

**What additional costs are there?** Your extra expenses will be for 4-5 dinners and lunch stops en route between attractions. Alcoholic beverages are not included. We advise an additional \$300 - \$400 US will be out of pocket.

**What about getting money to use in each country?** The Euro is the standard currency in the countries where we travel. You can exchange US currency at AAA or perhaps at your bank.

**Are there ATMs?** Yes. ATMs are widely available in Western Europe. We encourage you to consider a preloaded Debit card which can be purchased at your bank or AAA or at most international airports. If this card is lost or stolen, only the preloaded amount is at risk. If you lose your bank debit card, personal information and funds might be compromised.

**Are credit cards accepted in Europe?** VISA and Mastercard are widely accepted. Discover and American Express are frequently not accepted.

**Some tours are "all-inclusive." Why aren't all meals included?** You will have freedom of choice to try a cafe, restaurant or pub that fits your budget and culinary interest. Maybe the local pizza place will be just what you want! (Do you really want to have every meal with the same 20 - 30 people for twelve days in a row?)

**How much free time is there?** Very little. You will marinate in military history - days are full - generally part of the day is inside while much of the day will be outside at battlefields, landing zones, beaches, cemeteries. While some tours stop at the monuments, memorials and museums, we take you beyond the brick and mortar, to hallowed ground ....along the hedgerows, beside the canals, on the beaches, in the foxholes.

**Will I need a VISA?** Currently, VISAs are not necessary for any of our Western European tours. If you opt to extend a tour, the country requirements for a VISA can be checked on the State Department website. <http://travel.state.gov/>

**What's the dress code?** Jeans, golf shirts, long sleeve rugby shirts, sweaters and sweatshirts, khakis are the norm. Golf shorts are welcome for summer tours. Layers are necessary even in summer, especially on tours including Eagle's Nest which sits at 9,000 feet in the Bavarian Alps. No dress clothes are necessary. Leave your "bling" and valuables at home!

**What type of footwear is needed?** Two pairs of comfortable, sturdy walking shoes or "light" hiking shoes are advised. Athletic shoes are also acceptable. Terrain is uneven at times and you will scrape "debris" from the soles of your shoes.

**What about food and water?** We choose menus that offer authentic selections of each country. We do not offer a selection for special diets, but please let us know any requirements you have and we will accommodate. Tap water is safe to drink.

**How many pieces of luggage are permitted?** Due to motor-coach limitations, each passenger may bring one large suitcase weighing no more than 50 lbs. Bring a backpack that can be brought on the motor-coach with you each day.....great for holding maps, itinerary, medication, rain gear, books, binoculars, camera.

**What electricity requirements are there?** Both an electrical converter and a plug adapter are necessary. Check your local AAA or electronics or luggage store for converters and adapters that are bundled together and are usable worldwide.

**What are the hotels like?** We choose 3/4 Star properties, some with historical significance. All hotels have private baths. Many do not have air conditioning and most do not have screens on windows. This is standard in much of Western Europe. We "repeat" in hotels that prior travelers have raved about! Some hotels have small fitness centers or pools. All have a lounge and bar. A bountiful European breakfast is included daily.

**I need to stay connected. Will I have WIFI?** Some hotels have FREE WIFI while others have "Hot-Spots" and still others have an hourly or daily charge when you sign in. During the day, you will be too busy touring to "log in" unless you "turn on" international service on your smart phone.

**Will my cell phone work in Europe?** Call your wireless provider and ask about international calling plans and costs that pertain to your phone and contract. You will also need an International Calling Guide from your provider.