



THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM GOLF & HISTORY TOUR

RYDER CUP IN ROME TO D-DAY



SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 7, 2023

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LANNY WADKINS
CHAMPIONSHIP
GOLFER



JOHN MCMANUS, PHD
FEATURED HISTORIAN,
AUTHOR & D-DAY EXPERT



Photo: Ryder Cup Tournament

THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE

LEARN THEIR NAMES



WALTER DAVID EHLERS

Landing on Omaha Beach as part of the 1st Infantry Division, Walt Ehlers received the Medal of Honor for his actions on June 9–10, 1944, as he continually took the lead position in his squad and drew enemy fire toward himself.

HEAR THEIR STORIES



LLOYD MANGRUM

Professional golfer Lloyd Mangrum had the chance to complete his military service on the golf course at Fort Meade. He refused the offer and entered combat in Normandy in July 1944. He received two Purple Hearts during his service.

STAND WHERE HISTORY WAS MADE



NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY

Situated on a bluff above Omaha Beach, the Normandy American Cemetery is the final resting place of 9,387 Americans who gave their lives to defeat Nazi Germany.

FEATURED GUESTS FROM THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM

PRESIDENT & CEO THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM

STEPHEN J. WATSON

Stephen Watson, the grandson of a British WWII fighter pilot and a veteran New Orleans marketing executive, is a longstanding member of the Museum's leadership team, playing a major role in strategic decisions as well as daily administration. Born and raised in Scotland, Watson attended the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, where he began studying for a joint degree in Management and Economics. He relocated to Louisiana in 1994 as a result of a cross country scholarship and earned his MBA and BS from Nicholls State University. Having held previous positions of Development Director and Membership Manager at 89.9 WWNO, the NPR affiliate radio station for New Orleans and Southeast Louisiana, Stephen Watson served in multiple positions at the Museum before becoming President and CEO in January 2014.



FEATURED HISTORIAN, AUTHOR, AND D-DAY EXPERT

JOHN C. MCMANUS, PhD

John C. McManus, PhD, is Curators' Distinguished Professor of US military history at the Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T). As one of the nation's leading military historians, and the author of 14 well-received books on the topic, he is in frequent demand as a speaker and expert commentator. In addition to dozens of local and national radio programs, he has appeared on CNN.com, Fox News, C-Span, the Military Channel, the Discovery Channel, the National Geographic Channel, Netflix, the Smithsonian Network, the History Channel, and PBS, among others. He also served as historical advisor for the best-selling book and documentary *Salinger*, the latter of which appeared nationwide in theaters and on PBS's *American Masters* series. His current project is a major three-volume history of the US Army in the Pacific/Asia theater during World War II.



OUR FEATURED GUEST – WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME MEMBER

LANNY WADKINS



Lanny Wadkins lines up his putt during the Masters Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club on April 10th, 1983. Photo Credit: Augusta National / Getty Images



Lanny Wadkins during the first round of the 2013 Senior PGA Championship at Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis, Missouri. Courtesy of Cal Sport Media / Alamy Stock Photo

Lanny Wadkins has had the kind of career that history is made of. He joined the PGA TOUR in 1972 and immediately made his presence felt by being named Rookie of the Year. An aggressive player and creative shot-maker, he has won at least two tournaments in the same season seven times in his career. In 1985, Lanny won three tour events and was honored as the PGA Player of the Year.



Lanny Wadkins as US Ryder Cup Team Captain on January 24, 1996. Courtesy of Allstar Picture Library / Alamy Stock Photo

Lanny has 27 career wins in a span of 21 years. In the fall of 1993, Lanny received one of golf’s greatest honors. After his selfless showing in the Ryder Cup matches earlier in the year, Wadkins was named Captain of the 1995 US Ryder Cup Team. Lanny was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2009.

Lanny Wadkins was born in Richmond, Virginia, and currently resides with his wife Peni in Dallas, Texas.

CAREER WINS

2000	ACE Group Classic
1992	Greater Hartford Open
1991	Hawaiian Open
1990	Anheuser-Busch Classic
1988	Colonial
1988	Hawaiian Open
1987	Doral Ryder Open
1985	Disney/Olds Classic
1985	Los Angeles Open
1985	Bob Hope Desert Classic
1984	World Championship
1983	Tournament of Champions
1983	Greater Greensboro Open
1982	Tournament of Champions
1982	Buick Open
1979	Phoenix Open
1979	Bridgestone-Japan
1979	Players Championship
1979	Los Angeles Open
1978	Canadian PGA Championship
1978	Garden State PGA Championship of Victoria
1977	World Series of Golf
1977	PGA Championship
1973	USI Classic
1973	Byron Nelson Classic
1972	Sahara Invitational

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

1995	Named Captain, 1995 Ryder Cup Team. Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame
1985	Seagram Sports Award
1982	PGA Tour vs. Japan
1977, 79, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93,	US Ryder Cup Team
1970, 71	Collegiate All-American
1970	World Amateur Cup Team
1977, 84, 85	World Cup Team
1969, 71	US Walker Cup Team
1970	US Amateur Champion



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*When booked by June 6, 2023. \$239 taxes and fees per person are additional.

ROME ITINERARY

Thursday / September 28, 2023

Individual arrivals into Rome Fiumicino Airport (FCO). Transfer to the Grand Hotel Plaza Rome. Enjoy a Welcome Reception and Dinner with Lanny Wadkins and the rest of the group.
Accommodations: Grand Hotel Plaza Rome (R, D)

Friday / September 29, 2023

After breakfast at the hotel, head out to Day 1 of the Ryder Cup at Marco Simone Golf & Country Club. Enjoy Garden Access. Positioned between the Ryder Cup Fan Village and the 9th fairway, The Garden offers a great place to take a moment to relax between rounds. The Garden includes a Grounds Pass and access to two indoor spaces with private facilities surrounded by a shaded garden area, providing a perfect base for the day. This evening, dinner and discussion of day’s matches with Lanny Wadkins will excite and prepare for day two.
Accommodations: Grand Hotel Plaza Rome (B, D)

Saturday / September 30, 2023*

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before heading to Marco Simone Golf & Country Club for Day 2 of the Ryder Cup, with Garden Access. A lively discussion this evening with the group is a prelude to the third and final day of matches. *Alternately, tour the Anzio Beachhead Museum, the Caves of Aprilia, and the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery to gain a more comprehensive appreciation of one of the most vicious campaigns of World War II.
Accommodations: Grand Hotel Plaza Rome (B, D)

Sunday / October 1, 2023

Return to Marco Simone Golf & Country Club for Day 3 of the Ryder Cup, with Garden Access. Relax this evening, enjoy dinner on your own and prepare for travel to France.
Accommodations: Grand Hotel Plaza Rome (B)



Aerial View of Pointe du Hoc, Normandy



German gun battery at Longues-sur-Mer



The Higgins Memorial, Utah Beach



Pegasus Bridge

NORMANDY ITINERARY

Monday / October 2, 2023

After breakfast in Rome, board a privately chartered flight to Caen, France, then transfer by luxury motorcoach to Bayeux. Bayeux is a medieval city full of fascinating history and natural beauty. It is perhaps most famously known for being the site of the Bayeux Tapestry, a 230-foot-long embroidered cloth which tells the story of the 1066 Norman conquest of England. Enjoy lunch on your own, then visit the Tapestry Museum, and then marvel at the Gothic architecture of the 12th-century Bayeux Cathedral from the crypt to the spires on a guided tour. Check-in to Château d'Audrieu this afternoon, then enjoy dinner on your own.

Accommodations: Château d'Audrieu (B)

Tuesday / October 3, 2023

Today's tour of Normandy begins where the first shots of the invasion were fired by British glider troops at the crucial Pegasus Bridge. Guests learn about Major John Howard and his men of the "Ox and Bucks" and how they were able to secure and hold the bridge. The drives along the British and Canadian sectors (Gold, Juno and Sword Beaches) become the backdrop for the stories of landings that took place to the east of the American assaults. In Arromanches, an exploration of the remains of a "Mulberry harbor" offers insight into this great feat of engineering and ingenuity. Following free time for lunch and exploration in the village, a trip up the commanding bluff culminates with a viewing of Cinema Circulare 360 and a visit to the German gun battery at Longues-sur-Mer. This evening, featured historian John McManus joins the group for dinner and a presentation on the next day's touring.

Accommodations: Château d'Audrieu (B, D)

Wednesday / October 4, 2023

Travel along rural lanes, past hedgerows, and over causeways to La Fièvre, where the 82nd Airborne fought off four days of attacks from German troops trying to retake this strategic bridge. During today's drive both the battlefield guide and the Museum's exclusive oral history collection offer personal stories from the men who fought on the frontlines. On arrival in Sainte-Mère-Église, the famous crossroads town where American paratroopers landed during the predawn hours of D-Day, tour the Musée Airborne and visit the church made famous in the film *The Longest Day*. After lunch on your own in Sainte-Mère-Église, continue this afternoon to Brécourt Manor, where Dick Winters and some of his men from "Easy Company" launched the assault on German guns portrayed in the book and miniseries *Band of Brothers*. The day's touring concludes with a visit to the Utah Beach Museum, which includes the story of the exemplary leadership of General Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., during the landings. Relax this evening back at the chateau.

Accommodations: Château d'Audrieu (B, L)

Thursday / October 5, 2023

Tours along Omaha Beach begin after breakfast with visits to St. Laurent-sur-Mer and Vierville-sur-Mer, providing an up-close view of the intricate German defense system and giving a sense of the overwhelming odds the American soldiers faced on that first day. Stories of individual acts of heroism that helped the Americans win the day at "Bloody Omaha" bring to life the challenges faced and conquered by the Allies. The group enjoys a picnic lunch en route to Pointe-du-Hoc, where the story of the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaling the cliffs to neutralize this heavily fortified German position is told. The last full day in Normandy culminates with Colleville-sur-Mer and the Normandy American Cemetery, with an opportunity to pay respects to the 9,387 Americans buried in the ground they helped liberate. The day concludes with a special "Farewell to Normandy" dinner.

Accommodations: Château d'Audrieu (B, L, R, D)



Aerial view of Falaise town

Friday / October 6, 2023

After breakfast, the group departs Normandy and begins the trip back to Paris. Focusing on the concluding battles of the Normandy Campaign, the first stop is in Falaise, which lends its name to the Falaise Pocket, where the Allies began a move to encircle the Germans. Traveling south from the city, traverse the infamous Corridor of Death, where the awful scenes of the routed Germany army were on display for several months as dead bodies and wreckage covered the landscape. Memorial de Montormel on Hill 262, where the Poles held off a desperate German counterattack commemorates the closing of the pocket and offers an incredible view across the landscape, and the perfect vantage point for recounting these final battles. Upon arrival at the Sheraton Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

Accommodations: Sheraton Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (B, L)

Saturday / October 7, 2023

This morning, bid farewell to France and return to Charles de Gaulle Airport at leisure for individual journeys home. (B)

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- 9-night journey with 5-star accommodations in Rome and Bayeux
- 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners, 2 receptions
- Full-time logistical tour manager, local battlefield guides, and guest speakers
- Private charter flight from Rome to Caen
- Private, first-class, air-conditioned motor coach transportation
- VIP access to WWII sites & cultural attractions
- 3-days admission to 2023 Ryder Cup
- Video oral history presentations from the Museum collection
- Personal listening devices on all included excursions
- Included gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, and servers
- Beer, wine, and soft drinks with included lunches and dinners
- Informative map book including useful battlefield maps and archival images to be throughout your journey
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