASSACRED BY NAZI TROOPS ON THIS SPOT ON 17 DECEMBER 1944. WE HERE HIGHLY RESOLVE THAT THESE DEAD SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN.

- Inscription on the Malmédy Massacre Memorial Baugez Crossroads, Belgium

Near Malmédy, Belgium, a memorial consists of 84 flat stones bearing the names of American prisoners massacred in a field by soldiers from *Kampfgruppe Peiper* who opened fire on the unarmed prisoners. A handful of survivors lived to tell the story of what happened there, which quickly made its way through

PHOTO LEFT: WWII-ERA IMAGE OF JACK BALDWIN HOLDING A RIFLE CIRCA 1945. COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM. PHOTO RIGHT: DETAIL OF THE MONUMENT IN MEMORY OF THE 84 KILLED IN MALMÉDY.



Hear their stories

Hear from the men of the Battle of the Bulge who persevered through the toughest conditions: surviving German artillery, tree bursts, and the freezing temperatures. "Cold. It was so cold that if you got wet, you couldn't get dry." Lewis "Jack" Baldwin vividly remembers the conditions in which he and his fellow Rangers fought in the Ardennes. With record low temperatures, the weather was as much an enemy as the Germans. Baldwin was told that anyone who was separated from his men would freeze to death.



Learn the rest of the story online in The Digital Collections of The National WWII Museum. Visit: <https://www.ww2online.org/>

Watch his oral history by entering "Jack Baldwin" in the search field.

Itinerary Map



The Battle of the Bulge

75th Anniversary Commemoration

~~\$5,795~~ **\$5,295*** per person double occupancy, ~~\$7,295~~ **\$6,795*** single occupancy
when booked by July 31, 2019.

Program Inclusions

- Full-time WWII Museum logistical tour manager
- Expert Battle of the Bulge guides Roland Gaul and Edwin Popken
- Daily touring with Robin Laing who played Edward 'Babe' Heffron on *Band of Brothers*.
- Video Oral History presentations from the Museum's collection
- VIP access to sites not offered on other tours
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- Accommodations for eight nights at Le Clervaux Boutique & Design Hotel and one night at Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel
- 5 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 5 Dinners, 2 Evening Receptions
- Beer, wine, and soft drinks included with lunches and dinners
- Private, first-class, air-conditioned motor coach transportation with bottled water
- Roundtrip airport transfers (on scheduled group arrival and departure days)
- Included gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, and servers
- Informative map book including useful battlefield maps and archival images to be used throughout your journey
- Personalized luggage tags and customized name badge
- Keepsake journal and pen to document your journey



AERIAL VIEW OF THE RIVER MEUSE, BELGIUM



STREET VIEW OF CLERVAUX CASTLE. COURTESY OF ROD WILLIAMS / ALAMY STOCK PHOTO.

75TH COMMEMORATION



Day 1 – Thursday, December 12, 2019

Arrivals in Brussels & Transfer to Clervaux

Upon arrival at Brussels International Airport, guests are warmly welcomed by Museum staff. Depart for Clervaux, Luxembourg, with a lunch stop along the way. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner with the group.

Accommodations: *Excellence Hotels, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (L, D)*

REFUGEES EVACUATING THE BELGIAN TOWN OF BASTOGNE. COURTESY OF NSF/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO.



THE NATIONAL MILITARY MUSEUM OF LUXEMBOURG

75TH COMMEMORATION



Day 2 – Friday, December 13, 2019

The National Military Museum of Luxembourg

The National Military Museum of Luxembourg was founded in 1982 by Roland Gaul as the Diekirch Historical Museum. Enjoy personal commentary about the museum collection from Roland himself, and experience an exclusive tour. In addition to preserving the memory of the Battle of the Bulge, the museum highlights the Luxembourg military in conflicts throughout the 20th century.

Accommodations: *Excellence Hotels, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (B, L)*

AN AMERICAN 57MM GUN CREW ADVANCE TO THE LUXEMBOURG FRONT, IN RESPONSE TO THE GERMAN COUNTER-OFFENSIVE THAT BECAME KNOWN AS THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE – DECEMBER 1944. COURTESY OF CHRONICLE / ALAMY STOCK PHOTO.



Day 3 – Saturday, December 14, 2019

“Nuts Festival”

Take part in one of Bastogne’s most storied traditions, The Nuts Festival. In the 18th Century, young farmhands would converge on Bastogne at the end of the season looking for work for the following year. Those who were successful would buy sweet breads and nuts to bring to their girlfriends. After General Anthony McAuliffe’s famous reply of “Nuts!” to a German demand for surrender, the modern festival has taken on a different meaning. Attended by local and international dignitaries, the festival is a celebration of Bastogne’s survival during the German siege in 1944.

Accommodations: Excellence Hotels, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (B, D)

BRIGADIER GENERAL ANTHONY C. MCAULIFFE IN BASTOGNE, BELGIUM – JANUARY 1945.
COURTESY OF EVERETT COLLECTION HISTORICAL / ALAMY STOCK PHOTO.



AERIAL VIEW OF WILTZ. COURTESY GEORGE SILK/THE LIFE PICTURE COLLECTION/GETTY IMAGES.

75TH COMMEMORATION



Day 4 – Sunday, December 15, 2019

“Keystone in the Way”

Today, travel along the “Keystone in the Way,” a commemoration route recognizing the heroic actions of the United States 28th Infantry Division. The men of the 28th faced the initial onslaught of the German troops as they crossed the Our River in the direction of Bastogne. The delaying tactics employed by the 28th allowed for Bastogne to be reinforced. “Keystone in the Way” is an initiative started by several dedicated Luxembourg historians and supporters who have erected explanatory panels along this path to highlight the critical importance of the 28th US Infantry “Keystone” Division. Today’s touring will begin in Ettelbruck and continue through Diekirch, Consthum, Hosingen, Marnach, Weiswampach, Wiltz, and Clervaux.

Accommodations: Excellence Hotels, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (B, L)

THESE AMERICAN SOLDIERS FROM THE 28TH DIVISION BAND AND QUARTERMASTER COMPANY STAYED AND FOUGHT GERMANS IN WILTZ, LUXEMBOURG, UNTIL THEIR AMMUNITION WAS EXHAUSTED, BASTOGNE, BELGIUM – DECEMBER 20, 1944. COURTESY OF HUM HISTORICAL / ALAMY STOCK PHOTO.



AN ACTOR IN PERIOD US UNIFORM TAKES PART IN THE REENACTMENT OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE, DECEMBER 2014.



Day 5 – Monday, December 16, 2019

75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge

On this day 75 years ago, the Germans launched the surprise offensive Operation *Wacht am Rhein*, “The Watch on the Rhine,” catching the Americans off guard. The initial German advances created a noticeable bulge in the Allied lines, resulting in the popular American name of the conflict, “The Battle of the Bulge.” Over 1 million men would be involved in the largest land battle undertaken by the United States Army. Today, take part in ceremonies remembering the men who withstood the German assault and fought to retake the lost ground by the end of January 1945.

Accommodations: *Excellence Hotels, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (B, L)*

AMERICAN TROOPS MANNING TRENCHES ALONG SNOWY HEDGEROW IN THE NORTHERN ARDENNES FOREST DURING THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE. COURTESY OF GEORGE SILK/ THE LIFE PICTURE COLLECTION/GETTY IMAGES.

THROUGH THEIR EYES



1st Lieutenant Lyle Bouck

1923 – 2016

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Lyle Bouck joined the National Guard at age 14, and found himself in the Ardennes six years later -- in charge of an 18-man intelligence and reconnaissance platoon. He was one of the youngest commissioned officers in the Army, and had grown accustomed to giving orders to older soldiers.

Bouck's platoon made frequent patrols into Germany to scout terrain and enemy movements, occasionally returning with German prisoners for interrogation. But they never encountered evidence of a looming German attack. During a transfer of divisions in the area around Elsenborn Ridge, Bouck's platoon was ordered to defend the position near the town of Lanzerath. Holding and defending a position was unusual for an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon, but Bouck had no doubt his men could do the job.

On the morning of December 16, Bouck was surprised by the sound of shelling. The area in front of his platoon was hit, and the shelling was moving closer and closer to his position. Luckily, the firing overshot their position. Bouck wanted to mount an ambush on Germans in Lanzerath, but his position was revealed. Digging in on a hill, Bouck's men repelled three German frontal assaults, but during a fourth assault, the Germans flanked Bouck's position. Surrounded and out of ammunition, the men of the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, 394th Regiment, 99th Infantry Division surrendered.

The efforts of the platoon tied up a much larger German force for an entire day, allowing other American units time to regroup and prepare a defense. For their efforts, all 18 men in the platoon were decorated, and the platoon received the Presidential Unit Citation. Bouck received the Distinguished Service Cross.

THROUGH THEIR EYES



Theodore "Ted" Paluch

1922 – 2015

Theodore "Ted" Paluch was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to a small family. Ted followed the war in Europe closely and thought that the United States might eventually get involved. He was playing pinball on Sunday, December 7, 1941, when he heard about the attack on Pearl Harbor from a friend. Initially attempting to enlist in the Marine Corps, which turned him down, he was drafted into the Army in 1943 and sent into combat in the Hürtgen Forest in 1944, as part of the 285th Field Artillery Observation Battalion.

After fighting in the Hürtgen Forest, the 285th was sent south, and ordered to report to St. Vith, Belgium, on December 16. On December 17, one day into the German attack, Paluch and the 285th were passing through the town of Baugnez, where they encountered the lead elements of *Kampfgruppe Peiper*. Under attack from tanks and vehicles, Paluch jumped into an ice-cold ditch. A German tank commander ordered him and the other remaining men to surrender. They were marched to a field where SS troopers searched the prisoners and took everything of value from them.

As the American prisoners stood in the field with their hands up, the SS troopers left. Suddenly, a column of vehicles approached and began firing into the crowd of prisoners. Next, tanks passed by and fired into the middle of the crowd. Paluch fell to the ground and was hit in the hand. After lying in the field for more than an hour, Paluch and several men escaped toward Malmedy where they reported their story and received treatment for their wounds.

Word of the massacre near Malmedy spread rapidly through American lines and helped strengthen the American resolve to stop the German offensive dead in its tracks. The Battle of the Bulge officially ended on January 25, 1945, when American forces pushed the Germans back to their original pre-December 16 lines.



THE MEMORIAL DEDICATED TO THE VICTIMS OF THE TWO WORLD WARS IN MALMEDY. COURTESY OF CHRISTOPHE KETELS / ALAMY STOCK PHOTO.



Day 6 – Tuesday, December 17, 2019

The Northern Shoulder

After breakfast, set out on a full day of battlefield touring. Explore the “northern shoulder” of the Bulge, where the outnumbered Americans on Elsenborn Ridge offered unexpected resistance in the first days of the German attack. Visit the little village of Lanzerath, Belgium, where a small American platoon, under the command of 20-year-old Lieutenant Lyle Bouck, held back 500 German paratroopers for an entire day. Continue to the “twin villages” of Rocherath and Krinkelt, where superior German armor failed to break through the American positions. Enjoy a group lunch and finish the day with a tour of Camp Elsenborn. Along the route today, attend wreath laying ceremonies at Malmedy and Wereth, the sites of horrific massacres.

Accommodations: *Excellence Hotels, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (B, L)*

1ST ARMY GIS ON PATROL, LOOKING FOR GERMAN PARATROOPERS AMONG FROST-COVERED HEDGES DURING THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE. COURTESY OF GEORGE SILK/ THE LIFE PICTURE COLLECTION/GETTY IMAGES.



LUXEMBOURG AMERICAN CEMETERY. COURTESY OF DMAC / ALAMY STOCK PHOTO.

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Day 7 – Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Luxembourg City

Luxembourg City served as the headquarters for General George S. Patton's Third Army. Visit La Fondation Jean-Pierre Pescatore—home of the chapel where Patton prayed for clear weather on December 23, 1944. An independent lunch gives visitors the chance to explore the city. Continue to the Luxembourg American Cemetery, where 5,073 Americans are buried in the ground they helped liberate. Notable graves include General George S. Patton, Jr., and Medal of Honor recipient Day Turner. Return to Clervaux and join the group for dinner this evening.

Accommodations: *Excellence Hotels, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (B, D)*

US LT. GEN. GEORGE S. PATTON AND US BRIG. GEN. OTTO P. WEYLAND IN BELGIUM – JANUARY 1945. COURTESY OF PHOTO 12 / ALAMY STOCK PHOTO.



Day 8 – Thursday, December 19, 2019

Bastogne

Starting at the Our River Bridge in Dasburg on the German/Luxembourg border, follow the route of the German 5th Panzer Army on its way to Bastogne. In Bastogne Barracks, enter the “Nuts Cave” where General Anthony C. McAullife proclaimed “Nuts!” to a German demand for the surrender of the town. See the memorial to Renée Lemaire, a Belgian nurse who worked tirelessly at an American aid station in Bastogne. On Christmas Eve, the Germans bombed the aid station, killing Lemaire while she evacuated wounded soldiers from the burning building. The 101st Airborne Museum contains an impressive collection of artifacts from this iconic division that withstood the siege of Bastogne.

Accommodations: Excellence Hotels, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (B)

A RECONNAISSANCE GROUP OF THE US THIRD ARMY IN LUXEMBOURG PREPARES TO CROSS THE OUR RIVER. THE MEN CARRY ROPE TO FACILITATE AN EMERGENCY WITHDRAWAL, IF NECESSARY – FEBRUARY 20, 1945. COURTESY OF MNHM COLLECTION, NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION.



May this eagle always symbolize the sacrifices and heroism
of the 101st Airborne Division and all its attached units.
December 1944 - January 1945
The City and the Citizens of Bastogne

SCREAMING EAGLE (101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION) MONUMENT IN BASTOGNE, BELGIUM.
COURTESY OF IVAN BATINIC / ALAMY STOCK PHOTO.



FOXHOLE IN THE ARDENNES

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Day 9 – Friday, December 20, 2019

The Bois Jacques / St. Vith

On the final day of touring in the Ardennes, return to Bastogne and the Mardasson Memorial. After a visit to the Bastogne War Museum, continue to the Bois Jacques and visit the foxholes used by Easy Company during their heroic defense of Bastogne. A visit to St. Vith recounts the 7th Armored Division's battle against two of the strongest German divisions of the attack, the 5th and 6th Panzer Divisions. After paying tribute to the soldiers who repelled the Germans for five days at St. Vith, continue to the Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel in preparation for the return flight home the next day.

Accommodations: *Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel (B, D)*

SNOWSUITED SOLDIERS WALK THROUGH THE SNOW-COVERED STREETS OF ST. VITH, BELGIUM. COURTESY OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS ADMINISTRATION.



MEMBERS OF THE 203RD ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS BATTALION (SELF-PROPELLED) POSE ATOP A TANK DURING THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE. COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM.



Day 10 – Saturday, December 21, 2019

Depart for the US

After breakfast, make your way to your departure terminal at Sheraton Brussels Airport on your own or individual journeys home. *(B)*

MEDICS OF THE 8TH ARMORED DIVISION WATCH WHILE A SOLDIER DANCES WITH A NURSE. COURTESY OF MNHM, NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION.



DA LONATI RESTAURANT, LE CLERVAUX BOUTIQUE & DESIGN HOTEL



EXCELLENCE HOTELS,
GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG

Hotel International Le Clervaux Boutique & Design Hotel

CLERVAUX, BELGIUM

Located in the Clervaux town center, in the heart of the Luxembourg Ardennes, our guests unwind after touring in the cozy surroundings of the charming sister properties of Le Clervaux Boutique & Design Hotel or Hotel International. These adjoining properties accommodate travelers with the highest level of service in a stylish, boutique environment.

These properties offer multiple dining venues, a spacious spa with numerous treatment options, as well as a fitness room, a swimming pool, and a sauna. Each uniquely designed room offers comfort mattresses, complimentary Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, and minibars.

Guests who wish to do so may upgrade their included Standard Room offering to a Suite at Le Clervaux for an additional fee. Contact the Travel Team to inquire about pricing and availability. Suites add separate living rooms, and some feature fireplaces and whirlpool tubs, additional toiletry amenities, bathrobes and slippers. *Upgraded accommodations available at Le Clervaux and are on a first-come, first-served basis and based on availability identified by the hotel.*



LE CLERVAUX EXTERIOR



LE CLERVAUX STANDARD ROOM



HOTEL INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ROOM



HOTEL INTERNATIONAL RESTAURANT



SHERATON LOBBY

ACCOMMODATIONS

Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel

BRUSSELS, BELGUIM

Offering access to Brussels Airport's terminals, this contemporary hotel features vibrant artwork and soundproof windows. The sophisticated rooms are equipped with free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, and desks. There's a sleek restaurant and a lobby lounge, as well as a 24/7 fitness center. The Sheraton Airport Brussels offers convenient access to the city center through the train station underneath the airport.



CLUB LOUNGE



CLASSIC STATEROOM



From Our Collection

Below are a few of the artifacts from the Battle of the Bulge that the Museum has in its collection. Other documents and materials from the Museum's archive will be reproduced and shared with tour participants.

TANKER'S BOOTS

Major Carl Corbin wore these tanker's boots during the Battle of the Bulge, while serving with the 7th Armored Division in the vicinity of St. Vith, Belgium. The boots were a private purchase, rather than an issued item.

Gift of Carl Corbin, 2000.091.001



SOUVENIR NAZI FLAG

This Nazi flag was signed by some of the 101st Airborne Division's "Battered Bastards of Bastogne," including Anthony Mesich, Stanley Ehret, Sam Jewell, Arthur Nash, and Lt. Leslie Schultz.

Gift in Memory of Anthony C. Mesich, 2010.052.002

LEATHER GLOVE OF MAJOR GENERAL TROY MIDDLETON

During the Battle of the Bulge, Major General Troy Middleton gained fame for his decision to hold the key crossroads town of Bastogne as German forces advanced around it. A distinguished World War I veteran, Middleton came out of retirement to serve in World War II. He served for 480 days in combat – more than any other American general – and retired again in 1945. He later served as president of Louisiana State University.

Gift of John Hoshman & Danelle Gilkes, 2010.314.012



TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR FARE

Your tour fare covers arrangements and services including accommodations, meals as per the itinerary, gratuities, ground transportation, guiding services, and special tour inclusions as described within the travel program brochures and on the Museum’s web-site at: www.ww2museumtours.org. All fares are quoted in US Dollars, are per guest and are based on double occupancy. As indicated below, airfare to and from the tour destination is not included in your tour fare. The Museum accepts no liability for the purchase of non-refundable airline tickets.

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NOT INCLUDED

Taxes, unless otherwise noted in the travel program brochure; passport, visas and associated fees; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls and Internet access; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship and hotel personnel, unless otherwise noted in the travel program brochure; optional sightseeing excursions; airfare, baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air/airport taxes; and associated local taxes, airport facility and security taxes and federal inspection fees not listed as included in the travel program; transfers and

CANCELLATIONS

Should it be necessary to cancel your reservation, please contact the Museum immediately at 1-877-813-3329 x 257. Cancellations for all or any part of a tour including optional pre and/or post tour extension programs will not be effective until received in writing. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply:

Cancellation notice received	Tour Cancellation Fees	Post-Tour Cancellation Fees
121 days or more before start date	\$200 per person	\$50 per person
120-91 days before start date	\$1,000 per person	\$200 per person
90-61 days before start date	60% of full tour cost (incl Pre and/or Post Tour)*	
60 days or less before start date	100% of full tour cost (incl Pre and/or Post Tour)*	
No Show	100% of full tour cost (incl Pre and/or Post Tour)*	
Early Return	100% of full tour cost (incl Pre and/or Post Tour)*	

*In addition, applicable cancellation fees for confirmed additional hotel nights may apply. *Tour cost is defined as the cost of any cruise, land, or air element purchased from The National WWII Museum.

HEALTH, MEDICAL AND TOUR REQUIREMENTS

All guests are required to advise in writing to the Museum at the time their reservation is made if they have:

- Any physical or mental condition that may require medical or professional treatment or attention during the tour;
- Any condition that may pose a risk to one’s self and/or other participants on tour;
- Any condition that may require health aids, i.e.; oxygen, walkers, crutches, etc., or any intention or need to use a wheelchair while on the tour.

baggage handling to/from airport/hotel/ship on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); any overnight expenses on land due to flight schedule(s) or delays; meals, alcoholic or other beverages and all other services not specifically mentioned as included in the travel program.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

To reserve your participation, an initial deposit is required within five (5) days of booking. **Final payment is due 90 days prior to deposit (Friday, September 13, 2019)**. All reservations are subject to cancellation if payments are not received by the due date. Payment by check is preferred in order to reduce costs to the Museum. VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are also accepted. The following deposit amounts apply:

INITIAL DEPOSIT	DEPOSIT
Main Tour	Pre-& Post-Tours
\$1,000 per person	\$200 per person

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Because our cancellation policy is strictly enforced, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. Travel Cancellation is offered through the Museum’s Travel Department and information is included in your initial confirmation packet accordingly.

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