



## ***WWII Expedition: In The Footsteps of Major “Dick” Winters The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Market-Garden***

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**September 11 - 25, 2019**

**Land Rate \$4995.000 pp/dbl occ (sngl supp \$995.00) Optional Group Air \$1095.00**

### **Day 1 – September 11**

Departure for Paris

Depart US for overnight travel to Paris. OR choose our non-stop round-trip group air from Newark. Requires \$300.00 deposit. (\$100 non-refundable).  
Group Air Flight Schedule: 9/11/19 Depart IAD (Washington, D.C.) 6:15 PM - 9/12/19 Arrive CDG (Paris) 7:45 AM (local time)

### **Day 2 - September 12 (D)**

Paris

Arrive at CDG airport, Paris. Meet your guide for a half-day city tour of the City of Lights.

Travel along the Champs-Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe, view the Eiffel Tower from the Montparnasse Tower. Join your fellow travelers at the end of the day for a Welcome Dinner and turn in early for a good night’s sleep. Overnight West of Paris.

### **Day 3 – September 13 (B, D)**

Gliders and Float Science

Morning Visit to Pegasus Bridge, site of the glider landings by the British Airborne; the Invasion of Normandy by the Allied forces begins.

Afternoon, travel to Arromanches and the D-Day Landing Museum. This quaint seaside town was a bustling seaport within days of the invasion as “floating harbors” were assembled and offloading of vehicles and equipment began, and continued until the end of the war. Remnants of the concrete “Mulberries” are still visible in the distant surf.

Last stop en route to the hotel, the gun battery at Longues sur Mer. Lodging 1KM from Omaha Beach. Overnight Colleville-sur-Mer.

### **Day 4 - September 14 (B, D)**

Airborne Forces Behind Enemy Lines - Operation Overlord – “No Better Place to Die”

Begin at the D-Day Museum at Utah Beach. Visit the Museum, bookstore, and walk onto the beach. Stop at the Roosevelt Café for lunch and study the hundreds of signatures penned by returning WWII Veterans over the years.

At Brecourt Manor, study the seven sided field and visit the Richard Winters Leadership Memorial. Stop at the church at Angoville au Plain where medics of the 101st treated the wounded, using church pews as makeshift hospital beds, as artillery rained around them.

Afternoon in Ste. Mere-Eglise, view the steeple where paratrooper John Steele dangled helplessly, hoping the retreating Germans would presume him dead. Tour the Airborne Museum which honors the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions.

Finish the day’s explore at the “drop zone” of the 82nd Airborne at La Fiere and the Mederet River. The story is retold at the Iron Mike Statue, honoring the men of the 82nd. Imagine Rommel’s “asparagus” in the surrounding countryside. Overnight Colleville sur Mer.

### **Day 5 - September 15 (B, L, D)**

The Fury of the Cliffs and Dunes – A Final Resting Place

Steps away from the hotel, tour the Overlord Museum.

Visit Pointe du Hoc where the American Second Ranger Battalion, led by Colonel Earl Rudder, climbed the 100’ cliffs in the early hours of D-Day. Step into abandoned German bunkers still partially buried amidst the bomb craters.

Conclude at the Normandy American Cemetery, where 9,387 of our military dead lie buried and the Walls of the Missing contain 1,557 names of those missing in action, presumed dead. The beautiful bronze statue, “Spirit of American Youth,” rises above the hallowed ground, reminding all of the sacrifice given by so many. Admire the granite portico with etchings of the maps and military narrative.

If you are able, follow the pathway through the dunes, to the sands of Omaha Beach, known as “Bloody Omaha.” Gaze up the dunes at the German gun emplacements and understand the grueling ordeal undertaken by those guiding the landing craft and those who landed on the exposed beachfront. The single day casualties on Omaha Beach from June 6, 1944 are estimated at 2,400. At the Interpretive Center for the personal stories... nearby villagers, German soldiers, and American service personnel from medics to generals. Overnight Colleville sur Mer.

### **Day 6 - September 16 (B, D)**

Normandy through Belgium to The Netherlands

Depart Normandy and wind your way toward Holland. Enjoy late afternoon in Eindhoven, which named Major Dick Winters as a “Citizen of Honor.” Enjoy dinner at the hotel. Overnight Eindhoven.

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**Day 7 - September 17** (B, L) The Netherlands – Operation Market-Garden – “Liberation Day” – 101<sup>st</sup> AB DZ  
Morning tour The Wings of Liberation Museum, dedicated to the 101st Airborne. The September 17, 1944 “drop zone” of Easy Company is only a few miles away. The museum provides an exclusive transfer for our group in vintage US WWII military vehicles, recovered and refurbished with great care. Enjoy late lunch at the Café adjoining the Museum. Overnight Eindhoven.

**Day 8 - September 18** (B, L, D) The Netherlands – Operation Market-Garden – 82<sup>nd</sup> AB DZ  
An hour’s drive north of Eindhoven, stand in the Footsteps of Major Dick Winters at Schoonderlogt, which served as headquarters for Colonel Strayer during the Battle of Arnhem. The arch to this farmhouse is the site of the iconic photo of Major Dick Winters, standing with his helmet under his arm.

Midday, visit The Liberation Museum in Groesbeek and the Hall of Honor with names of 150,000 Allied soldiers who died between D-Day and VE-Day. Lunch and Liberation Cake is served in the cafeteria after the museum tour.

Enjoy an early group dinner and the festive mood of “Remember September” celebrations in Eindhoven. Overnight Eindhoven.

**Day 9 - September 19** (B, L) On to Belgium - Northern Flank – The Battle of the Bulge  
At the ABMC cemetery, Margraten, many of the casualties of Operation Market-Garden lie buried. Tributes will be abundant across the cemetery.

Visit the site of the Malmedy Massacre and Baugez Crossroads Museum, which explains the savage attack on unarmed US POWs, that occurred in the field just beyond the museum grounds.

Drive the northern flank of “The Bulge,” heading to Bastogne, stop at a small field of “Dragon’s Teeth,” in decay after 75 years. In Bastogne, the town defended by the 101st Airborne Division during the harsh winter of 1944-45, consider dinner at Le Nuts Café. Overnight Bastogne.

**Day 10 - September 20** (B, L) The “Hole in the Donut”  
Stop at the 101<sup>st</sup> Museum and imagine a bombing raid as you hunker down in the bomb shelter in the basement.

Out of town, in the Bois Jacques, above the village of Foy, walk through the dense forest and stand beside the shallow foxholes and fighting positions dug into the frozen ground by members of 2nd Battalion of the 506th PIR.

Visit the Mardasson Memorial, the Belgian Memorial erected to honor and commemorate the American troops who fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

AFTERNOON “ON YOUR OWN” BACK IN BASTOGNE - grab lunch. Optionally rejoin the group to tour Bastogne Barracks or stay in the village and have an afternoon “on your own” exploring shops and boutiques in Bastogne. Dinner on your own. Overnight Bastogne.

**Day 11 - September 21** (B, L, D) Luxembourg – Southern Flank - The Battle of the Bulge  
Tour the Southern flank of the Bulge. As US troops gained ground in late 1944, the savory scent of their Thanksgiving dinner drifted down the slopes of the “Skyline Drive” to the valley floor, to the cold and desperate German Army, “dining” on canned fish and crackers.

Visit the amazing collection at the National Military Museum of Luxembourg in Diekirch.

Conclude the day paying respects at The American Cemetery at Hamme, Luxembourg. Many who died in the fighting in the Battle of the Bulge are buried here, including E-Company’s Warren “Skip” Muck and Alex Penkala who were killed in their foxhole, a scene in the “Band of Brothers” episode “The Breaking Point.” Although he perished in an automobile accident, Lt. General George S. Patton lies buried here with his men. Overnight Trier.

**Day 12 – September 22** (B, D) Through Heidelberg and On To Munich  
A short breather from WWII history, en route to Munich, enjoy Heidelberg, a beautiful riverside town boasting the oldest university in Germany, and a towering fortress of castles, once guardians of the city. Overnight Stuttgart.

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### Day 13 - September 23 (B) Dachau - “The Final Solution”

The day begins with a reminder of the terror and inhumanity of the Third Reich. While first serving as a “prison for political dissidents” in 1933, after the crafting of the Final Solution, Dachau expanded in 1939 to a capacity of over 11,000 German and Austrian Jews. In its 12 years, Dachau held over 200,000 prisoners, homosexuals, gypsies, and Jews, with estimates that 42,000 died inside its walls. Three chapels – Protestant, Catholic and Jewish – now stand at the end of the “yard” in memory of those who perished.

Late afternoon, enjoy free time in Munich and the Oktoberfest spirit of the city...consider the Hofbrau Haus for an authentic “Bierhall” dining experience. Dinner on your own. Overnight Chiemese.

### Day 14 - Sep 24 (B, D) Bavarian Alps

Climb to 6,000’ to reach Obersalzberg. First, visit the Dokumentation Center, which chronicles the rise of Nazi Germany. Then, “take the Eagle’s Nest” aboard the tram which winds its way up the mountain, around hairpin turns, to Hitler’s mountain retreat “Eagle’s Nest” (weather permitting).

Departing the Alps, enjoy the panoramic views of the German countryside. Pack and ready your belongings for the departure flight, join the group for a Farewell Dinner – reflecting on the trip and remembering and toasting the American forces who liberated Europe. Overnight Chiemese.

### Day 15 - September 25 (B) Trip of a Lifetime

A final breakfast, home to the “States”

Group Air Schedule: Depart MUC (Munich) 10:25 AM Arrive ATL (Atlanta) 2:48 PM (EST Local Time)

Depart ATL (Atlanta) 5:17 PM Arrive IAD (Washington D.C.) 7:00 PM EST

### Battlefields, Bridges, Memorials and Monuments – *here’s a partial list ... expect the unexpected!*

#### Normandy

Major Dick Winters Leadership Monument,  
Pointe du Hoc  
Iron Mike Statue at La Fiere  
Breccourt Manor  
E-Company Memorial  
Navy Monument at Utah Beach  
Big Red One Monument  
Major John Howard Memorial

#### Netherlands

John Thompson Bridge  
LTC Cole Memorial  
Schoonderlogt  
Hall of Honor  
82 AB Memorial of Canopies

#### Belgium

Mardasson Monument  
McAuliffe Square  
Renee Lemaire & August Chivy Graves  
101<sup>st</sup> – Tenth Armored Memorial  
Malmedy Massacre Memorial  
The Bois Jacques

#### Luxembourg

PA 28<sup>th</sup> ID Monument  
Patton’s Grave  
5<sup>th</sup> ID Memorial

#### Germany

Eagle’s Nest  
Excavated Bunkers at Obersalzberg

Inclusions: Cemeteries – Three American Battle Commission Monument Cemeteries - Normandy \* Margraten \* Luxembourg

Museums : Pegasus Bridge Museum, Raineville, FR  
D-Day Landing Museum, Arromanches, FR  
Overlord Museum, Colleville sur Mer, FR  
Interpretive Center, Normandy American Cemetery  
Airborne Museum, Ste. Mere-Eglise, FR  
D-Day Museum at Utah Beach, Ste. Mere-Eglise, FR  
Wings of Liberation Museum, Eindhoven, NE  
National Liberation Museum, Groesbeek, NE  
Baugnez Crossroads Museum, Baugnez, BE  
101st HQ Museum, Bastogne, BE  
National Museum of Military History, Diekirch, LU  
Dachau Concentration Camp, Dachau, DE  
Dokumentation Center, Obersalzberg, DE

Transportation: Vintage WWII Vehicles Battlefield Tour  
Modern European Motor-coach – 15 days

Meals: Breakfast Daily – Lunches – Nine Dinners

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Gratuities Included: Hotel Porters and restaurant staff for meals and services.  
Alcohol: Alcoholic beverages are not included but are available.

Tour Capacity: Minimum of 15 people must be registered 120 days prior to departure or tour may be cancelled. All deposits are refunded or you may transfer to another tour. Individual travel should not be booked until the tour departure is guaranteed.

Air Rates: Independent air travel arrangements are discouraged at the beginning of the tour due to our coach pick-up at CDG. However, you may meet us at our arrival night hotel instead of CDG.

**Travel Protection: Highly suggested. Details at time of deposit or check our website.**

Gratuities not included: (Given in Euros)  
Local Guides/Historians: Recommend 3 - 5 Euros per traveler per day.  
Tour Manager: Recommend 6 – 8 Euros per traveler per day.

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