



80TH ANNIVERSARY
EXCLUSIVE ENHANCED
TRAVEL PROGRAM

EASY COMPANY: England to the Eagle's Nest

September 2-15, 2024

Featuring *Band of Brothers* Actors



James Madio



Frank John Hughes



Ross McCall



Rick Gomez

Aldbourne • Portsmouth • Normandy • Eindhoven • Arnhem • Bastogne • Clervaux
Luxembourg City • Haguenau • Dachau • Berchtesgaden • Zell am See



Stephen J. Watson

Dear Friend of the Museum,

The story of Company E, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, continues to inspire people across the world. Their remarkable story of brotherhood and determination, as told by Museum founder Stephen Ambrose in his book and the accompanying HBO miniseries *Band of Brothers*, is a testament to the American spirit. Their legacy is now carried

on in part by the actors who portrayed these courageous soldiers. In 2024, we are honored host James Madio, Rick Gomez, Ross McCall, and Frank John Hughes on an exclusive travel program marking 80 years from Easy Company's combat in Normandy, the Netherlands, and the Ardennes.

The veterans of Easy Company have always held a special place in New Orleans. From the founding of the Museum to their subsequent trips, there was always something special about their visits. For the actors who had the opportunity to meet the veterans, it became evident that researching their roles in *Band of Brothers* was no ordinary project. It was the start of a friendship and the beginning of a new legacy. In 2022, when the Museum hosted a symposium featuring more than 30 members of the cast and crew from the mini-series, we once again shared in the stories of the veterans. We cheered, we applauded, and we were overcome with emotion as we reminisced over the course of the day.

In Europe, you will feel the legacy of Easy Company. As you travel from Sainte-Mère-Église to the coast, you will be following a similar route to one taken by Dick Winters and Bill Guarnere after their landing. At Brécourt Manor, you will stand along the hedgerow that obscured the four German guns taken out in Easy Company's most famous D-Day battle. From the Bois Jacques, you will stand near the foxholes and gaze at the 200 yards of field leading to the town of Foy. Your final stops in Austria and Zell am See will give you a chance to reflect on the long journey taken by Easy Company—one that started in Toccoa, Georgia, and ended near the homes of the Nazi's most senior leadership. You'll come away with a greater understanding and appreciation for the accomplishments of Easy Company and the American soldier overall.

I hope you'll join us in the company of four outstanding individuals who carry on Easy Company's legacy.

Sincerely,

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



Cover Photo: Aerial view of Nijmegen with Saint Stephens Church, surrounding buildings, and "A Bridge Too Far" in he background at dusk. Courtesy of Westend61 GmbH/Alamy. Background Photo: Aerial view of Kehlsteinhaus, Hitler's Eagles Nest.

Travel in the company of original cast members
from the award-winning HBO miniseries *Band of Brothers*.



James Madio

Actor, T-4 Frank Perconte

Born and raised in the Bronx, New York, James “Jimmy” Madio is one of seven children. At the age of 13, on his very first audition, Madio landed a role in the Steven Spielberg family adventure *Hook* and never looked back. Madio’s big break as a young actor then came when he co-starred with Leonardo DiCaprio and Mark Wahlberg in the highly acclaimed film *The Basketball Diaries*. After a number of independent roles, Madio found himself once again on another Spielberg set, this time as a lead cast member in the Emmy Award-winning HBO

miniseries *Band of Brothers*. His portrayal of WWII hero Sgt. Frank Perconte would become a turning point in Madio’s career, putting him in the national and international spotlight in a timeless piece that continues to air today. Moreover, Madio continues to support troops by speaking at WWII veteran engagements around the world. Currently, Madio’s career has extended to behind the camera, having acted, produced, and written several award-winning independent projects (both features and shorts). His voice can also be heard in the DreamWorks animated movie *Shark Tale*, and on the *Call of Duty* video game franchise.



T-4 Frank Perconte



Frank John Hughes

Actor, SSG William J. “Wild Bill” Guarnere Sr.

A native of the Bronx, Frank John Hughes studied jazz composition at the Berklee College of Music in Boston before moving back to New York City to study acting. At 19, he was the youngest member ever to be given lifetime membership at the renowned Actors Studio. After numerous stage productions, Hughes worked steadily in the New York independent film scene. Since then, he has appeared in nearly 100 films and TV shows, including *Bad Boys*, *Mr. Vincent*, *Catch Me If You Can*, *Band of Brothers*, *24*, *The Sopranos*, *Law & Order*, and *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. In 2011, Hughes

wrote and co-starred with Rick Gomez in the film *Leave* and also wrote 2012’s *The Dark Tourist* starring Michael Cudlitz. 2013 saw Hughes’ script *Pox Americana* make the prestigious Black List. Since then, he has written 10 studio films, including projects for Tom Hanks, Tom Hardy, and Denzel Washington. This year, Hughes portrayed Frank Sinatra in the Paramount+ series *The Offer* directed by Dexter Fletcher and will next be seen as Mike Marino in the upcoming film *Pep*, produced by Leonardo DiCaprio’s Appian Way and starring James Madio.



SSG William J. “Wild Bill” Guarnere Sr.



Ross McCall

Actor, T-5 Joseph D. Liebgott Jr.

Ross McCall is an actor, a writer, and a producer. He has produced four feature films, including the award-winning, *About Us*, which he also wrote, and made his directorial debut with his script *A Violent Man*, which hit the top five on Netflix. His scripts have sold at ABC, Warner Brothers, and Wonderland Sound and Vision. He became known in the United States after his work as Cpl. Joseph Liebgott in the critically acclaimed HBO miniseries *Band of Brothers* for producer Steven Spielberg and executive producer Tom Hanks. His TV credits include *Suspicion*, *The Offer*, *CSI: NY*, *Bones*, *Ghost*

Whisperer, *Crash*, *Luther*, *Castle*, *24*, *Lucifer*, *Fear the Walking Dead*, and played and *White Collar*, playing Matthew Keller. His feature films include *The Good Traitor*, *Tesla* (nominated Best Supporting Actor), *A Walk to Vegas*, *A New York Christmas*, *The Beautiful Ones* (multiple wins for Best Actor), *It’s Not You It’s Me*, *Willed to Kill*, *A Country Christmas*, *AutoMotive*, *In Embryo* (nominated Best Actor), SXSW winner *Green Street Hooligans 1&2*, *Trade Routes*, *Autopsy*, and Robert Zemeckis’ *The Polar Express*, opposite Tom Hanks. McCall continues to work with the conservation group Sea Shepherd, writing and directing the documentary *Grind of the Faroe Islands*, and is a supporter of the elephant rescue center PAWS.



T-5 Joseph D. Liebgott Jr.



Rick Gomez

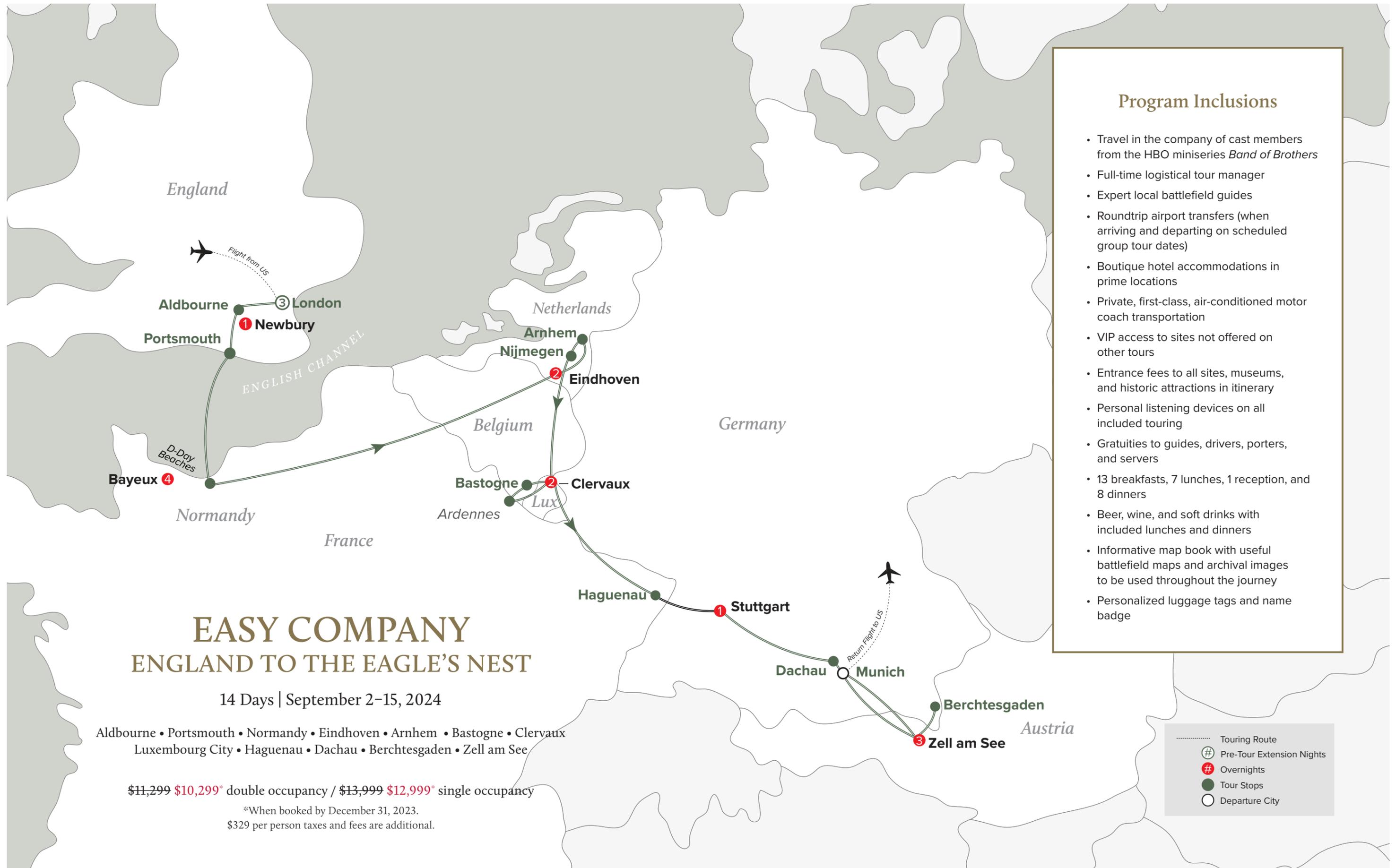
Actor, T-4 George Luz

Rick Gomez has been acting in film and television for the past 30 years. His television credits begin with the cult classic *The Adventures of Pete and Pete*, and his television work went on to include HBO’s Emmy and Golden Globe award-winning miniseries *Band of Brothers* and the J.J. Abrams-produced *What About Brian*. He was in the FX drama *Justified* for six seasons. Some of his film credits include *Ray*, *Sin City*, and *Transformers*. Gomez also writes and directs. His feature *The Week* won Best

Picture at The Sonoma International Film Festival. His short *I’m No Holiday* won the Audience Award at the Alexander Valley Film Festival. And his series *An Uncandid Portrait* premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in 2021. He is also planning his next feature film, *Hot Fruit*.



T-4 Geroge Luz



Program Inclusions

- Travel in the company of cast members from the HBO miniseries *Band of Brothers*
- Full-time logistical tour manager
- Expert local battlefield guides
- Roundtrip airport transfers (when arriving and departing on scheduled group tour dates)
- Boutique hotel accommodations in prime locations
- Private, first-class, air-conditioned motor coach transportation
- VIP access to sites not offered on other tours
- Entrance fees to all sites, museums, and historic attractions in itinerary
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, and servers
- 13 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 1 reception, and 8 dinners
- Beer, wine, and soft drinks with included lunches and dinners
- Informative map book with useful battlefield maps and archival images to be used throughout the journey
- Personalized luggage tags and name badge

EASY COMPANY ENGLAND TO THE EAGLE'S NEST

14 Days | September 2–15, 2024

Aldbourn • Portsmouth • Normandy • Eindhoven • Arnhem • Bastogne • Clervaux
Luxembourg City • Haguenau • Dachau • Berchtesgaden • Zell am See

\$11,299 ~~\$10,299~~* double occupancy / \$13,999 ~~\$12,999~~* single occupancy

*When booked by December 31, 2023.
\$329 per person taxes and fees are additional.

- Touring Route
- Ⓝ Pre-Tour Extension Nights
- Ⓝ Overnights
- Tour Stops
- Departure City



Photo: Cottages and St. Michael's parish church on the village green.



Photo: Veteran Bill Guarnere, the sergeant in charge of the real "Band of Brothers," visiting the set of the TV series in Hatfield, Hertfordshire, England. Courtesy of Jonathan Player/Alamy.



William J. "Wild Bill" Guarnere Sr
D-Day

The night before D-Day, Guarnere found out that his brother had been killed at Monte Cassino, Italy. After jumping into Normandy, he was separated from his company, and later successfully regrouped with the rest of the company. The unit encountered a German patrol and ambushed it, affording Guarnere his revenge for the loss of his brother at Monte Cassino.



Photo: Robin Laing (Edward "Babe" Heffron) and Shane Taylor (Eugene "Doc" Roe) taking a photo in Aldbourne with a group of travelers from Louisiana.



Photo: Aldbourne, England, early 1900s. Courtesy of KGPA Ltd/Alamy.

London Arrivals / Aldbourne, England

Day 1 | September 2, 2024

After individual arrivals into London-Heathrow (LHR), proceed west of London to the training areas of Easy Company. After lunch in Aldbourne, enjoy a walking tour with local villagers and members of the Aldbourne Historical Society, who recount what it was like to welcome Easy Company and other American troops more than 80 years ago. This evening, get to know your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner at the hotel.



Accommodations
The Vineyard Hotel
Newbury, England
(L, R, D)

Photo: View from a ferry arriving at Portsmouth port in the late evening. Photo courtesy of eric laudonier/Alamy.



A hostess in vintage dress greets the tour group at the Golden Lion in Portsmouth. Photo courtesy of The National WWII Museum.



Photo: Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery points something out to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (right) in England. Photo courtesy of Keystone Press/Alamy.

“This tour was, without exaggeration, the best trip I have ever taken! Every possible aspect was taken care of by the tour management, and every day was a good balance of tour stops and down time. Everyone staffing the tour was excellent at their jobs; I really can’t say enough nice things about the tour!”

— Susan S., San Antonio, TX



Tour guests enjoy meeting British veterans in Portsmouth. Photo courtesy of The National WWII Museum.

Portsmouth / Cross the English Channel

Day 2 | September 3, 2024

Enjoy a leisurely morning and breakfast at the hotel, then head south to Portsmouth, the town that served as the launching point for Operation Overlord. Lunch today is classic English pub fare at the Golden Lion, in the picturesque village of Southwick, renowned for the planning of the D-Day landings and the historic location where Eisenhower and Montgomery met. This afternoon, cross the English Channel by ferry with a dinner onboard, and land in Normandy late in the evening.



Accommodations
Ferme de la Rançonnière
Crépon, France
(B, L, D)

PHOTO: Aerial view of Sainte-Mère-Église church, NORMANDY, France.



Photo: Statue of Major Richard Davis "Dick" Winter at Brécourt, Normandy. Courtesy of Roger Goodwin/Alamy.



Photo: Dick Winters, leader in the US Army, led the famed attack on Brécourt Manor on D-Day. Courtesy of the US Army.



Photo: Airborne Museum in Sainte-Mère-Église. Courtesy of Jacek Bakutis/Alamy.

Utah Beach / US Airborne

Day 3 | September 4, 2024

After breakfast, depart for the Utah Beach area to tour the landing beach and visit the Utah Beach Landing Museum. View an original B-26 bomber in the museum's hangar and listen to the oral history of Dick Winters on the second floor of this magnificent museum. Next, take an exclusive tour of Brécourt Manor, made famous by Easy Company's action here on June 6, 1944. In the small town of Sainte-Mère-Église, enjoy lunch independently before visiting the Airborne Museum and the church made famous by the film *The Longest Day*. En route to the hotel, the coach makes a photo stop at the church in Saint-Marie-du-Mont, a town liberated by the 101st. Enjoy dinner with the group this evening.



Accommodations
Ferme de la Rançonnière
Crépon, France (B, D)

Photo: A monument to the 101st Airborne Division in Carentan. Photo courtesy of incamerastock/Alamy.



Photo: La Fièvre by John Snowdon, courtesy of The National WWII Museum.



Photo: American troops keep a wary eye out for snipers as they press on past wrecked buildings in a street in Carentan - August 1, 1944. Photo by Associated Press, courtesy of SuperStock/Alamy.



Joseph Liebgott
Carentan

As Easy Company entered Carentan, the fighting moved house to house. When Liebgott and Edward Tipper reached one house, a blast knocked Tipper back. His legs were broken, and he needed treatment. Liebgott called for medics and helped reassure Tipper until assistance could arrive.



Photo: Tour guests in a C-47 flight simulator at the Dead Man's Corner museum in Carentan.

La Fièvre / Easy Company
in Normandy

Day 4 | September 5, 2024

Today, travel along rural lanes, past hedgerows, and over causeways to La Fièvre bridge, where elements of the 82nd Airborne fought off four days of attacks from German troops trying to retake this strategic bridge. Next, travel to Beuzeville-au-Plain to view the monument to Lt. Thomas Meehan's downed C-47 and hear his story. After an included lunch, learn the story of Easy Company at the important town of Carentan, which linked the Utah and Omaha Beach forces. End the day's touring at the Dead Man's Corner Museum and with a visit to the church at Angoville-au-Plain. This evening, enjoy free time to visit one of Bayeux's many quaint cafés.



Accommodations
Ferme de la Rançonnière
Crépon, France (B, L)

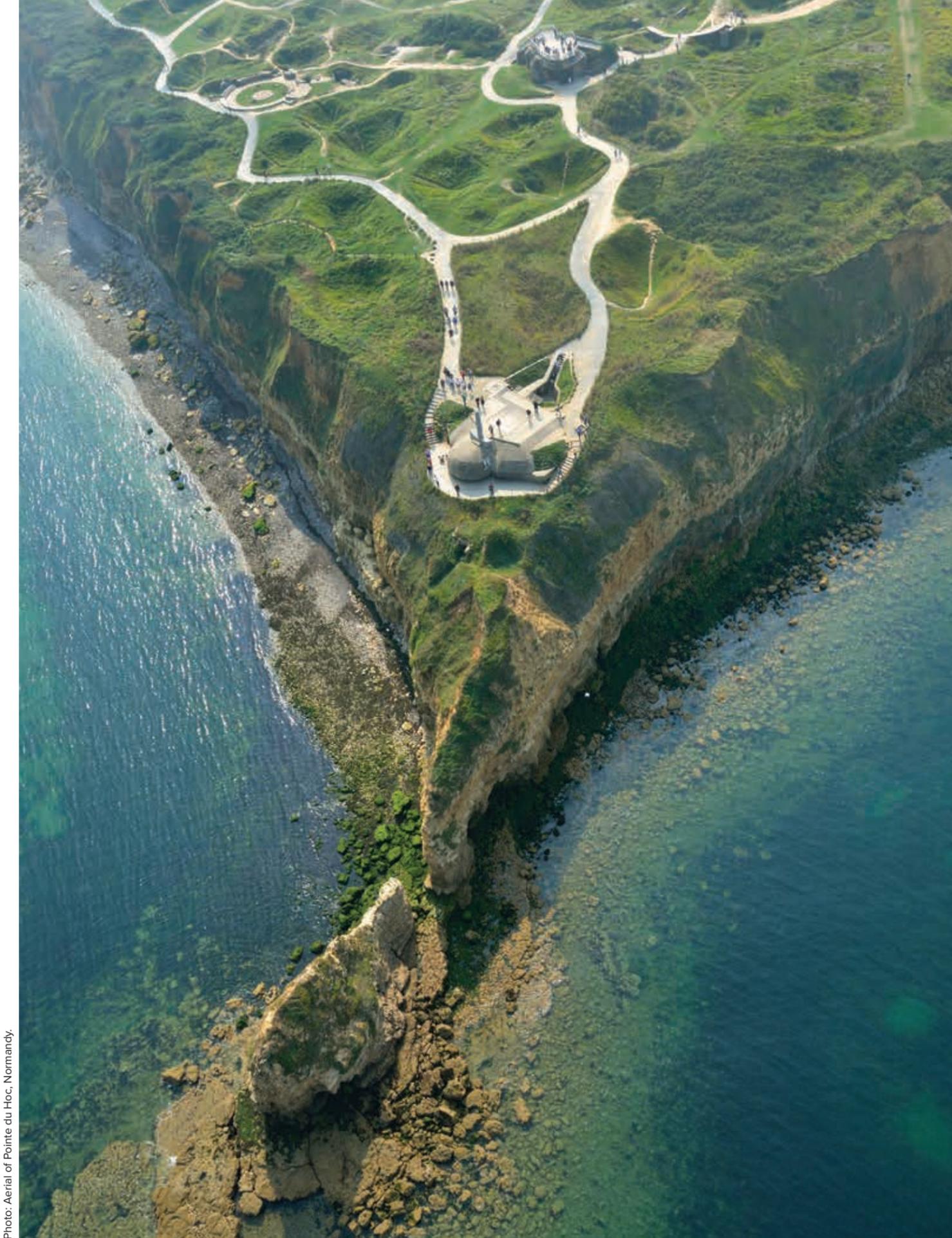


Photo: Aerial of Pointe du Hoc, Normandy.



Photo: Normandy American Cemetery on June 6, 2019, the 75th Anniversary of D-day. Photo by Sarah Kirksey.

“This trip was more than we could have imagined. The National WWII Museum staff, guides, coordinators, and historians really do care about making this more than a tour. Instead, it was an emotional, educational, humbling experience of a lifetime.”

— Kenneth G., Austin, TX



Photo: Tour guests visit the Ranger Memorial at Pointe du Hoc. Photo courtesy The National WWII Museum.



Photo: Allied soldiers on D-Day, June 9, 1944, Normandy, France. Courtesy of MGPhoto76/Alamy.

Pointe du Hoc / Omaha Beach Normandy American Cemetery

Day 5 | September 6, 2024

On the final day in Normandy, touring is devoted to the ground troops who came ashore in the Omaha Beach area. First, visit Pointe du Hoc, where Army Rangers faced tough odds coming ashore and scaling the imposing 100-foot cliff. Next, visit Dog Green Sector of Omaha Beach where A Company, 1st Battalion, 116th Infantry of the 29th “Blue and Gray” Division, landed at “H-Hour” on D-Day. A 250-meter stretch of beach untouched by preliminary bombardments lay in front of them, and they could clearly see German bunkers in the distance. Within 15 minutes, A Company was reduced from an assault company to a small rescue party. These events inspired the opening scenes of *Saving Private Ryan*. After an included lunch overlooking Omaha Beach, spend the afternoon at the Normandy American Cemetery, where more than 9,000 Americans are laid to rest in the ground they helped liberate. Guests will be given time to walk the grounds, visit the small museum, and remember the sacrifices made here. Reflect on the day’s touring during dinner with the group this evening.



Accommodations
Ferme de la Rançonnière
Crépon, France (B, L, D)



Photo: View of Amiens Cathedral.



Photo: Old street clock in front of Amiens Cathedral.

“I enjoyed the menus very much! It’s obvious someone gave a lot of thought to them and showing specialties of each country. We experienced things we never would have on our own and sharing it with new friends was delightful.”
-Annette M., Ruston, LA



Photo: Band of Brothers actors Ross McCall (left) and James Madlo (right) on tour. Photo courtesy Kathleen Lloyd.



Photo: An American soldier is given a warm welcome by an elderly French couple after the town of Saint-Sauveur-le-Vicomte was liberated. Courtesy of Keystone/Getty Images.

Normandy to the Netherlands

Day 6 | September 7, 2024

Bid farewell to Normandy and head to the Netherlands. Along the way, view episodes from the *Band of Brothers* miniseries. Stop in picturesque Amiens, France, a city along the Somme River. Enjoy lunch and independent exploration, with time to visit the Amiens Cathedral, the tallest complete cathedral in France and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Relax on the coach this afternoon. An included dinner at the hotel greets you upon arrival in Eindhoven.



Accommodations
Hotel Pullman Eindhoven
Cocagne
Eindhoven, Netherlands
(B, D)



Photo: Museum tour guests at Schoonderlogt Farm. Courtesy of James Macdio.



Photo: The Nijmegen bridge spanning the River Waal.



Photo: Dutch civilians show members of the 101st Airborne Division the lay of the land September 18, 1944. Courtesy of The National WWII Museum.



Joseph Liebgott
Operation Market Garden

Liebgott was walking through town with his bazooka ready and loaded when a curious Dutch boy ran up and touched it. The bazooka fired straight into the ground, creating a large hole and a great deal of commotion.



Photo Major Dick Winters, Commander, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, at Schoonderlogt, Holland. Courtesy of the Gettysburg Museum of History.

Eindhoven / Arnhem / Nijmegen

Day 7 | September 8, 2024

In September 1944, the Allies launched Operation Market Garden, a daring airborne operation meant to secure crucial Rhine River crossings and advance into northern Germany. Although it ultimately failed to achieve its objectives, the determination and courage shown by the airborne troops and the units that assisted them made Market Garden one of World War II's most famous battles. During today's tour, visit the actual battle sites where Easy Company fought and learn how the 101st Airborne fit into Operation Market Garden at Nuenen, Zon Bridge, and Logtenburg. After lunch, visit Schoonderlogt Farm to see where Dick Winters led the attack at "The Crossroads," the subject of Episode 5 of *Band of Brothers*. Near Arnhem, members of the company helped rescue more than 100 British airborne troops who were stuck behind enemy lines across the Rhine during Operation Pegasus in October 1944. The touring day ends in Nijmegen and "A Bridge Too Far" before returning to Eindhoven where guests enjoy an evening at leisure.



Accommodations
Hotel Pullman Eindhoven
Cocagne
Eindhoven, Netherlands
(B, L)



Photo: Bust of Col. Hurley Fuller in Clervaux, Luxembourg. Courtesy of The National WWII Museum.



Robin Laing and a tour guest share a moment in Netherlands American Cemetery. Courtesy of the National WWII Museum.

“It was an excellent learning experience and wonderful tour of much of Europe. I thoroughly enjoyed it!”

– Jeanne P., Olympia, WA



Photo: The bronze statue “Morning Woman” stands at the entrance of the Margraten American Cemetery. Courtesy of AB Forces News Collection/Alamy.



Photo: Airborne paratroopers fill the sky during Operation Market Garden, Holland, September 1944. From the Collection of The National WWII Museum 2004.311.089

Netherlands American Cemetery / Journey to the Ardennes

Day 8 | September 9, 2024

This morning, guests may choose to take a guided walking tour of Eindhoven, explore the area independently, or relax at the hotel. The optional morning tour includes details on the actions that occurred around Eindhoven, with visits to the Joe Mann Memorial and the Robert Cole Memorial. After lunch at leisure, visit the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten—the only American military cemetery in The Netherlands. A unique aspect of this cemetery is its connection with the Dutch people. Since 1945 members of the local community have adopted the grave sites of the American fallen. They bring flowers to the cemetery and research the life of the service member they adopt as a way to honor their sacrifice. After paying respects to members of Easy Company who are buried there, continue to the medieval market town of Clervaux, Luxembourg, in the heart of the Ardennes. Along the way, the tour guide presents an overview of the Battle of the Bulge—Hitler’s last-ditch effort to defeat the Allies in the west, and the largest land battle fought by the US Army in World War II.



Accommodations
Chateau d’Urspelt
Clervaux, Luxembourg
(B, D)

Photo: A local makeshift memorial dedicated to Easy Company, located in the Bois Jacques Forest in Belgium. Photo by Frank Aymami.



Photo: Edwin Popken leads a group past the foxholes near the German-Belgium border. Courtesy of The National WWII Museum.



George Luz
The Bois Jacques

The German shelling in the Ardennes was intense. In one instance, George Luz was out in the open and ducked for cover in his foxhole. While searching for cover, he passed the foxhole occupied by Warren Muck and Alex Penkala. After the shelling, Luz found that Muck and Penkala's foxhole took a direct hit, killing both men. Muck and Penkala rest in the Luxembourg American Cemetery.



Photo: The Battle of the Bulge Monument, Bastogne. Photo by Frank Aymami.



Photo above: Weary infantrymen of the 110th Regiment, 28th Division, US First Army following the German breakthrough in that area. Photo courtesy of The National WWII Museum.

Battle of the Bulge / Bastogne Bois Jacques

Day 9 | September 10, 2024

This day is dedicated to the heroic defense of the besieged crossroads town of Bastogne as depicted in *Band of Brothers* Episode 6: "Bastogne." Today's visits also include The Battle of the Bulge Monument (formerly the Mardasson Memorial), a monument honoring the memory of the American soldiers wounded or killed during the Battle of the Bulge. Next, a visit to the Bastogne War Museum provides insight into the experiences of the troops during the harsh, cold winter of 1944-45. In the Bois Jacques forest, guests may choose to climb in the foxholes that provided some shelter to Easy Company. Visit the 101st Airborne Museum prior to free time in Bastogne for lunch and perhaps shopping for Belgian chocolates. The evening is at leisure.



Accommodations
Chateau d'Urspelt
Clervaux, Luxembourg
(B)



Photo: Luxembourg American Cemetery.



Gravemarker of Warren Muck, member of Easy Company who was killed during the Battle of the Bulge.

“We didn’t realize that this was a ‘bucket list’ trip until we were on it, but we now tell all of our friends to add it to their own bucket lists. Overall, this was a tremendous experience, from England to Omaha and Utah Beaches and beyond. We must never forget the servicemen, and tours like this will help keep our memories of them and their sacrifices close to our hearts.”

—Janet L., Houston, TX



Photo: General George S. Patton’s grave at Luxembourg American Cemetery.

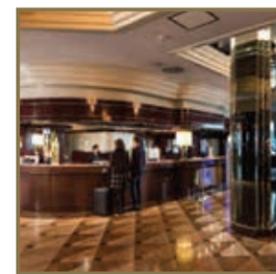


Photo: General George Smith Patton Jr. Courtesy of Shawshots/Alamy.

Luxembourg American Cemetery / Haguenau

Day 10 | September 11, 2024

Before departing the Ardennes, the final stop is at the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial, where guests visit the graves of Easy Company members and of Gen. George S. Patton. Continue to Haguenau for lunch and make a stop the “Last Patrol” of Easy Company, where they held fast against Operation Nordwind, the last major German offensive of the war in the west, for more than a month. Arrive in Stuttgart this evening and enjoy dinner and exploration on your own.



Accommodations
Maritim Stuttgart
Stuttgart, Germany
(B, L)

Photo: Memorial to the "Unknown Prisoner" by Fritz Koelle, Dachau Concentration Camp. Courtesy of imageBROKER / Alamy.



Photo: The guard tower at Dachau Concentration Camp. Courtesy of mauritius images GmbH/Alamy.



Photo: View of prisoners barracks after the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp. Courtesy of Niday Picture Library/Alamy.

Dachau / Zell Am See

Day 11 | September 12, 2024

Located 10 miles northwest of Munich, the Dachau Concentration Camp was established in 1933 to hold political prisoners. Throughout the rest of the 1930s, the camp grew to hold Jews, Roma, Slavs, and more groups deemed unworthy by the Nazis. In 1943, as war raged across the continent, the Nazis constructed more than 150 subsidiary camps near Dachau where prisoners were often worked to death. The terrible conditions in Dachau and throughout the subsidiary camps led to a widespread typhus epidemic by the end of 1944, as the Allied armies were preparing to enter Germany. When the first American troops approached the camp in April 1945, the sight of the prisoners and the living conditions tested even the most battle-hardened soldiers. Episode 9 of the miniseries portrays Easy Company discovering one of Dachau's subsidiary camps at Landsberg. After discussing why World War II was fought, the group heads to the Bavarian Alps, as Easy Company did, for the final chapter of the journey.



Photo: Nicht Vergessen Memorial, Dachau Concentration Camp. Courtesy of Image Professionals GmbH/Alamy.



Accommodations
Grand Hotel Zell Am See
Zell Am See, Austria
(B, D)

Photo: What remains of the Koksunker in the Obersalzberg (Coal Storage Bunker) storage chambers. Courtesy of Maurizio Fabbroni/Alamy.



Photo: What remains of the Reich Chancellery in the Obersalzberg.



Frank Perconte

After the war

Frank Perconte returned to Joliet, Illinois, and lived a relatively quiet life as a postman. The series sparked newfound fame for Perconte, of which he joked, "So many people are calling me a hero I'm starting to believe I am one."



Photo: An underground bunker connected to the NS-Documentation Centre Obersalzberg. Photo by Peter Kneffel, courtesy of dpa picture alliance/Alamy.



Photo: View of Obersalzberg, Hitler's mountainside retreat. Courtesy of Chronicle/Alamy.

Berchtesgaden / Dokumentationszentrum Obersalzberg

Day 12 | September 13, 2024

Gain a full view of the Berchtesgaden and Obersalzberg area. Your guide will discuss the lives of the Nazi officials who frequented the area and stayed in their picturesque retreats while simultaneously plotting the destruction and oppression of Europe. Visit the former site of the Berghof, Hitler's home that he frequented—unlike the Eagle's Nest. Go underground and view the bunker system that was designed for the protection of the staff but never used. Return to Zell am See for a reception and dinner this evening.



Accommodations
Grand Hotel Zell Am See
Zell Am See, Austria
(B, D)



Photo: Museum tour guests at Hitler's Eagle's Nest. Courtesy of The National WWII Museum.

“We have done over 40-50 major trips in the last 25 years. This ranked in the top 5, perhaps first or second. It had enrichment/knowledge and sightseeing, special insights, great camaraderie among staff and tour members.”

– Joseph M., Jefferson City, MO



Photo: Tunnel leading to the golden lift, the only way into Hitler's Eagle's Nest. Photo by Tony Holland, courtesy of Ajax News & Feature Service/Alamy.



Photo: 101st Airborne at Hitler's Eagle's Nest

Berchtesgaden

Day 13 | September 14, 2024

On the final day of touring, guests take in the spectacular views from Hitler's Eagle's Nest, captured by Allied forces in May 1945. A gift to Adolf Hitler for his 50th birthday in 1939, Eagle's Nest was funded by Hitler's inner circle. Legend says that Mussolini gifted the fireplace to the project. Although a fortune was spent to build the perch, Hitler only made 14 official visits. Return to Zell Am See and reflect on the journey while overlooking the lake featured in the final scenes of *Band of Brothers*.

Zell Am See / Munich

Day 14 | September 15, 2024

Early this morning the entire group transfers together to the Munich Airport (MUC) for individual flights home.* (B)

**Please note that flights should be scheduled to depart no earlier than 12:00 noon. Weather and/or local government and venue conditions may change the final schedule. Each evening you will receive a detailed schedule for the following day, including the timing of meals and tours. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Travel Team.*



Accommodations
Grand Hotel Zell Am See
Zell Am See, Austria
(B, L, D)

Extend Your Journey!

OPTIONAL THREE-NIGHT PRE-TOUR PROGRAM

Churchill's London

\$1,999 double occupancy, \$2,759 single occupancy

\$129 taxes and fees additional per person

Photo: Aerial view of Chartwell, home of Sir Winston Churchill. Courtesy of Skyscan Photolibrary/Alamy.

Program Inclusions

- Three-nights accommodations at the 5-star Rubens at the Palace
- Transfer from London Heathrow Airport (LHR) to the hotel
- Two full days of touring, including all admissions
- 3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 1 Reception
- Beer, wine, and soft drinks with included lunches and reception
- Expert local guide/tour manager
- Private, first-class air-conditioned coach
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, and servers

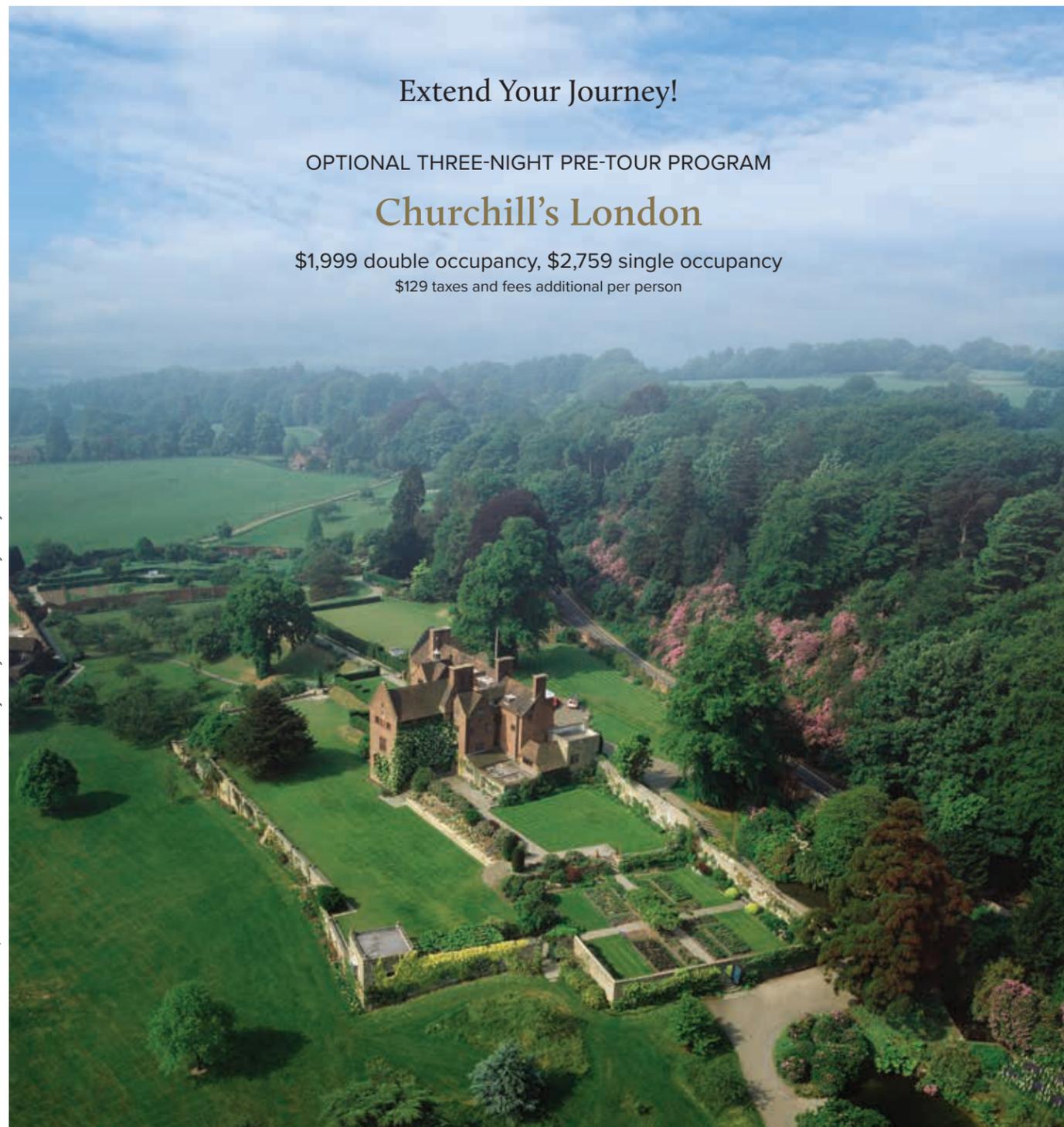


Photo: Churchill War Rooms and Clive Memorial, London. Photo right: Winston Churchill and Captain RP Pim in the Map Room, Whitehall, London, July 1945. Courtesy of Fremantle/Alamy.

Day One – Arrive London

Arrive at London Heathrow Airport (LHR), and transfer to the 5-star Rubens at the Palace Hotel in the heart of London. Relax this evening with dinner and sightseeing at your leisure.

Accommodations: Rubens at the Palace (R)

Day Two – Chartwell

Travel to Chartwell, Sir Winston Churchill's countryside manor. Pictures, books, and personal mementos evoke the career and wide-ranging interests of this great statesman, writer, painter, and family man. Explore the hillside gardens and reflect on Churchill's love of the landscape and nature. They include the lakes he created, Lady Churchill's Rose Garden, and the playhouse built especially for his youngest daughter. After lunch on the grounds of Chartwell, return to London and enjoy an evening on your own.

Accommodations: Rubens at the Palace (B, L)

Day Three – Imperial War Museum and Churchill War Rooms

After breakfast, tour the Churchill War Rooms, which were constructed beneath the streets of Westminster during World War II. This facility served as the underground nerve center where Churchill and his inner circle directed the war in Europe. Enjoy a traditional lunch of fish and chips at a nearby English pub, then take a driving tour of London. Continue to the famed Imperial War Museum for an afternoon of exploration in the exhibits. Imperial War Museum-London is a place to experience the continuing influence of war on the world—an experience that is as compelling and thought-provoking as it is unforgettable. Return to the Rubens this evening for your final night in London.

Accommodations: Rubens at the Palace (B, L)

Day Four – Join the Easy Company Tour

Enjoy breakfast at the Rubens then transfer to Aldbourne to meet the main tour group. (B)

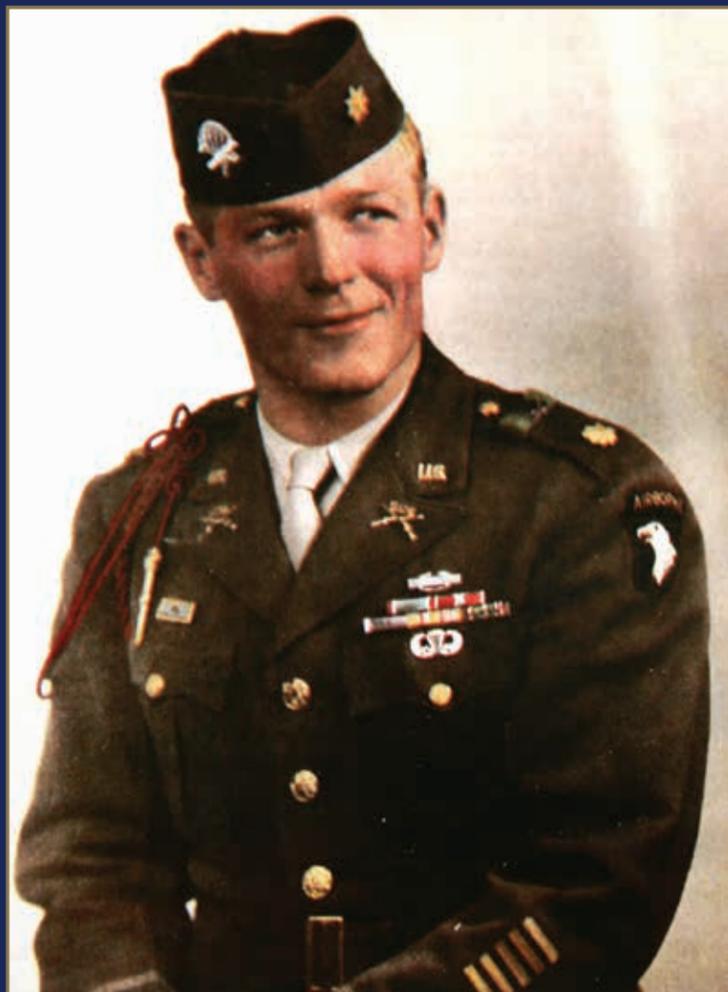


Rubens at the Palace Hotel

London, England

The luxurious Rubens at the Palace Hotel overlooks Buckingham Palace and lies within easy walking distance to Victoria Station. This historic hotel is fully renovated and offers a host of restaurants and bars. The beautifully appointed guest rooms are elegantly furnished with meticulous attention to detail and thoughtful personal touches. Traditional style blends seamlessly with the latest modern amenities, including complimentary Wi-Fi, an entertainment system with interactive TV, a huge selection of on-demand movies, and a music library.

IN REMEMBRANCE



Major Dick Winters
Commander, 2nd Battalion,
506th Parachute Infantry Regiment

1918 – 2011

Distinguished Service Cross,
Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster,
and Purple Heart



Photo: Members of the Easy Company including Major Dick Winters, Commander, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 1945. Courtesy of Photo 12/Alamy.

Through Their Eyes

Remembering Easy Company, 506th Parachute
Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne

Richard “Dick” Winters began his association with the 101st Airborne Division’s 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment as a platoon leader in Easy Company. By war’s end, he commanded the 506th’s 2nd Battalion, which included his old company. Although the attrition of war played a part in Winters’ rapid advance through the ranks, it was his superb leadership and ability to complete tough assignments that endeared him to the men under his command. The men of Easy Company who survived the war attribute their survival to many things, and the leadership of Dick Winters is always near the top of the list.

Easy Company: England to the Eagle’s Nest visits sites that Winters and his men made legendary, including Brécourt Manor, where they knocked out a battery of German 105’s on D-Day; “The Crossroads” in the Netherlands where they took on a force many times their size; Foy, on the outskirts of Bastogne, where they endured hell from both the Germans and Mother Nature; the site of the “Last Patrol” in Haguenau; and finally, the Eagle’s Nest near Berchtesgaden, where the men of Easy Company enjoyed Hitler’s famous mountain retreat at the end of the war.

Itinerary Accommodations



Settle in to hand-selected boutique hotel accommodations each evening of your journey. Learn the historical significance of these properties along the way and indulge in the unique local cuisines of each country you visit.



Luxury Double Room

THE VINEYARD HOTEL

Newbury, England, *One Night*

A luxury five-star hotel and spa in Berkshire with a 30,000 bottle wine cellar and fine dining restaurant with impeccable service. The elegant, classic-style rooms all include flat-screen TVs and free WiFi, and have minibars and tea and coffee making facilities.



Exterior

FERME DE LA RANÇONNIÈRE

Crépon, France, *Four Nights*

This charming inn is located in an ideal location to explore the beaches of Normandy and the surrounding area. Less than 10 kilometers away from the coast, rooms are decorated in an authentic regional décor and will leave you with a lasting impression of your stay. Traditional French cuisine in a lovely setting, beautiful grounds, and a full-service bar are only a few amenities of this idyllic historic property.



Restaurant

HOTEL PULLMAN EINDHOVEN

Eindhoven, Netherlands, *Two Nights*

This beautiful 4-star hotel is located in the charming heart of Eindhoven just opposite the luxury De Heuvel shopping center. The Pullman Eindhoven Cocagne is well-known for their Vestdijk 47 restaurant & bar. Rooms are spacious and include complimentary Wi-Fi, minibar, high-definition television, in-room safe, and room service.



Exterior

CHATEAU d'URSPÉLT

Clervaux, Luxembourg, *Two Nights*

This 18th-century castle turned luxury hotel and spa is located just outside Clervaux, Luxembourg. Refined rooms provide Wi-Fi, flat-screens, minibars, and tea and coffeemakers. Enjoy a fine-dining restaurant, pool and terrace, plus a cozy bar set in a cellar.



Lobby

MARITIM HOTEL STUTTGART

Stuttgart, Germany, *One Night*

This beautiful hotel located right next to Hoppenlau Park showcases three restaurants, a café, piano bar, and an exclusive wellness area with swimming pool, fitness area, and beauty lounge. Guests enjoy seasonal and regional delicacies at the Reuchlin Restaurant, discover the popular Swabian “Maultasched” (filled pasta) at Café Espresso, and imbibe in a generous selection of cocktails in the Pianobar. Recently renovated in 2016, each room boasts a modern bathroom design including a rain shower with digital temperature settings.



Exterior

GRAND HOTEL ZELL AM SEE

Zell Am See, Austria, *Three Nights*

At the end of the war, Grand Hotel Zell Am See was occupied by US forces for ten years and is best known as the hotel where the *Band of Brothers* spent time. Today, it is the perfect end to a pilgrimage honoring Easy Company. This superior four-star hotel is located in a unique location on a private peninsula directly on the shore of Lake Zell. In existence for more than 120 years, it provides the highest level of *Gemütlichkeit*, or regional hospitality, to our guests. A farewell dinner at this breathtaking property provides an excellent end to your tour.

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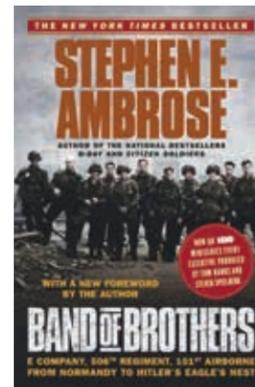
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Stephen Ambrose's IBM® Selectrics Electric Typewriter

Dr. Ambrose used this typewriter while he was a professor at the University of New Orleans. Many of his books were written on this typewriter.

Stephen and Moira Ambrose Collection, 2006.030

New York Times Best Seller, Band of Brothers by Stephen E. Ambrose.



Band of Brothers Golden Globe Award

This award was bestowed by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association for best made-for-television miniseries or film in 2001.

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Band of Brothers Emmy Award

The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences presented Stephen Ambrose this award for outstanding miniseries. Ambrose was co-executive producer for the adaptation of his book into the 10-part HBO miniseries that premiered in 2001.

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Photo: Members of Easy Company celebrating V-E Day in Berchtesgaden.

