



VBC WWII Europe Battlefields Tour

August 24 – September 8, 2025

Itinerary

Sunday Aug 24 Depart USA

British Airways Group Air

Pittsburgh to London Heathrow

Sunday, Aug 24, 9:40pm – 10:05am+1

British Airways BA0170

Munich to London Heathrow

Monday, Sept 8, 10:55am – 12:05pm

British Airways BA0949

London to Pittsburgh

Monday, Sept 8, 4:40pm – 7:45pm

British Airways BA0171

Monday Aug 25 Arrival – London Heathrow (LHR)

Most of us will arrive in mid-morning at London Heathrow Airport. Travelers will clear customs and immigration, collect bags, and take hotel shuttle to Hilton London Heathrow Airport. That evening, we will meet our Tour Manager and have a welcome drink and orientation before our Welcome Dinner.

Overnight: London Heathrow Airport

Meals: Dinner

Tuesday Aug 26 – London to Portsmouth

We'll depart from the Hilton Hotel and travel to Portsmouth for a day of touring. We'll visit the D-Day Story Museum and the Landing Craft LCT 7074. We'll have a late Lunch at the Golden Lion, one of Ike's favorite pubs. Evening dinner will be at our hotel, the Holiday Inn Portsmouth.

Overnight: Portsmouth

Meals: Breakfasts, Lunch, Dinner

Wednesday Aug 27 Dockyards Tour & Spinnaker Tower and High Tea

We'll spend the day touring the historic Dockyards and Spinnaker Tower, which offers a perfect view of the D-Day launch area. **We'll take a break for High Tea** before evening at Portsmouth Restaurant. Then, we'll transfer to the Ferry Dock for overnight departure to Cherbourg.

Overnight: Ferry Portsmouth – Cherbourg

Meals: Breakfast, High Tea, Dinner

Thursday Aug 28 Cherbourg – Omaha Beach

Breakfast will be on our own aboard the ferry. We'll arrive at Cherbourg. Early risers might see Cherbourg shrouded morning fog as the coastline as those in D-Day of Operation Overlord saw it. We'll meet our coach and depart to Utah Beach Visitor Center & Museum. We recommend lunch at the Roosevelt Café, which was a German communications bunker on June 6, 1944. After lunch, we'll visit Brecourt Manor and the Easy Company Memorial and the Winters Leadership Monument. We'll continue to Airborne Museum in Ste-Mere-Eglise and to Angoville-au-Plain Church & the 101st Memorial to Medics. We'll end the tour at Dead Man's Corner Museum, which includes movies and flight simulator. Evening dinner will be at the Mercure Omaha Beach Hotel in Bayeux.

Overnight: Mercure Omaha Beach

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Friday Aug 29 Full Day in Normandy

The day starts at the Pointe du Hoc. We'll arrive for the raising of colors. We'll continue to Longues Sur Mer Gun Battery and then to Bayeux, where you will have time for lunch on own (also time for anyone who wishes to visit a small WWII Museum there). We'll then go to the British War Cemetery and the Normandy American Cemetery and see the lowering of the colors.

Overnight: Mercure Omaha Beach

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Saturday Aug 30 Normandy to Eindhoven

After breakfast, we'll load up and hit the road for Eindhoven, Netherlands, driving through northeastern France and Belgium. We'll arrive at Eindhoven and will look both ways before stepping off the bus on to the sidewalk where Dutch people everywhere will be on bicycles. We'll have dinner at Best Western Hotel Nobis Asten, Eindhoven.

Overnight: Best Western Hotel Nobis Asten

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Sunday Aug 31 Eindhoven and the 101st Airborne

We'll spend the morning at the Wings of Liberation Museum being guided by an onsite museum guide. We'll see the Robert Cole Memorial and Paulushof & Overveld Home (LZ for elements of the 101st Airborne), Erde Windmill & church steeple. We'll have a late lunch at B'Oshuy's Café on campus of Wings of Liberation Museum.

Overnight: Best Western Hotel Nobis Asten

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Monday Sept 1 Eindhoven and the 101st Airborne

After breakfast, we'll head out to other Dutch locations, departing north up "Hell's Highway" to Elst and Schoonderlogt estate, Major Dick Winters' HQ during Battle of Arnhem. We'll take the Dike Road to the Memorial to 101st Airborne. We'll also go to Groesbeek to see the Liberation Museum there. We'll have a Group Lunch at the museum, which will include something called "Liberation Cake." We'll stop at grave of John Thompson and see the John Thompson Bridge on our return to Eindhoven

Overnight: Best Western Hotel Nobis Asten

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Tuesday Sept 2 Eindhoven to Bastogne

After breakfast, we'll depart for Margraten American Cemetery. Then, we'll continue to Monschau, on the German border – site of a field of Dragon's Teeth on the Siegfried Line, also known as the Westwall, which ran along the western border of Nazi Germany to Switzerland. We'll have a Group Lunch in Monschau then will continue to Malmedy, Belgium, and visit Memorial and massacre field.

Overnight: Leo Station Hotel Bastogne

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Wednesday Sept 3 Bastogne

We'll spend the morning visiting the Bastogne Barracks Battle of the Bulge Museum followed by a visit to the Bastogne War Museum and Mardasson Monument. We'll have time for lunch on own in museum café. We'll visit the 101st Airborne Memorial and Jacques Woods Drive. We'll end the day with a visit to the 101st Airborne Museum.

Overnight: Leo Station Hotel Bastogne

Meals: Breakfast

Thursday Sept 4 Bastogne – Luxembourg – Heidelberg

Our first stop of the day is the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial, where 5,074 Americans killed in the Battle of the Bulge are buried. We'll then move to the Sandweiler German Cemetery which contains the graves of 10,913 German servicemen from the Battle of the Bulge. We'll travel to Heidelberg, Germany.

Overnight: Hilton Heidelberg

Meals: Breakfast

Friday Sept 5 Heidelberg – Dachau – Munich

We'll travel to Dachau Concentration Camp and spend much of the day touring this grim place. We'll have a Group Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Hilton Munich

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Saturday Sept 6 Heidelberg – Dachau – Munich

We'll travel toward the Austrian border to Obersalzberg for a tour of the World War II Memorial and Educational Center (Dokumentation Center). We'll then travel to the Eagle's Nest located above Berchtesgaden at an elevation of 1,834 meters above sea level.

Overnight: Hilton Munich

Meals: Breakfast

Sunday Sept 7 Munich

The final day will be our free day in Munich. We will gather in the evening for our Farewell dinner.

Overnight: Hilton Munich

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Monday Sept 8 Departure

We will transfer to the airport for our departure flights.

Overnight: Hilton Munich

Meals: Breakfast