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Beyond Band of Brothers Tours brings history to life by giving you the experience of a lifetime, and by honoring the legacy of our heroes.

In the darkest days of the 20th century, our fathers and grandfathers fought in World War II to protect our country and restore liberty to the world. Their fathers fought in the Great War, the “war to end all wars.” Their fathers’ grandfathers, in turn, fought in the Civil War, which first split and then redefined our nation. Their grandfathers rose up and fought against the tyranny of the British Empire so that the United States of America may exist today.

Our mission is to preserve the memory of these men and women, and to ensure that future generations have the chance to learn about and honor the exploits of those American patriots who fought and served in these conflicts that defined history.
Reliability

Beyond Band of Brothers Tours stands out from the crowd. From our guaranteed departures to our secure payment system, you are safe with us.

Beyond Band of Brothers Tours is a Better Business Bureau accredited business with an A+ rating. The BBB determines this rating based on our performance, which they monitor continually.

We encourage you to read what former passengers say about our guaranteed-departure tours on the historytourreviews.com website.

Our secure payment system allows you to shop online with utmost confidence. We accept all major credit cards, helping you earn rewards points, cash back or free airline miles.

In short, you are safe with us!

As a tour operator based in the United States, we carry the mandatory surety bond in five required states. Our Seller of Travel numbers are:

- Florida: ST41755, Iowa: 1517
- Washington: 604380441
- Hawaii TAR: 7938, Hawaii AD: 1404
- California Seller of Travel Reg. No.: 2137010-5

Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.
“From this day to the ending of the world, but we in it shall be remembered; we few, we happy few, we band of brothers; for he today that sheds his blood with me, shall be my brother.”

(Shakespeare: Henry V)

Although these words have made Easy Company famous through the HBO miniseries Band of Brothers, we should never forget that WWII was not won by a single company but by millions of dedicated men and women. In both World War I and II, as well as in the American Civil War and beyond, brothers in arms fought side by side and made history together. It is history that connects centuries, history that connects people and history that sometimes repeats itself.

Our customers, the Beyond Band of Brothers community, are people who want to build a stronger connection with the legacy of our nation, people who want to deepen their knowledge of our shared history and who want to understand the events of the past by gathering experiences first hand. These shared values are the initiator for the camaraderie and friendship that characterizes our tours.
Join Beyond Band of Brothers in supporting Forever Young Senior Vets and make a veteran’s dream come true!

Forever Young Senior Veterans is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in the Memphis, TN area that brings honor, healing, and hope to military veterans of WWII, as well as the Korean and Vietnam wars by granting their unfulfilled dreams, returning them to the places where they fought, and sharing their stories of sacrifice with others.

In just over 10 years, Forever Young has been able to honor over 2,000 veterans and grant more than 300 individual wishes. On 34 Trips of Honor to eight different countries so far, WWII, Korea and Vietnam veterans have found healing from the trauma of combat in Washington D.C., Normandy, Bastogne, Anzio and Pearl Harbor.

Beyond Band of Brothers has been a proud sponsor and partner of Forever Young Vets since 2011. Today, we are asking you to join us in making a difference in the lives of our veterans. We can never truly repay them for their service and sacrifices to our country, but we can give back in a small way by donating to Forever Young and making a veteran’s dreams come true.

Visit our website for more details on how you can support our aging heroes!

A message from our founder

DEAR HISTORY LOVER,

With each new tour season, we at Beyond Band of Brothers Tours strive to broaden our horizons to ensure that we are meeting our travelers’ needs and desires. The continuous interest in our budget tour packages has led us to further increase our offerings for those on a tighter schedule or a smaller budget and those who prefer more control over culinary options. Our 7-day Battle of Normandy on a Budget Tour gives an extensive deep dive formerly only available to passengers of all-inclusive tours. We are also starting our first budget tour in the US with our 7-day A Nation Tested on a Budget Tour. For our history buff passengers travelling with not so inclined partners, we have expanded our R&R tour portfolio with a 5-day Normandy Invasion R&R tour, which visits not only the major sites of the D-Day landings but also breathtaking cultural sites, which were the favorite destinations of soldiers on their R&R leave while serving in Normandy. For the first time, we also offer pre and post season tour dates for those who are more flexible with their time. Finally, we are very excited to take you to the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor with our 8-day Pearl Harbor 80 Tour and our 15(+1)-day Pearl Harbor to the Marianas 80 Tour, where we aim to attend the commemoration of this momentous event that brought the United States into WWII.

Beyond Band of Brothers Tours has been the proud sponsor and partner of Forever Young Vets for almost a decade, helping to grant the wishes of World War II, Korea and Vietnam war veterans, taking them back to their former battlefields. We can never truly repay our veterans for their service and sacrifices to our country, but you can give back in a small way by donating and making a veteran’s dreams come true. See the previous page and visit our website for more details on this exceptional opportunity. We hope you will join Beyond Band of Brothers Tours in supporting our aging heroes!

What sets us apart as America’s favorite historical tour operator is our dedication to ensuring your safety, security and comfort. Because there is no minimum number of participants required, you won’t have to worry about your tour being cancelled. All of our departures are guaranteed, which allows you to book your flights with confidence even far in advance. Another difference Beyond Band of Brothers Tours offers is that our prices do not change with fluctuating gas prices and exchange rates. All taxes and credit card fees are included, and we will never hit you with last minute hidden fees or extra costs. Enjoy hands-on history, instead of lecture hall discussions. We maximize your time at historic sites, learning directly from our local expert guides. With their extensive knowledge and first-hand experience, they bring the sites, battles and stories to life for you.

This exciting brochure you are exploring is only the beginning. We respond quickly to interest and demand, so new departure dates may be added after the publication of this brochure. Check in with us regularly for temporary special promotions we offer throughout the year and keep up with all that is going on at bbob.com.

At Beyond Band of Brothers Tours, we truly believe that the places you visit have the power to change you. When you walk in the footsteps of some of history’s greatest heroes, their spirit lives on in you, which is why we are dedicated to giving you an unforgettable experience and bringing history to life.

Peter Gaal
Founder and CEO
Our Tour Lines

At Beyond Band of Brothers Tours, we know that everyone is different with their own needs and preferences. Whether you are looking for a low-cost, short duration dip into history, a luxurious 5-star experience, a deep-dive into history or a balance between historical and cultural experiences, we have what you are looking for. There is one thing that is given on all our tours – from the moment you book until you end your trip, we will always do whatever we can to make sure you have a great experience.

INCLUDED WITH ALL OUR TOURS

We strive to provide a high level of quality with all our packages, which is why we provide the following with all our tours.

ONLINE ACCESS TO PERSONALIZED MYTRIP ACCOUNT

MyTrip is your one-stop destination for all your tour documents, which you can access online anytime and from any device. A short “to-do list” with clearly defined deadlines guides you through tour preparation and provides you with a place where you can relay vital tour information to us while keeping personal information, such as flight itineraries and passports secure and private. The “tour documents” section is your online tour packet with everything you need before you go, from a list of recommended reading right down to a packing list.

24/7 TOUR MANAGER

Our dynamic, knowledgeable tour managers are with you from your arrival at the airport to departure on the final day. They proactively smooth the way for your entire tour experience. They are there with you at your hotels, dining locations, tour sites and on your bus as you travel from place to place. Their expertise and language skills enable them to give you insider information at each place you visit. Our tour managers stay alert and proactive about the safety and needs of each individual, while bringing travelers of all ages together to make the tour group feel like a family.

TOUR-ASSIST HEADSETS

We use the most advanced technology to provide each of our passengers with the best experience possible. Our tour-assist headsets allow you to explore and roam each site without missing any of the information from your tour guide. The device has a range of 200 feet, so you can snap all the pictures you want without missing out on the wealth of information our guide is sharing.

PRICES AND DEPARTURES GUARANTEED

You will not have to worry about your costs going up unexpectedly. The prices we publish on our website and in the brochure never increase, regardless of economic events. Additionally, all of our departures are guaranteed, meaning there is no minimum number of participants that need to sign up for a given departure date. This means you can book your flight, put in for your vacation time at work, and rest assured that your tour will definitely take place.

HIGH QUALITY MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION

Ride in style in our motorcoaches complete with climate control, video entertainment and extra leg room. Our skilled, professional drivers maximize your tour time by navigating the busiest highways and tightest country lanes, giving you more time at sites and less time subjected to the inflexible scheduling, delays and crowded areas that accompany public transport.

FREE WI-FI ON BUS AND AT HOTELS

For those who want to stay connected, Wi-fi is available at all of our hotels and on all of our buses, so that you can update your friends and family about your trip of a lifetime.

WELCOME DRINK AND TOUR ORIENTATION

First time to the region? New to our tours? Traveling solo? A welcome drink and orientation before your first dinner will give you the chance to get your bearings and learn about what lies ahead on your journey. You can start to get to know your fellow travelers; initiating the camaraderie and friendship that characterizes our tours.

ALL TAXES AND CREDIT CARD FEES

There are no hidden costs with Beyond Band of Brothers Tours. Your tour price (plus single supplement for solo travelers) is the total amount you will pay. We absorb all taxes, credit card fees and surcharges.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS ON FIRST AND LAST DAY OF TOUR

Relax after a long flight and ease your mind knowing that your tour manager will meet you at the airport on the first day of your tour, avoiding extra navigating and expensive taxi fares. Book your flight for after the tour in line with the tour departure time and we will arrange your included transfer to the airport.
Our Budget Tour Packages feature carefully planned and curated itineraries to ensure you get the full historical experience. These tours are designed at a lower cost with the added benefit of more time to explore on your own. These tours still include a 24/7 tour manager. Most entry fees are not included in the price, so you can choose which programs and sites you would like to visit.

### Accommodation

You will sleep soundly each night at our 3-star hotel accommodations. These rooms are a bit smaller than what you are used to in the US, but we do ensure that each hotel room has its own well-appointed restroom with shower, in addition to a superior standard of cleanliness. Each morning begins with a basic breakfast buffet included at the hotel before heading out for the day’s program. Please note, these 3-star hotels will not feature a pool or exercise facilities.

### Meals

Aside from breakfasts at the hotels, meals are not included in our 3-star budget tours. Your tour manager will always be available to make suggestions from the local options, ranging from street food to fine dining restaurants. The tours will break for meals in areas that offer multiple options for you to enjoy. This will allow you to immerse yourself in the cuisine of the region to the extent you want, while still maintaining complete control over how much you spend.

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**1 Glass of Beer/Wine at Lunch and Dinner**

Lunches and dinners offer a chance to taste some of the local specialties. Whether it’s a unique brew or a renowned merlot that floats your boat, the 4-star all-inclusive tour packages make sampling a breeze.

### Local Expert Tour Guides

Our handpicked, trusted local guides are fluent in English and expert historians, who deliver their impressive wealth of knowledge, anecdotes, and local insights with skill that shows their years of research and experience. They always address topics onsite so that you get to experience history where it happened as they guide you to both popular destinations and obscure locations only the locals would know.

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**All Museum Admissions**

Do not worry about availability, wait times, or ticket costs as all museum and site admissions are pre-arranged and included in the cost of our all-inclusive tours.

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**Five-Star Luxury Tour Packages**

Average group size: 20-25 people

Indulge yourself with our upscale 5-star luxury tour packages, which allow you to make your trip truly unforgettable. Enjoy unlimited drinks, unique flavors and fine dining at the best local restaurants then retire to your luxurious hotel room in the evenings and wake up refreshed for another day full of rewarding historical exploration.

### Accommodation

You will sleep soundly in 5-star, luxury accommodations. These hotels offer elegant, spacious rooms, equally impressive bathrooms, concierge service and a deluxe, lavish breakfast, making these hotels a stylish home base for your historical adventure. Our logistics staff works full time to coordinate with these trusted hotel partners to arrange everything from special advance requests to pre-check in for our groups.

### Meals

Our 5-star luxury tours include all meals, starting with first night’s dinner through breakfast on the last day. While efficiency is key at lunch, dinner is a time to sit back and enjoy the cuisine at the area’s finest restaurants.
UNLIMITED NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
You can enjoy as much soda, juice, tea, and coffee as you want with every meal without racking up an unexpected bill. Our 5-star luxury tour packages include unlimited refills on all non-alcoholic beverages, so you can bypass the European custom of no refills.

LOCAL EXPERT TOUR GUIDES
Our handpicked, trusted local guides are fluent English-speakers and expert historians, who deliver their impressive wealth of knowledge, anecdotes, and local insights with skill that shows their years of research and experience. They always address topics onsite so that you get to experience history where it happened as they guide you to both popular destinations and obscure locations only the locals would know.

UNLIMITED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Lunches and dinners offer a chance to taste some of the local specialties. Do not feel confined to the world of beer and wine, some of the areas we visit are well known for their spirits or offer access to delights that are not available at home.

ALL MUSEUM ADMISSIONS
Do not worry about availability, wait times, or ticket costs as all museum and site admissions are pre-arranged and covered in the cost of our all-inclusive tours.

TOUR LINE COMPARISON

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All our tours are marked with an activity level icon, which corresponds to the descriptions here. As every individual is different, please contact us directly to talk over the tour activity level if you have any mobility concerns. You are responsible for judging your own capacity and ability to participate in tour activities without delaying or infringing upon the progress of the trip or the other tour participants. On all our tours, it is necessary for tour participants to be able to get in and out of the bus on their own, which involves climbing 3-4 stairs.

The limited use of a cane, walker or wheelchair may still allow you to participate in our tours, although we ask our participants to be aware that requirements for disability accommodations are different in Europe and the Pacific than in the U.S. We regret we cannot provide passengers with wheelchairs, however we can store manual wheelchairs for those who bring their own, as long as a physically able companion accompanies the tour participant to provide assistance.

1 – LIGHT
Engaging, yet relaxed schedule

An engaging, yet relaxed schedule gives you some free time to rest and a chance to unwind after the flight. These shorter tours (5-8 days) take place in temperate climates during the times of year we visit, minimizing adjustments to weather conditions. No distance walking is required to explore sites on these tours. For those with limited mobility, they are also the easiest to navigate with a wheelchair or walker as most sites are wheelchair accessible. A good example of this kind of tour would be the 5-day Pearl Harbor Tour, set in Hawaii's sunny winter climate, with extra free time to explore and enjoy the sun at easily accessible sites.

2 – MODERATE
Full, yet relaxing days, some free time

On moderate tours we maximize your travel time with a full dawn to dusk schedule, including pockets of free time. These medium-length tours involve a combination of continuous activity and exposure to new time zones, climates, altitudes and large amounts of new information that can be physically and mentally challenging. Although temperatures are usually mild, travelers should always be prepared with both rain gear and sun protection.
The most challenging day will include 3–4 hours of standing and slow-medium paced walking; most days will simply require short walks at multiple sites. Not all sites can be fully accessed by wheelchair because of the natural terrain of untouched historic areas such as battlefields, foxholes in the forest, beaches, and cobblestone streets.

**3 – STRENUOUS**

Full days with some free time

Strenuous tours have medium-long durations (10–21 days) with planned activities from breakfast to dinner and segments of free time along the way. Weather conditions can be more difficult, with heat and humidity that can affect travelers adversely as they adjust to a new climate, altitude and time zone with lots of walking in the open. Many days involve walking and standing for most of the day, often in areas without convenient resting places and on rough surfaces such as battlefields or old city centers. We do not recommend the use of wheelchairs and walkers on these tours, as participation in the tour would be severely limited. Beyond Band of Brothers R&R tour is a good example of this type of tour, with walks through old city centers, castles, and former concentration camps nearly every day.

Medium duration | Rain gear and sun protection suggested | Max 4 hours of slow-medium walking on most days | Limited wheelchair and walker access at some sites

**4 – INTENSE**

Full days with some free time

The most challenging day will include 3–4 hours of standing and slow-medium paced walking; most days will simply require short walks at multiple sites. Not all sites can be fully accessed by wheelchair because of the natural terrain of untouched historic areas such as battlefields, foxholes in the forest, beaches, and cobblestone streets.

Walking distances of up to 5 miles on a daily basis, sometimes with stairs, steep hills, fields, or jungle-type terrain will be necessary in order to fully experience these historic sites. Wheelchairs and walkers are not suitable for these tours. The Italian Campaign Tour is a good example, with climbing and long walking distances through ruins of Pompeii, Monte Cassino or San Pietro and other sites which are challenging.

Medium to long duration | Hydration, rain gear, and sun protection is a must | Up to 5 miles of walking per day, including stairs, hills, and uneven surfaces | Includes many sites and terrain not suitable for wheelchairs and walkers

These tours are medium to long (11–21 days) with activity from breakfast to dinner including free time here and there. Some tours are considered “Intense” simply because they are longer, which can be physically and mentally tiring in a new environment. Because of the physicality of the tour, we encourage passengers to drink plenty of water and gauge their own abilities carefully from day to day to know if they need to step out for a day to rest.

Medium to long duration | Hydration, rain gear, and sun protection highly recommended | Up to 5 miles of slow-medium walking most days with some uneven surfaces | Wheelchairs and walkers not recommended due to distances and terrain

**SPECIAL LOCATIONS**

Despite the general tour activity level, some places on the itinerary may be more challenging then others. This may be due to lots of stairs, strenuous walking involved or uneven terrain. Other places may only be visited on anniversary tours or strongly weather dependent. Please check the itinerary of the tour for the following symbols.

- Arrival airport where you will be picked up at the start of the tour.
- Departure airport where you will be dropped off after the tour.
- Small, tight spaces, which may induce claustrophobia in those sensitive to it.
- The visit is strongly dependent on weather conditions, which can change even last minute.
- The entry fee of the site is not included in the tour price.
- Uneven terrain which is inaccessible with a wheelchair.
- Location with lots of stairs – inaccessible with wheelchair and physically demanding.
- Lots of walking is required, which is physically demanding.
- Transportation fare included in the price of the tour.
## Anniversaries and Special Events

### D-DAY 77th Anniversary
Visiting Normandy during the commemoration is an unparalleled experience. Tens of thousands of history buffs, re-enactors and grateful citizens turn northern France into a celebration of honor, courage and sacrifice. Demand for a place on our D-Day 77 Tours is extremely high, so book early.

**TOURS FOR THIS EVENT:**
- 15-day London to Normandy 77 Tour  May 27 - Jun 10, 2021
- 21-day London to Berchtesgaden 77 Tour May 27 - Jun 16, 2021
- 8-day Normandy 77 on a Budget Tour Jun 3 - Jun 10, 2021
- 8-day Normandy 77 Tour Jun 3 - Jun 10, 2021
- 8-day Normandy 77 Luxury Tour Jun 3 - Jun 10, 2021
- 14-day Beyond Band of Brothers 77 Tour Jun 3 - Jun 16, 2021

### Pearl Harbor 80th Anniversary
The 80th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor will be an especially memorable event – be a part of the official commemoration, always held at dawn at the time of the attack. You will also get a chance to be at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade in the heart of Waikiki Beach, led each year by Pearl Harbor survivors.

**TOURS FOR THIS EVENT:**
- 8-day Pearl Harbor 80 Tour Dec 4 - Dec 11, 2021
- 15(+1)-day Pearl Harbor to the Marianas 80 Tour Dec 4 - Dec 19, 2021

### Battle of the Bulge 77th Anniversary
Ceremonial events and re-enactments, including the “throwing of the nuts” from the Town Hall balcony, make the Battle of the Bulge Anniversary a fun and exciting experience. This special, 8-day in-depth study on the Ardennes Offensive allows us to go off the beaten path and see some of the lesser known sites.

**TOURS FOR THIS EVENT:**
- 8-day Battle of Bulge Tour Dec 4 - Dec 11, 2021
- 15-day London to Normandy 77 Tour May 27 - Jun 10, 2021
- 21-day London to Berchtesgaden 77 Tour May 27 - Jun 16, 2021
- 8-day Normandy 77 on a Budget Tour Jun 3 - Jun 10, 2021
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- 14-day Beyond Band of Brothers 77 Tour Jun 3 - Jun 16, 2021

### Duxford Air Show
The Duxford Air Show is held at the Imperial War Museum Duxford, Britain’s largest aviation museum. The site played a prominent role during the Battle of Britain and was later used by United States Army Air Forces. Complete with airshow and static exhibitions of a wide array of air crafts, this event is a must see for aviation enthusiasts.

**TOURS FOR THIS EVENT:**
- 8-day Battle of Britain May 27 - Jun 3, 2021
- 15-day London to Normandy 77 May 27 - Jun 10, 2021
- 21-day London to Berchtesgaden 77 May 27 - Jun 16, 2021

### Bovington Tankfest
The Bovington Tankfest is the world’s largest live display of armored vehicles, with re-enactors and a wide range of tanks from WWI to the modern day in action.

**TOURS FOR THIS EVENT:**
- 8-day Battle of Britain Jun 21 - Jun 28, 2021
- 12-day London to Normandy Jun 21 - Jul 2, 2021

### Oktoberfest
The Oktoberfest versions of our historical tours are our most popular departure dates, as they feature an afternoon of merrymaking at the world’s premier beer festival. Passengers can enjoy a round of drinks at one of the many beer tents. Although lederhosen are not required, they are highly recommended.

**TOURS FOR THIS EVENT:**
- 9-day Germany at War on a Budget Tour Sep 18 - Sep 26, 2021
- 11-day Beyond Band of Brothers Tour Sep 18 - Sep 28, 2021, Sep 25 - Oct 5, 2021
- 18-day Normandy to Berlin Tour Sep 18 - Oct 5, 2021
- 18-day London to Berchtesgaden Tour Sep 18 - Oct 5, 2021
- 11-day Third Reich Tour Sep 25 - Oct 5, 2021

### 4th of July – Independence Day
Where else could you better celebrate Independence Day than in Washington, D.C.? Participants will have the chance to take a pleasant stroll and watch the fireworks from the Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington.

**TOURS FOR THIS EVENT:**
- 9-day American Civil War - Nation Tested Jun 27 - Jul 5, 2021
“The struggle of today is not altogether for today - it is for a vast future also.”

—Abraham Lincoln
America has fought many wars over its history, but no conflict has shaped it so much as the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. The first war established the United States as a sovereign country; the second changed and defined the foundations of our society’s and government’s structure.

The causes of the Revolutionary War are often poorly explained in school. The motto of “No taxation without representation” does summarize much of the underlying conflict, but grossly oversimplifies the issue.

WHO FOOTS THE BILL?

From the early 17th century onward, Britain’s American colonies enjoyed low taxes and great freedom in trade and self-governance. These low taxes, in turn, caused rapid economic growth, but the troubles began with the French and Indian War of 1754-1763, the local conflict spiraled out of control, and Britain and France got involved. Britain emerged victorious, but the war crippled the nation’s economy. Parliament decided that since the war was fought to protect the British colonists, it was fair to raise colonial taxes to recover the expenses.

The tax raises sat poorly with the colonists, who came to consider their previous freedoms an inherent right. A ban on westward expansion also forced colonists to support the lodging and also because inland settlements were more expensive to support. The ban partially to avoid further embittered them. Britain instituted a ban on westward expansion also as an attempt at intimidation.

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THE KING AND COLONISTS FAIL TO SEE EYE TO EYE

Things went downhill from there. The insistence on retaining previous privileges and a mutual misunderstanding of the other side’s intentions became the core of the issue, causing an escalating hostility that eventually led to violence.

British Member of Parliament. The colonists rejected this notion. Many colonists did not truly want actual representation, either. Had the colonies been given Parliamentary seats, they would have been expected to accept Parliament’s decisions even when their interests were voted down. After a century and half of significant capital, leading to such battles as Bull’s Run, Gettysburg and Antietam. In the West, much of the war centered on the Union effort to secure the Mississippi River. Clashes like the Battle of Shiloh, the siege of Vicksburg and the capture of New Orleans brought about this goal and cut the Confederacy in half. Between the two regions, Sherman’s March to the Sea from Atlanta to Savannah late in the war became an early example of total war.

Once the war broke out, it quickly validated many fears about the industrial disparity between North and South. Ultimately, it was not the skill of generals or the courage of soldiers that dictated the outcome, but the fact that one side had an advantage in arms manufacturing the other simply could not match. This industrialized warfare not only decided the Civil War but also presaged the nature of war in the 20th century.

WHAT DOES NOT KILL THE GOVERNMENT MAKES IT STRONGER

Ending slavery in the U.S. was an obvious result of the war, but American society was transformed in other profound ways, too. The Federal government that emerged from the war was a far stronger, more centralized institution than the one that entered it. The Federal income tax, the establishment of land-grant colleges, congressional oversight over numerous aspects of government—all came out of the Civil War. The Founding Fathers were worried that their newly-created Republic might prove weak and not survive. The Civil War proved the Republic strong and resilient—even if it had to change to survive.
Walk in the footsteps of the Founding Fathers on this journey to a new nation. From the bitterly cold winter at Valley Forge to the debates over the document which would declare the independence of the colonies we will explore the iconic locations where revolution was fomented and freedom was forged.
Learn about the conflict that ended slavery and shaped America’s future. Our 7-day American Civil War - A Nation Tested tour takes you to the most iconic battlefields of the War Between the States. The Eastern Theater was defined by the proximity of Washington, D.C. and Richmond. We will visit Bull Run, Antietam, Gettysburg and other battlefields born from the two sides’ attempts to capture the enemy’s capital. This shorter, budget version of our all-inclusive American Civil War: A Nation Tested Tour also gives you more freedom in budgeting for your own meals.

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**Glimpse Into History**

Mary Jane Richards Denman, often called Mary Bowser, was a former black slave who lived in Richmond, VA, during the Civil War, and worked for the spy ring of abolitionist Elizabeth Van Lew. She posed as an illiterate slave to get into the White House of the Confederacy and “serve” Jefferson Davis and his family. She gained access to sensitive documents, smuggling her notes out by hiding them in the First Lady’s laundry.

**TRY IT OUT!**

Treat yourself to Brunswick Stew, a Virginia favorite. This tomato-based stew made with potatoes, corn, beans and wild game or chicken inspires festivals throughout the state. Down in Georgia they claim the Virginians have it wrong and if you don’t use wild game, pork is the right choice. Thankfully, this feud has not yet erupted into gun fire.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

More Americans died in the Civil War than in the combined conflicts of WWI, WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

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**HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS**

“The historical aspect of this tour was top notch. Knowing a little about the civil war is nice but the opportunity to see these are in real life puts things in so much better perspective. It is a must for anyone who enjoys history and fun for those who like to see some great scenery.”

**MIKE KERR, ALPENA, MICHIGAN**
Join us on our 9-day American Civil War Tour to visit some of the major battlefields of the War Between the States. Leading up to the surrender at Appomattox, we explore the area known as “the crossroads of conflict” from the site of the bloodiest single-day battle at Antietam, through the turning point of the conflict at Gettysburg to the longest siege in American warfare at Petersburg. We visit both capitals of the period, Richmond and Washington, DC, and finish by paying our respects at Arlington National Cemetery.

HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

“With the mix of memorials, museums, battlefield sites, guides, Harper’s Ferry, Ford’s Theater and Arlington National Cemetery you get to see all the milestones of the Civil war in Virginia and Gettysburg. I left with a greater appreciation of the deep divisions between the northern and southern states, the sacrifice of lives that both sides made and how the nation became truly the “United States” as a result of the war. I would suggest that anyone who wants to really understand the history of the Civil War to take this tour.”

MICHAEL PARKOS, CARROLLTON, TEXAS

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SPECIAL EVENT TOUR


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DID YOU KNOW?

According to Benjamin Franklin, there are only two certainties in life: death and taxes. Income tax was first introduced in the US during the Civil War by the Revenue Act of 1861.
Join us as we follow Sherman’s march to the sea. Examine the effects of total war and discover how Sherman’s neckties, bummbers and torch-bearers forever altered the landscape of the South. Visit infamous Andersonville, where horrors of the prison camp system unfolded. From the rails of Georgia to the defense of Fort Sumter, we retrace the advance of Union forces towards the Atlantic through the hard-fought victories and devastating defeats of the Confederate Army.

**CHARLESTON, 2 nights**
- Fort Sumter
- Fort Moultrie
- H.L. Hunley submarine
- Civil War walking tour
- Drop-off at Charleston CHS Airport
Flights can depart at any time

**COLUMBUS, 1 night**
- Andersonville National Historic Site
- National Prisoner of War Museum
- National Civil War Naval Museum at Port Columbus

**SAVANNAH, 3 nights**
- Fort Jackson
- Fort McAllister
- Fort Pulaski
- Trolley tour
- Riverboat Cruise

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**HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS**

“...the food was good, the hotels had nice large rooms and excellent staff. The tour manager did a great job and kept us informed. She took good care of us and was always available to call if needed. The bus driver had tough traffic situations which he handled well and was very personable. I am very satisfied with my first Beyond Band of Brothers tour. I would recommend it because of what I learned, how I was treated and excellent guides.”

**NORMA PELLEGRINO, FORT MILL, SOUTH CAROLINA**

DID YOU KNOW?

There are more than 65 streets in Atlanta that include a variation of “Peachtree” in the name. A bit of a misnomer, the stone fruit is not native to the area at all. The name stuck after settlers began mispronouncing the local term “pitch tree” derived from the name of a Creek settlement.

GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY

The Battle of Lookout Mountain got its romantic alternative name, “the Battle Above the Clouds”, thanks to the weather. Union forces assaulted the mountain on November 24, 1863 and forced the Confederate troops holding it to withdraw during the night. The promontory looked formidable but actually proved very hard to defend. The fog limited visibility to a few dozen yards, so neither side could see the other’s disposition or fight effectively.
Experience the American Civil War in the Western Theater, where the rivers were the key to everything. Delve into the campaign to divide the Confederacy, focusing on the land battles as well as the brown-water navy. Discover history from the unconditional surrender of the forts on the Cumberland River to the Hornet’s Nest at Shiloh; travel through the horse farms of Middle Tennessee to the unique world of New Orleans to explore the battles that made Grant the man to beat.

### Nashville, 3 nights
- Pick-up at Nashville BNA Airport
- Flights must arrive by 12 p.m.
- Fort Negley
- Fort Donelson National Battlefield
- Belle Meade Plantation
- Stones River National Battlefield
- Carnton Plantation and McGavock Confederate Cemetery

### Tupelo, 1 night
- Shiloh National Military Park

### Vicksburg, 2 nights
- Vicksburg National Military Park
- USS Cairo Gunboat and Museum
- Civil War historic sites of Vicksburg
- Drop-off at New Orleans

### New Orleans, 2 nights
- Laura Plantation
- Memorial Hall Civil War Museum (Optional)
- Jackson Barracks Military Museum
- Metairie Cemetery
- Steamboat dinner and jazz cruise
- Optional ghost tour of New Orleans
- Drop-off at New Orleans MSY Airport
  - Flights can depart at any time

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**HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS**

“I love the fact that even with expansion Beyond Band of Brothers Tours still has a small company feel. I always am treated as a friend when I call the office, not just a customer. I am never pressured with “What tour can I book for you today?” This was our second Beyond Band of Brothers tour, we have already booked a third. We love this company, look forward to a fourth, a fifth, and more tours!”

**WILLIAM S. RAAFALL, ALBION, MICHIGAN**

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**TRY IT OUT!**

You can’t visit New Orleans without sampling beignets, the official state donut of Louisiana. Just sit back at a French Quarter café with this powdered sugar-coated confection, sip some coffee with chicory or a café au lait while soaking up the jazz!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Canal Street in New Orleans was once the widest street in the world. A canal was originally set to be built in the median of the street, but instead it became a lane dedicated to streetcars.
“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old...”

—For the Fallen BY LAURENCE BINYON
THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

The U.S. was born in the Revolutionary War and established an important element of its identity in the Civil War, but it still took the young country a long time to prove itself a capable combatant in the eyes of the world. The nation’s first international conflicts were of a limited scope. It was only in World War I, also called The Great War, that America showed it was capable of meaningfully influencing a major conflict. The Great War was fought from 1914 to 1918, but in a way, it still served as the closure of the 19th and the beginning of the true 20th century. The apex period of large overseas empires and the rise of nationalism created worldwide fractures that needed a resolution; the industrial revolution and the resulting improvement in military technologies ensured that a violent resolution would be bloodier than any previous war.

EUROPE SET TO BLOW

Europe became a powder keg by the early 20th century, and at its center lay a recently founded German Empire, whose imperial ambitions collided with British and French interests to preserve the status quo. The power vacuum created by an ailing Ottoman Empire, Russian intentions to strengthen positions in Europe, and ethnic and political tensions in Austria-Hungary added to the dangerous mixture. Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, was murdered by Serbian nationalists in Sarajevo on June 28, 1914, his death creating the spark to ignite the keg. The diplomatic crisis dragged the powers of Europe into conflict by their tangled web of alliances and hostilities. It should be noted, however, that even if the assassination had not taken place, some other crisis would have likely caused a similar war anyway; the rivalries between European powers would have seen to that.

TROOPS Mired IN Mud

The Great War raged on several fronts in and outside Europe, but the most famous of these is the Western Front. Combat there was determined by technology: barbed wire, the machine gun and artillery improved the strength of defensive positions, while there was no technology or military doctrine to make attacks more effective. This disparity resulted in a massive system of trenches spanning from Switzerland to the Belgian coast which ensured that any attack, from either side, would be appallingly bloody.

Meanwhile, technological progress constantly tried to restore the balance of offense and defense. The war saw the birth of military aviation. The horrors of flamethrowers and gas warfare killed the notion of honorable combat. German experiments with stormtrooper tactics formed the foundation for the future of infantry.

A MODERN WAR

American popular opinion about the war was divided at first, but events gradually pushed the nation towards participation. The 1915 sinking of the British ship RMS Lusitania, with 128 Americans aboard was an early incident eliciting outcry. Unrestricted German submarine warfare in general enraged the American public. The Zimmermann Telegram, a German attempt to get Mexico to attack the United States and thus keeping the latter focused on its borders rather than get involved in the war in Europe, was another major factor in America’s entry into the war in April 1917 on the Allied side. Yet another, rarely mentioned, issue revolved around American wartime loans to France and Britain. As the war dragged on with appalling casualties, financiers started to worry that the Allies might actually lose and default on their loans. The U.S. Marine Corps proved itself a competent force in the hard-fought Battle of Belleau Wood. George S. Patton and Douglas MacArthur, who became two of America’s most famous generals in World War II, proved their mettle in the Great War during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. American soldiers played no small part in forcing the Germans to sign the Armistice of Compiègne on November 11, 1918, in the famous “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month”.

CLEAR SKIES?

The World War was over, but the seeds of the next one were already being sown. The Treaty of Versailles, which officially ended the war, was characterized by a French desire for vengeance against the Germans. The terms of the treaty caused great economic damage to the country already suffering from starvation and internal turmoil. To add insult to injury, Germany was forced to accept the War Guilt Clause and declare that they were to blame for the Great War – a distortion of the truth at best.

Germany and some of the successor states of freshly disband Austria-Hungary felt that their treatment was unjustly harsh. Soon after, a man came along, rode the wave of indignation, and promised a redressing of the injustice inflicted on the losing powers. That man was Adolf Hitler and in time his rise sparked a conflict even worse than the Great War.
Trenches, bayonets, prototype tanks and biplanes are just a few of the iconic images of World War I. This 11-day tour takes you to the battlefields of Ypres, Vimy Ridge, Verdun and the Somme. Help us keep the memory and legacy of the Great War alive by walking the hallowed grounds where the outcome of the “war to end all wars”, was decided and the seeds of World War II were planted.

**Belgium**
- Flanders Field, 3 nights
  - Pick-up at Brussels BRU Airport Flights must arrive by 12 p.m.
  - City tour of Ypres
  - Flanders Fields Museum
  - Battlefield tour of Ypres
  - Hill 62
  - Yorkshire Trench
  - Ypres Salient
  - Flanders Field American Cemetery
  - Advanced Dressing Station, Essex Farm
  - German Command Post in Zandvoorde

**France**
- The Somme Region, 2 nights
  - Battlefield tour of Vimy Ridge
  - Hill 145
  - Newfoundland Memorial Park
  - Lochnagar Mine Crater Memorial
  - La Boisselle
  - Somme Battlefields
  - Somme American Cemetery and Memorial
  - Chateau-Thierry American Monument
  - Belleau Wood Marine Monument

- Verdun, 3 nights
  - Butte de Vauquois
  - Verdun Museum
  - Fort Douaumont
  - Trench of Bayonets
  - Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial
  - Maginot Line (Fort Hackenberg)
  - Verdon American Monument

- Paris, 2 nights
  - Reims Notre-Dame Cathedral
  - Compiegne Armistice Museum
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**HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS**

“...the tour guides were excellent and their passion for the material was evident. It was like they were telling a story and not just reading from a script. The tour manager was amazing. She kept us well informed not only about the history, but also about the administrative and logistical stuff along the tour. The quality of the tour let me focus on the historical sites and enjoy myself because I knew the details were handled by a competent team.”

**Brian Barnes, Broadview Heights, Ohio**

**Did You Know?**

American soldiers tasted French fries for the first time during WWI when they were stationed in Belgium. They nicknamed the fried potatoes “French,” since that was the official language of the Belgian army.

**Try It Out!**

According to the locals, the best time to fully appreciate a Belgian beer is at 11 am. By this time, your palate has sufficiently cleared the flavors of the morning coffee, breakfast and toothpaste.

**Glimpse into History**

George S. Patton is famous for his service in WWII, but he already commanded troops (and established the U.S. tank school in France) during the Great War. In fact, even his habit of slapping soldiers whom he considered cowardly seems to have had its origins in WWI. In 1918, he hit a soldier in the head with a shovel because the man would not dig a trench under enemy fire. In a letter to his wife, Patton mentioned he thought he killed the man.
“Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few.”
—Winston Churchill
THE BRITISH BASTION

The United Kingdom occupies a unique spot in the history of World War II: it was the only Allied nation that fought in the war from its very beginning to its end.\(^7\) When Hitler embarked on his war of conquest, he knocked most of his immediate enemies out of the war with alarming speed: first Poland fell, then France. The Soviet Union still had a non-aggression pact with Germany, and popular opinion in the United States was strongly against entanglement in the European conflict. That left Britain to face the Axis Powers without allies.

\(^7\) Though had been fighting Japan since 1937, but the Second Sino-Japanese War only openly segued into World War II when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor.

THE LION STANDS ALONE

Hitler’s aggression caught Britain unprepared. The Royal Navy was the largest naval force at the time, but the army was woefully undersized, with only nine divisions available against Germany’s seventy-eight. When France was overrun, civilian ships had to scramble alongside the Royal Navy to evacuate the British Expeditionary Force trapped in Dunkirk. Though most of the army’s hardware had to be left behind, the men were rescued and could continue the fight. The operation, directed from a secret command center under the medieval edifice of Dover Castle, was the first true rallying cry for the British populace and the first partial success Prime Minister Winston Churchill could use to inspire the nation.

Scrambling to protect itself, Britain and the Commonwealth fought the Axis in the air, on sea and on land. British pilots, their numbers bolstered by Polish veterans and the American volunteers of the Eagle Squadrons, contended with the Luftwaffe in the skies during the Battle of Britain. Resolute airmen, excellent planes and a revolutionary system of anti-air defense directed from map rooms, such as the one at RAF Uxbridge, made sure the German air force never recovered from the losses sustained over Britain. With American aid, the British protected transatlantic convoys from U-boat attacks, allowing vital supplies to reach not only the United Kingdom, but later also the Soviet Union. British troops clashed with Italian and German forces in North Africa, slowly turning a desperate defense into a victory.

Control of the area allowed the Allies to launch the invasion of Italy once America joined the war.

HOMEFRONT TO THE RESCUE

Ever-present danger and hardship brought out the best in the civilian population. Food was grown in the courtyards of city houses. Families set up tiny bomb shelters in their backyards or huddled together in London’s subway stations. City children were evacuated to the countryside. The nation banded together in a way which traditional class distinctions never would have allowed before. Much of this unity was thanks to the inspiring leadership and fiery rhetoric of Churchill, one of the war’s most colorful leaders, who spent much of the war in the underground Cabinet War Rooms.

In time, Britain was joined by others. The Soviet Union was waging its own defensive war against Nazi Germany in the east. President Roosevelt was already helping the country with Lend-Lease and the Destroyers for Bases Agreement, but the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor finally pushed America wholly into the war. Though Britain did not have the manpower or industrial capacity of its new allies, it continued to play an important role in the war against the Axis powers. Cryptographers working in Bletchley Park managed to crack German military radio codes. The Royal Navy played a key part in securing the Mediterranean Sea in preparation of the invasion of Italy. British and Commonwealth soldiers fought in Europe, Asia and Africa.

LIBERTY LAUNCHES FROM BRITAIN

One of the Colossus computers at Bletchley Park

The build-up preceding the operation was the first time most British people ever saw an American. Children were wowed by their bounty of Coca-Cola, chocolate and chewing gum; young British ladies were similarly impressed by the high salaries and romantic attentions of young American men. At the same time, the stay in Britain was the first experience far from home for most U.S. soldiers.

That build-up was followed by a second, even larger one. In the afternoon hours of Jun 6, 1944, a 7000-ship fleet sailed from Britain. Operation Overlord had begun.

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This 8-day budget tour combines some of the highlights of our Battle of Britain Tour with additional World War II-related sites and the most popular tourist attractions in the region. The icing on the cake is the Bovington Tank Museum, with one of the largest collections of tanks. With stops at SHAEF HQ, the modern-day police base that served as the headquarters of the Normandy Invasion during WWII, Bletchley Park, where the Enigma code was cracked; as well as attractions like Stonehenge, Cambridge and Oxford, this tour is the perfect compromise for couples and families that are looking for a balanced vacation in England.

**Cambridge, 3 nights**
- Pick-up at London LHR Airport Flights must arrive by 10 a.m.
- Cambridge American Cemetery
- Duxford Imperial War Museum
- Cambridge and its university
- Bletchley Park
- Oxford and its university

**Swindon, 1 night**
- Littlecote House
- Stonehenge

**Portsmouth, 3 nights**
- Southsea
- SHAEF HQ at Southwick House
- D-Day Museum
- Bovington Tank Museum
- Drop-off at London LHR Airport Flights must depart after 2 p.m.
Visit England on this 8-day tour to explore the fascinating war in the skies known as the Battle of Britain. After the fall of France in 1940 and their own discouraging defeat in Belgium and France, the United Kingdom regrouped, dug in and took to the air to defend their island nation against the formidable Luftwaffe, causing Hitler to abandon his plans to invade the country. We visit sites such as 800-year-old Dover Castle, where the planning of Operation Dynamo took place, Bletchley Park, where the Enigma code was cracked, and Churchill’s Cabinet War Rooms, as well as the Imperial War Museums in London and Duxford. Our final stop is the Bovington Tank Museum, with one of the largest collections of tanks in the world.

ENGLAND

London, 5 nights
• Pick-up at London LHR Airport
• Flights must arrive by 2 p.m.
• London Imperial War Museum
• Churchill’s Cabinet War Rooms
• Battle of Britain Memorial
• Folkestone
• Dover Castle
• No. 11 Group Operations Room at Uxbridge
• Bletchley Park
• Cambridge American Cemetery
• Duxford Imperial War Museum
• Duxford Air Show (Special Event only)

Portsmouth, 2 nights
• SHAEB HQ at Southwick House
• D-Day Museum
• Southsea
• Bovington Tank Museum
• Tankfest (Special Event only)
• Drop-off at London LHR Airport
• Flights must depart after 2 p.m.

See pages 9 and 14 for further information.

HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

“Everyone who I have worked with has been spectacular. All the information we receive is excellent! The hotel was very nice and accommodated requests. Each guide was so very interesting and knew so much about the place we were. I always highly recommend your tours.”

EMILY GEORGE, HOUSTON, TEXAS

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Single Supplement $600

TANKFEST
Jun 21 - Jun 28

The Bovington Tankfest is the world’s largest live display of armored vehicles, with re-enactors and a wide range of tanks from WWI to the modern day in action.

DUXFORD AIRSHOW
May 27 - Jun 3

The Duxford Air Show is held at the Imperial War Museum Duxford, Britain’s largest aviation museum. The site played a prominent role during the Battle of Britain and was later used by United States Army Air Forces.

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Single Supplement $650

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GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY

The Operations Room of No. 11 Fighter Group controlled the interception flights over southeast England during the Battle of Britain. The room used wooden blocks on a map to track German raids and British fighters, and a set of lights to track the readiness levels of interceptors. Churchill’s famous quote “Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few” was apparently inspired by a visit to the room.
THE CRUSADE FOR NORMANDY

A LEthal Wound to Nazi Germany
By mid-1944, the Axis was bleeding, but it was still putting up a fight. The Allied invasion of Italy ground to a halt in front of the German defensive lines in the mountains. The Soviets were on the advance but suffering heavy losses. The fanatical Japanese defense of Pacific islands promised a long and painful war. Invading Normandy would force the Germans to divide their forces between Italy, the western and the eastern fronts, hastening their collapse and bringing the war in Europe to an end. The battle for Normandy started with D-Day on June 6, 1944 and ended with the death or capture of 60,000 German soldiers in the Falaise Pocket in late August. Establishing an Allied beachhead in France and pushing further into the continent was a blow that set the Third Reich’s fall in motion.

The invasion had to be prepared meticulously. The beaches involved had to be wide enough to allow the landing of numerous units at a time and the ground had to support vehicles. Facilities such as airfields and a deep water port had to be close enough so they could be captured and put to Allied use. Far-reaching intelligence efforts preceded the invasion to confuse the Germans about its location. Thanks to dummy vehicles, double agents, fictional armies and diplomatic maneuvers, Hitler believed that the invasion was going to take place at Calais – even after the amphibious assault began, he insisted it was only a distraction for the real invasion.

THE GREAT CRUSADE BEGINS
The five selected beaches were given codenames. The Americans attacked Omaha and Utah, the British Gold and Sword and the Canadians Juno. U.S. Rangers also assaulted the promontory of Pointe du Hoc (located between Utah and Omaha) with the mission to destroy guns believed to be deployed there.

To aid the landing forces in getting off the beach and into Normandy, over 20,000 American and British airborne troops were dropped behind enemy lines on the night before the 6th. The units’ mission was to capture vital bottlenecks – towns and bridges – overnight so they could be used by forces coming inland from the beaches as soon as they got there. Due to bad weather, heavy German anti-aircraft fire and the difficulty of navigating at night, these drops ended up in chaos. Most of the soldiers landed far away from the designated drop zones. Nevertheless, the paratroopers of 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions adapted and made the best of the situation, capturing most of their targets despite the setbacks. Securing these targets, such as the famous Pegasus Bridge captured by British glidermen, also prevented the Germans from moving troops towards the beach for an early counterattack.

NOWHERE TO RUN FOR JERRY
The breakout finally occurred in late July with Operation Cobra. Once Allied forces could finally move inland, they quickly wheeled around German troops and surrounded them in the so-called Falaise Pocket in late August. Though many Germans escaped to fight another day, Axis forces in Normandy were effectively neutralized. The Allies were finally free to leave the beaches behind and surge ahead to liberate France and the continent. Though the battle was over, the beaches of Normandy continued to serve the war effort. The artificial Mulberry harbor assembled at Gold Beach remained the reception point for Allied supplies and reinforcements for a long while. Many of the 2 million American soldiers who served in Europe landed in Normandy on their way to the front.

TERRAIN TRAPS TROOPS
Over 152,000 Allied soldiers invaded the beaches in the morning, facing off 40,000 German defenders. By the end of the day, the beaches were taken successfully despite fierce fighting and heavy casualties, especially on Omaha. However, even after securing the immediate area, the troops still had to face the Normandy bocage – a labyrinth of pastures and impenetrable hedgerows that allowed the Germans to set up deadly ambushes. Many place names such as Dead Man’s Corner bear witness to the intense fighting in Normandy. The aforementioned site, which served as an HQ for German paratroopers, was bestowed the macabre nickname after an American tank commander was killed and left hanging out of his destroyed vehicle for several days. Other places tell their stories through architecture. The city of Caen, heavily defended by the Germans, had stymied the British for two months. It was destroyed during the battle and had to be rebuilt after the war; that is why it lacks a historic city center, a feature common in other Normandy towns.
The 5-day Normandy Invasion Tour is a bite-size version of our acclaimed Beyond Band of Brothers Tour. Visit all five landing sectors and gain an in-depth understanding of what it took to storm the beaches on that fateful day. Visit iconic sites like the Normandy American Cemetery and Pointe du Hoc, as well as Sainte-Mère-Église, Pegasus Bridge and Brecourt Manor to learn more about the airborne operations away from the beachheads. This shorter tour is perfect for those with a focused interest in D-Day and due to its length is also a great addition to any European vacation.

HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

“Our travel consultant was very helpful leading up to and during the booking process. Loved absolutely Bayeux and Arromanches. The tour guides were spectacular, the tour manager was helpful and efficient. Beyond Band of Brothers Tours took care of everything. There was no wasted time. Not too much bus time. No waiting around. I loved the itinerary and enjoyed every day.”

LISA TAYLOR, LAKE OSWEGO, OREGON

DID YOU KNOW?

Normandy is a land of green pastures: over 20% of its area is grassland, feeding 576,000 dairy cows. The traditional Normande breed is renowned for its hardiness and its ability to produce a lot of delicious milk rich in fat.

TRY IT OUT!

Did you know that Normandy boasts over 400 different types of cider? Made from the same apples as the famous Calvados brandy, each variety has its distinct taste based on its place of origin. With sweet, semi-sweet and dry options, everyone can find their favorite cider here!

GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY

German troops got a new newspaper a month before D-Day. Titled “Nachrichten für die Truppe” (“News for the Troops”), it seemed to be a legitimate military paper published by the Wehrmacht. It was actually an Allied propaganda publication that combined real information with fake news, designed to confuse and demoralize the Germans. The newspaper also had later editions, the last published in May 1945.
This 5-day tour perfectly balances the major sites of the D-Day landings with breathtaking cultural sights, which were the favorite destinations of soldiers on their R&R leave while serving in Normandy. Visit Utah and Omaha Beach, Pointe du Hoc and the Normandy American Cemetery, as well as the most impressive cultural sights and relics Normandy has to offer, like Mont Saint-Michel or the thousand-year-old Bayeux Tapestry. This tour is an ideal choice for couples who want a more balanced Normandy experience.

### **FRANCE**

- Normandy, 4 nights
  - Pick-up at Paris CDG Airport
  - Flights must arrive by 10 a.m.
  - The American Sector: Utah and Omaha Beach
  - Normandy American Cemetery
  - Pointe du Hoc
  - Bayeux Tapestry
  - Brécourt Manor
  - Sainte-Mère-Église
  - Airborne Museum
  - Mont Saint-Michel
  - Drop-off at Paris CDG Airport
  - Flights must depart after 3 p.m.

### **2021 PRE/POST SEASON TOUR DATES AND PRICES**

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**Single Supplement $250**

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**Single Supplement $275**

See page 150 for payment plan details and other terms and conditions.

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**HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS**

"BBB provided amazing service start to finish, I am very satisfied. Hotel service representatives were extremely friendly and ready to assist in anyway, I never had a bad or “subpar” meal the entire length of the tour. I can’t believe how well our bus driver was able to navigate that large bus through all of the roadways. Great tour! I am extremely satisfied with all aspects of the tour! We were given way more information than I could have expected. Tour managers, driver and local tour guides blew me away. I can’t wait to book another tour!"

**BRANDON FRENETTE, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**

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**TRY IT OUT!**

Enjoy silky and supple butter and cheese from Isigny in the heart of Normandy. Known for excellence worldwide since the 19th century, they have become a favorite of top chefs in the world.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The name Normandy comes from the conquest of the area by Vikings, a.k.a. Northmen. Led by Rollo, they settled near Rouen in 911. The popular TV series Vikings features Ragnar’s wayward brother’s ties with France, inspired by the real Rollo who settled in Normandy.

**GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY**

Paratrooper John Steele became famous for getting his parachute snagged by the church tower of Sainte-Mère-Église during the airborne assault the night before D-Day. Most people don’t know that he was not alone: one of his comrades, Kenneth Russel, also landed on the church roof. Unlike Steele, Russel managed to get free and join the fight. Steele himself played possum until some Germans went to fetch his dogtag and capture him.

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**Go all the way!**

Our Beyond Band of Brothers R&R tour follows the path of Easy Company in the same spirit, visiting the most important cultural sites on the way – page 109
**Normandy Invasion Luxury Tour**

**5 days**

**Average Group Size**

20-25

**Tour Activity Level**

2

If you are short on time for your vacation but wish to explore the major sites of the Normandy Invasion in complete comfort, our Normandy Invasion Luxury Tour is for you! It's a shorter version of our Beyond Band of Brothers Tour focused on visiting important locations of the invasion such as the five landing beaches, the Normandy American Cemetery, Pointe du Hoc, Pegasus Bridge, Brecourt Manor and many more. This tightly-concentrated tour features smaller group sizes and the finest comfort in 5-star hotels to help you relax between your days of exploring the battlefields where the Allies fought to establish a foothold and bring freedom to Europe.

**FRANCE**

- Pick-up at Paris CDG Airport
  - Flights must arrive by 10 a.m.
- Omaha Beach
- Normandy American Cemetery
- Pointe du Hoc
- Utah Beach
- Brécourt Manor
- Sainte-Mère-Église
- Airborne Museum
- Dead Man’s Corner Museum
- C-47 Flight simulator
- Gold Beach
- Longues-sur-Mer German Battery
- Mulberry Harbor
- Arromanches-les-Bains
- 360° Circular Cinema
- Juno Beach
- Sword Beach
- Pegasus Bridge
- Drop-off at Paris CDG Airport
  - Flights must depart after 3 p.m.

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**GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY**

1st Lt. Dick Winters led a force of 23 paratroopers against a German battery of four howitzers guarded by 60 soldiers and four machine guns on D-Day. The guns were destroyed with only a few casualties despite the much larger defense force. Winters was recommended for the Medal of Honor for the assault, but he could not get it—there was a limit of one MoH per division, and the 101st went to Robert Cole for his charge at Purple Heart Lane.

**TRY IT OUT!**

Do you like oysters? Then you are in the right place! Normandy is France’s leading region for the production of cupped oysters, which thrive in the high tides. Another delicacy worth trying is the Bouchot Mussel, which is cultivated on wooden poles to which the mussels attach in large clumps.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The coat of arms of Normandy displays two golden leopards in red. It is said to date back to the time of William the Conqueror. The Royal Arms of England, established by King Richard Lionheart in the 12th century, is very similar but has three lions.

**HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS**

“...a great experience and a wonderful tour. From the very first phone call I made to days after the tour, Beyond Band of Brothers Tours did a super job. I can’t thank you enough for making my 95-year-old World War II father’s dream become a reality. I would recommend this tour to anyone who wants to learn more about the war.”

ROBYN MCATEER, MIDLOTHIAN, TEXAS

**Explore extended versions of this tour:**

11-day Beyond Band of Brothers Luxury Tour – page 111
Our 7-day Battle of Normandy on a Budget Tour takes you beyond the beaches and into Normandy proper. D-Day was only the beginning of the liberation of Europe; let us show you what happened next. The fighting saw General Patton throw himself into the fray at the head of the U.S. Third Army to exploit the first breakthrough and culminated in the death or capture of 60,000 Germans in the Falaise Pocket. A new location to our tours is the Crisbecq artillery battery, from where German defenders first spotted the Allied fleet on D-Day. The budget version of this tour gives you greater freedom in choosing your meals and gives you more free time to explore sites on your own.

**FRANCE**

- Crisbecq Battery
- Falaise Gap
- William the Conqueror’s Castle in Falaise
- Monument of Civilians in the War
- Memorial de Montormel
- Drop-off at Paris CDG Airport

**Normandy, 6 nights**

- Pick-up at Paris CDG Airport
- Flights must arrive by 10 a.m.
- Omaha Beach
- Normandy American Cemetery
- Pointe du Hoc
- Utah Beach and Utah Beach Landing Museum
- Breville Manor
- Sainte-Mère-Église
- Airborne Museum
- Longues-sur-Mer German Battery
- Mulberry Harbor
- Arromanches-les-Bains
- 360° Circular Cinema
- Juno Beach and Juno Beach Center
- Sword Beach
- Pegasus Bridge
- Bayeux Tapestry
- Museum of the Battle of Normandy

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**MARK DONDLINGER, POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK**

“I thought it was well done; well organized; and comprehensive. The tour guides were knowledgeable. The tour’s pace was good and all of the important sites were visited. I would recommend the tour because it is comprehensive and a lot is packed into the tour. When it was over, I knew that I had been exposed to all the sites of Normandy. The tour was very much worth it.”

**TRY IT OUT!**

French brioches are an egg- and butter-enriched bread of medieval origins. We usually think of (and eat) it as a sweet pastry, but it can also be filled with fish, beef, foie gras, sausages or various appetizers. It’s a surprisingly versatile bakery product!

See page 150 for payment plan details and other terms and conditions.
Our 9-day Battle of Normandy Tour will give you an understanding of the Invasion of Normandy that goes beyond D-Day. The tour visits all five landing beaches and also explores the events that transpired after the landings. The battle saw General Patton assume command of the U.S. Third Army and exploit the first breakthrough across German lines. The fight for Normandy culminated in the death or capture of 60,000 Germans in the Falaise Pocket.

**FRANCE**

- Pick-up at Paris CDG Airport
- Omaha Beach
- Normandy American Cemetery
- Pointe du Hoc
- Utah Beach and Utah Beach Landing Museum
- Brecourt Manor
- Sainte-Mere-eglise
- Airborne Museum
- Gold Beach
- Longues-sur-Mer German Battery
- Mulberry Harbor
- Arromanches-les-Bains
- 360° Circular Cinema
- Juno Beach
- Sword Beach
- Pegasus Bridge
- Bayeux Commonwealth War Cemetery
- Bayeux Tapestry
- Museum of the Battle of Normandy
- Angoville
- Crisbecq Battery
- Dead Man’s Corner Museum
- D-Day Experience - 3D Cinema
- C-47 flight simulator
- Mont Saint-Michel
- Falaise Gap
- William the Conqueror’s Castle in Falaise
- Monument of Civilians in the War
- Memorial de Montormel
- Drop-off at Paris CDG Airport
- Flights must arrive by 10 a.m.
- Flights must depart after 3 p.m.

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**Average Group Size**
30-35

**Tour Activity Level**
2

**See page 150 for payment plan details and other terms and conditions.**
Come with us on an adventure designed for your bucket list and your pocket book! The commemorations of the 77th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy will truly be a unique event. This tour visits all the important sites our Normandy Invasion tour does, like the Normandy American Cemetery and Pointe du Hoc and will also attend a special commemoration ceremony, in honor of the anniversary. Adding further flavor to the week’s activities is a vast array of World War II vehicles on display and in motion, parachute jumps, air shows, and much more, which we aim to attend as their timing and our itinerary allows. D-Day is just the start for this tour, as we also explore the magnificent abbey of Mont Saint-Michel and the castle of William the Conqueror in Falaise.

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**GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY**

In August 1944, it fell to the 1st Polish Armoured Division to plug the gap of the Falaise Pocket and trap the German defenders of Normandy. One of their battlegroups got lost on the way thanks to a French civilian guide who mixed up the towns of Champeaux and Chambois, then disappeared at the first opportunity. The mistake turned out to be lucky: they stumbled across an SS headquarters and managed to loot documents with important orders.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Contrary to popular belief, the Normandy American Cemetery isn’t American Soil. Like all other overseas American cemeteries in France for World War I and II, France has granted the United States a special, perpetual concession to the land occupied by the cemetery, free of any charge or any tax to honor the forces. It does not benefit from extraterritoriality, and is thus still French soil.

**TRY IT OUT!**

The Normandy coastline is full of bunkers and casemates which are open to the public. Step into any of these at Pointe du Hoc, Longues-sur-Mer or Juno Beach to imagine what it was like to face the D-Day landings.

**HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS**

"Five Stars all the way! This was my trip of a lifetime for me. It was all your advertising said it would be. I experienced the places my childhood heroes fought and died. Where my uncles came ashore weeks after the first landings and the fields our airborne units were dropped. It allowed a lot of introspection and pride that I had in our American troops who liberated those nations we traveled. Would I recommend your tour? “Oh hell yes!” Without reservation. Matter of fact I have recommended it to two seasoned travelers already and gave them your name and website.”

HENRY LAWRENCE HAGNER, COLLEGEVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA
D-DAY 77TH ANNIVERSARY

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FRANCE

• Pick-up at Paris CDG Airport
  Flights must arrive by 10 a.m.
• Commemoration Ceremony
• Omaha Beach
• Normandy American Cemetery
• Pointe du Hoc
• Utah Beach
• Brecourt Manor
• Sainte-Mère-Eglise
• Airborne Museum
• Dead Man’s Corner Museum
• C-47 flight simulator
• Gold Beach
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• Mulberry Harbor
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• 360° Circular Cinema

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TRY IT OUT!

In one heavenly confection, a crispy almond meringue shell with a chewy interior yields to a lush, creamy ganache sandwiched within. Where better to indulge yourself with a couple of macarons than in the country it is from?

GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY

German soldiers defending a sector of Utah Beach captured 19 Americans on the night of June 5-6, 1944. The POWs knew that the coming invasion would be announced by heavy aerial and naval bombardment. They started getting anxious at 4 am and demanded to be moved to the rear lines. The Germans failed to recognize the reason behind the demand, as they were told to only expect an invasion on high tide mornings – and it was the wrong date for that.

In the classical period, the region of Normandy was a part of ancient Gaul. The ten Gallic tribes who called Normandy home were amongst the last to submit to Julius Caesar when he conquered the area in the first century, B.C.

The travel consultants were always very professional, friendly and pointed us in the right direction depending on what we needed. We were very confident when we left for our trip because BBoB had answered any questions we had. The hotels and meals were excellent and the staff was always very friendly. The bus driver was a great driver and very professional. I was very impressed with the tour. All of the other people who were on the tour were very nice and a lot of fun. We were happy to find we had a lot in common with many of them. I felt like the tour showed us a large area of sites that we may not have been able to see on our own. I would recommend BBoB for that reason.”

JANET MOUNTJOY, BURKE, VIRGINIA

Single Supplement $750

NORMANDY 77-D-DAY TOUR

8 days

Average

Group Size

Tour Activity

Level

30-35

2

See pages 9 and 14 for further information

Average

Group Size

Tour Activity

Level

30-35

2

See pages 9 and 14 for further information
NORMANDY 77 LUXURY D-DAY TOUR

D-DAY 77TH ANNIVERSARY

FRANCE

Celebrating the achievements of the Greatest Generation in comfort utilizing a luxurious hotel as your home base for an unforgettable week in France. Enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime tour from the luxury of a 5-star hotel in Bayeux, in the heart of the region. This tour visits all the important sites found on our Normandy Invasion Luxury tour as well as attending a special commemoration ceremony. Adding further flavor to the week’s activities is a vast array of World War II vehicles on display and in motion, parachute jumps, air shows, and much more, which we aim to attend as their timing and our itinerary allows. D-Day is just the start for this tour, as we also explore Falaise, the magnificent abbey of Mont Saint-Michel and the castle of William the Conqueror.

2021 TOUR DATES AND PRICES

SPECIAL EVENT TOUR

D-DAY 77TH ANNIVERSARY - Jun 3 - Jun 10

This special tour features the unparalleled experience of being in Normandy during the commemoration of the greatest amphibious assault in history. Tens of thousands of history buffs, re-enactors and grateful citizens turn northern France into a celebration of honor, courage and sacrifice. Demand for a place on our annual D-Day Tour is always high, so book early.

Early Bird Price $8,500
Layaway Price $9,000
List Price $10,000

Single Supplement $1,000

Did you know?

The Normandy coastline, called the “Land of Freedom”, has 80 sites dedicated to D-Day. The landscape has inspired many great artists and is also called the “Home of Impressionism”.

Try it Out!

Calvados is Lower Normandy’s famous apple brandy distilled from dry cider. Calvados is aged in an oak cask for at least two years. The longer it is aged the smoother it tastes.

Diorama about the landings

Glimpse into History

Once Germany defeated France, they established a small aircraft monitoring station in the Medieval island abbey of Mont Saint-Michel. Most of the soldiers who went there, however, visited as tourists. After D-Day, the abbey was liberated on August 1 by a single U.S. private accompanied by two British journalists. They received a hero’s welcome and even captured a few German soldiers who were resting in the abbey and were too exhausted to fight.

See page 150 for payment plan details and other terms and conditions.

Tour Activity Level 2

Average Group Size 20-25

See pages 9 and 14 for further information.

HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

“You walk away from this tour proud to be an American! I believe every American should go over to Normandy to see what we Americans did for France and the world! BBoB put together a tour that my 13-year-old granddaughter just loved. After seeing all of the movies, beaches and pictures it all came together in the end. You could picture it your mind. Anyone loving World War II should go on this tour!”

CLAIRE KILGORE, MAGNOLIA, TEXAS

Single Supplement $1,000

2021 TOUR DATES AND PRICES

- Pick-up at Paris CDG Airport
- Commenoration Ceremony
- Omaha Beach
- Normandy American Cemetery
- Pointe du Hoc
- Utah Beach
- Brecourt Manor
- Sainte-Mere-Eglise
- Airborne Museum
- Dead Man’s Corner Museum
- C-47 flight simulator
- Gold Beach
- Longues-sur-Mer German Battery
- Mulberry Harbor
- Arromanches-les-Bains
- 360° Circular Cinema
- Juno Beach
- Sword Beach
- Pegasus Bridge
- Mont Saint-Michel
- Falaise Gap
- William the Conqueror’s Castle in Falaise
- Memorial de Montormel
- Drop-off at Paris CDG Airport
- Flights must depart after 3 p.m.

2021 TOUR DATES AND PRICES

Early Bird Price $8,500
Layaway Price $9,000
List Price $10,000

Single Supplement $1,000

See page 150 for payment plan details and other terms and conditions.
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GERMANS RAMPAGE THROUGH ALLIED LINES

The battle started on December 16 and caught the Allies by complete surprise. The Germans went to great pains to keep the operation a secret, and had weather prevented Allied reconnaissance flights from spotting troop movements. The chosen time and place were the best possible. American divisions in the path of the German advance were inexperienced, battle-weary and poorly supplied thanks to an overstretched supply line. The winter of 1944-45 was one of the worst in recorded history and nobody was expecting a German attack in such horrible weather. German armor quickly broke through Allied lines and made alarming progress in the first couple of days.

NUTS! – THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

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AMERICAN BOYS RISE TO CHALLENGE

U.S. units showed their true mettle in the first desperate days. Isolated and fighting without seeing the larger picture, they did their best to slow down the German advance and buy time for reinforcements to arrive. The 101st Airborne Division, the famous Screaming Eagles, dug in at Bastogne.

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Meanwhile, British reserves were moving towards the Meuse River, an important milestone of the German advance, to stop the Nazis if they got that far.

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This special 8-day journey through the Ardennes Forest is an extended exploration of the Battle of the Bulge, America’s stiffest test in all of World War II. See where the 101st Airborne held the line during the siege of Bastogne, visit the finest museums in the world dedicated to the Ardennes Offensive and join the celebration as the citizens of Bastogne commemorate their American protectors with the “throwing of the nuts.” This dedicated tour affords time to take you off the beaten track, expanding our normal days in Belgium and including the stunning city of Luxembourg during its Christmas season.

- Luxembourg American Cemetery
- General Patton’s grave
- Diekirch National Military History Museum of Luxembourg
- Walking tour in Luxembourg City
- Luxembourg’s Notre-Dame Cathedral
- Ducal Palace
- Old Town
- Christmas Market
- Drop-off at Paris CDG Airport, flights can depart at any time.

2021 TOUR DATES AND PRICES

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SPECIAL EVENT TOUR

BATTLE OF THE BULGE 77TH ANNIVERSARY – Dec 4 - Dec 11

Ceremonial events and re-enactments, including the “throwing of the nuts” from the Town Hall balcony, make the Battle of the Bulge Anniversary a fun and exciting experience. This special, 8-day in-depth study on the Ardennes Offensive allows us to go off the beaten path and see some of the lesser known sites.

HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

“It was an honor to place the wreath on General Patton’s grave. It’s unbelievable that the foxholes are still there after 71 years. We enjoyed the guided tour throughout Luxembourg and loved the Christmas market! The bus driver was excellent. I felt very safe when we travelled throughout Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. The coach was very comfortable. The tour was well-organized. I would recommend it due to the wealth of knowledge the tour guides exhibit.”

MARLYS HILDEBRANDT, WILMINGTON, OHIO

DID YOU KNOW?

The large and heavy boned Ardennes Horse is bred in the Ardennes Region (parts of Belgium, France, and Luxembourg). They are considered one of the oldest breeds of draft horse.

GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY

When the 101st Airborne was rapidly moved to Bastogne to defend the city during the Battle of the Bulge, division commander Gen. Maxwell Taylor was in the U.S. on a staff conference, and command fell to Gen. Anthony McAuliffe. McAuliffe gained fame for his outburst “Nuts!” in response to a German demand for surrender. The word might sound like a euphemism, but people close to McAuliffe noted he genuinely spoke like that, avoiding vulgar words.
RISE AND FALL OF THE THIRD REICH

PEACE AT WHAT COST?

The closure of World War I already foreshadowed the beginning of World War II. President Wilson advocated a fair peace with his Fourteen Points, but it was the French demand for vengeance that dictated the actual terms of the Versailles Treaty. Germany saw important territories detached from it (some given to a newly reconstituted Poland), and its military force strictly limited. It was issued heavy war reparations. Additionally, the country was forced to acknowledge that it was responsible for starting the war, a claim that was highly prejudiced at best. Germany’s erstwhile ally, Austria-Hungary, was dissolved in separate treaties, and several new countries created in its former territory.

A NEW LEADER FOR A NEW COUNTRY

The city of Munich, in particular, became a bastion of right-wing ideology. It was there that an army intelligence agent called Adolf Hitler was ordered to infiltrate a local extremist party. Their political opinions won him over, and he took control of the group, establishing the National Socialist German Workers Party, the Nazi Party. Inspired by Mussolini’s Fascist takeover of Italy, he attempted a similar coup in 1923. However, the Munich Beer Hall Putsch was an ignominious failure that got him five years in prison (of which only nine months were served).

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A nighttime rally event and the Cathedral of Light over the main tribune of the Zeppelinfeld at the Nazi Party Rally Grounds in Nuremberg

Hitler’s Germany became a giant tribute to the Führer’s megalomania and totalitarianism. Nazi architecture was designed to be imposing and intimidating, heralding the supremacy of the state over the individual at every turn. Edifices such as the Nazi Rally Grounds at Nuremberg reflected the Nazi rhetoric about a strong and military-minded people. The 1936 Olympics in Berlin, the first such event to be televised, spread the sanitized message of a reborn, orderly Nazi German society to the entire world.

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The surrender of the last German trench during the Battle of Berlin

GERMANY IN THE EAGLE’S CLAWS

REGIME COLLAPSES IN FLAMES

The Nazi regime’s star finally fell in World War II. By the end of the six-year conflict, the last question was whether Germany would be conquered by the Western Allies or the Soviet Union. The war in the Eastern Front involved brutality that was largely unimaginable in the west, and the Red Army was eager to pay back the suffering in spades. As the capital of Berlin was located in the eastern part of the country, it was unfortunate enough to be reached by the Soviets first. The battle for the city raged for two weeks and two days. A third of the city was destroyed, and the fighting caused over 450,000 casualties, not counting civilians. The last place in the city to surrender on May 2, 1945, happened to be a sham: the so-called “flak tower” in the center of the city, a Flak tower, a massive concrete anti-aircraft tower that doubled as a shelter for soldiers and civilians.

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A slightly shorter, budget-friendly version of our popular Third Reich Tour, the Germany at War on a Budget Tour helps you explore and understand the legacy of World War II in Germany. Visit Munich, birthplace of the Nazi movement; Nuremberg, former capital of the Holy Roman Empire and the heart of Nazi propaganda; and Berlin, Hitler’s Germania and a lively cultural hub today. Take in the magnificent Alpine views from the peak where the iconic Eagle’s Nest is perched, marvel at the magnitude of the Nazi Party Rally Grounds and honor the victims of the Holocaust at the memorial site of Dachau Concentration Camp.

**GERMANY AT WAR ON A BUDGET TOUR**

**9 days**

**Average Group Size**

- Munich, 3 nights
- Berlin, 3 nights
- Nuremberg, 2 nights

**Tour Activity Level**

- Pick-up at Munich MUC Airport
- Flights must arrive by 4 p.m.
- Dachau Concentration Camp
- Third Reich tour of Munich
- Eagle’s Nest
- Dokumentation Obersalzberg
- House of the Wannsee Conference
- 1936 Olympic Stadium
- German-Russian Museum
- Reichstag
- Brandenburg Gate
- Holocaust Memorial
- Checkpoint Charlie
- Berlin Wall
- Treltower Park
- Drop-off at Berlin TXL Airport
- Flights can depart at any time

**2021 TOUR DATES AND PRICES**

**Early Bird Price**
- May 8 - May 16: $2,805

**Layaway Price**
- May 8 - May 16: $2,970

**List Price**
- May 8 - May 16: $3,300

**Single Supplement**
- $350

**SPECIAL EVENT TOUR**

**OKTOBERFEST - Sep 18 - Sep 26**

The Oktoberfest versions of our historical tours are our most popular departure dates, as they feature an afternoon of merrymaking at the world's premier beer festival. Passengers can enjoy a round of drinks at one of the many beer tents. Although lederhosen are not required, they are highly recommended.

- Early Bird Price: $3,060
- Layaway Price: $3,240
- List Price: $3,600

**Single Supplement**
- $360

**DID YOU KNOW?**

There are some 1,700 bridges in Berlin, even more than in Venice. Berlin is also said to have more waterways than Amsterdam, Stockholm and Venice – combined!

**TRY IT OUT!**

Beer is major part of German culture. There are six major breweries in Munich alone: Augustiner Bräu, Hofbräu, Löwenbräu, Hacker-Pshorr Bräu, Spaten-Franziskaner Bräu and Paulaner Brauerei.

**HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS**

“BBBl is a great company and works very hard to get travelers to come back for another tour. They go out of their way to make my trip everything I expect it to be. When I return home, I will go on to the website and see what trip interests me for next year. Yes, I would recommend your tours to anyone, I have done that too.”

MARIE ROBERTS, AURORA, COLORADO

**GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY**

When the Nuremberg Trials convened to examine the cases of Nazi war criminals, the accused had the right to “fair and expeditious trials”. In order to ensure those qualities, everything that was said had to be understood by everyone present. The communication system invented for the purpose, involving electronic equipment and several teams of interpreters, established and popularized the practice of simultaneous translation.

**EUROPEAN THEATER - TOURS TO GERMANY**

**BEYOND BAND OF BROTHERS TOUR BROCHURE 2021**
THIRD REICH TOUR

11 days

GERMANY

Join us as we trace the political, economic and ideological reasons behind Hitler’s rise to power on this 11-day tour, visiting places where he rallied followers, held diplomatic meetings, commanded armies and finally met his demise.

Nuremberg, the former capital of the Holy Roman Empire, and the Hanseatic city of Hamburg provide the historical and cultural context for understanding the events that led to the outbreak of WWII, while the scenic mountain resort of Berchtesgaden offers a glimpse into the opulent life of NSDAP officials. We finish our journey with visits to iconic pre-war, Nazi and Communist sites in the lively European city of Berlin.

HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

“The tour exceeded my expectations. I am not a World War II buff, but found the presentations by the tour guides and the exceptional quality of the museums, documentation centers engaging and enlightening. The tour manager was exceptional. His enthusiasm and passion for what he is explaining is infectious. I would recommend the tour highly. The days are full, but not exhausting. We were able to have an in-depth look at most of the places we visited, with time for individual exploration.”

CHRISTINE AGY, DAVENPORT, IOWA

ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE

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SPECIAL EVENT TOUR

OKTOBERFEST – Sep 25 - Oct 5

Early Bird Price $5,950 Layaway Price $6,300 List Price $7,000

See page 150 for payment plan details and other terms and conditions.

DID YOU KNOW?

Munich’s famous Oktoberfest started as a wedding celebration for Prince Ludwig and his bride Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen in 1810.

Explore the extended version!

Check out our 18-day Normandy to Berlin Tour, which also includes the battles for Western-Europe. – page 117

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THE SHADOW OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

We usually think of Italy as the less important of the European Axis powers. Although Italy’s military and economic power, along with its war contribution, was much smaller than Germany’s, it still played a crucial role in ushering in the authoritarian regimes of the 20th century.

FASCISTS LEAD THE WAY

Benito Mussolini seized power in 1922 with his March on Rome. His takeover of the country inspired Adolf Hitler to try something similar with the Beer Hall Putsch in Munich a year later, but, unlike his exemplar, he failed. Fascism, Mussolini’s totalitarian ideology, ultimately derived its name from the fasces: an ax stuck in a bundle of sticks, once used as a symbol of power in ancient Rome. It was an appropriate choice, as Mussolini’s goal was to recreate the Roman Empire by extending his reach over its former territories. His conquest of Ethiopia in 1935-36 and the invasion of Albania in early 1939 were already moves to that end.

Though the idea of resurrecting a polity from classical antiquity might seem quaint to most people, it is perhaps understandable from an Italian perspective. In a country with the Colosseum just down the street and where history is etched into the architectural fabric of its cities, Italy has a living connection to the past that feels more natural than in other nations.

FASCISTS NOT NAZIS

Like Nazism, Fascism was also pervasive in its home country, but with interesting differences. Although official Nazi art was conservative, many representatives of the Futurist art movement embraced early Fascism. Ironically, it was precisely the sort of experimental art Hitler would have decried as degenerate. Intact and fascinating examples of Fascist architecture still stand in Rome even today, sharing the city with the majestic remnants of ancient Rome. Fascism and Nazism are often used interchangeably, but there are a few important distinguishing features. While both are totalitarian systems, Fascism espouses the ultimate supremacy of the state. In contrast, the Nazis believed the Party and the concept of racial purity were of the highest importance, and the state was merely a means to an end. Although both ideologies strongly opposed political socialism, the Fascist economic model could be described as “socialism with a capitalist veneer.”

CANNOT TAKE THE HEAT

Mussolini’s grasp far exceeded his reach, a fact that became obvious when World War II started. Although Italian soldiers were dedicated and tenacious and the navy was quite decent, the military at large suffered from serious problems. Leadership was given to politically trustworthy cranks rather than competent officers. The nation’s insufficient level of industrialization, its shortage of natural resources and low level of general education caused a constant scarcity and unreliability of equipment on the frontlines. Also, the Italian public was never as enthusiastic about Fascism as the Germans were about Nazism, and popular support for the war was low.

ITALIAN MILITARY PERFORMANCE

Italy’s military performance suffered as a result. Both their offensives in the Balkans and their war against British forces in North Africa went so poorly they had to ask for German help. This in turn divided Germany’s forces and left them weaker in the Soviet Union.

ITALY’S软 UNDERBELLY PROVES HARD AS STEEL

The Allied invasion of Italy was clearly the weak spot of the European Axis powers. North Africa was safely in Allied hands by the end of spring in 1943, and with a large number of battle-hardened troops already in the area, crossing the Mediterranean and invading Italy would be the obvious next step for an Allied victory. Operation Husky, the invasion of the Italian island of Sicily, started on July 9 and was completed by mid-August. The island became the site of the famous “race” between General Patton and British Field Marshal Montgomery to capture the port city of Messina, which Patton eventually won.

Italy was peppered with sites that stand witness to the devastation of the Italian front. The town of San Pietro Infine was destroyed so completely, the mountain terrain and rivers made the land easy to defend but very hard to attack. The Germans had established several defensive lines, and once the Allies captured one at a high price, the defenders simply retreated to the next one.

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The Allied invasion of Italy after early May 1945, six days before Hitler’s surrender. The final offensive to capture the northern part of the country ended in early May 1945, six days before Hitler’s surrender. The two Axis nations that started the war also went down together.
Our 8-day Italy at War on a Budget Tour is a condensed, budget-friendly version of our popular Italian Campaign Tour. Travel up the Italian peninsula to Rome and visit the battlefields, the picturesque coast, the buildings erected in Mussolini’s Fascist Italy and the magnificent Roman ruins that inspired the Duce’s visions of a new Empire. Wander the streets of the ghost town of San Pietro that was completely destroyed in battle, the rebuilt hilltop abbey of hard-contested Monte Cassino and the invasion beach at Salerno. Your trip through ancient and modern history will be enhanced through exploration of a vibrant modern country known for its delicious cuisine, renowned fashion industry, luxurious cars and the greatest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the world.
ITALIAN CAMPAIGN TOUR

Sicily, 3 nights
- Pick-up at Catania CTA Airport
- Flights must arrive by 2 p.m.
- Operation Husky - Sicily landing beaches
- 82nd Airborne Memorial
- Valley of Temples
- View of Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe
- Historical Museum of the Landings
- Walking tour of Catania’s city center
- Commonwealth War Cemetery
- German War Mausoleum in Motta St. Anastasia
- Ferry crossing through the Strait of Messina
- Operation Avalanche - Salerno (Paestum) landing beaches
- Pompeii
- Cassino, 2 nights
- The Abbey of Monte Cassino
- San Pietro Infine: ghost town preserved from WWII
- Operation Shingle – Anzio and Nettuno landing beaches
- Anzio’s Piana delle Orme Museum: the largest private WWII collection
- Rome, 4 nights
- Sicily-Rome American Cemetery
- Former Gestapo HQ
- Mussolini’s fascist Rome: his office buildings, bunkers, villa and balcony
- Colosseum
- Trevi Fountain
- Pantheon
- Spanish Steps
- Vatican
- St. Peter’s Basilica
- Drop-off at Rome FCO Airport
- Flights can depart at any time

Take an unforgettable 11-day journey along beautiful coasts in pursuit of the most amazing World War II sites. In addition to being the cradle of Western civilization, Italy also holds profound monuments to World War II such as the ghost town of San Pietro and the battle sites of Monte Cassino or Anzio. In addition to the legacy of the Roman Empire, you can see the footprints of Mussolini’s fascist ideology on this once-in-a-lifetime journey. Look beyond the vast array of unique WWII vehicles, weapons, and amazing war stories to enjoy the delicious cuisine, renowned fashion industry, and luxurious sports cars, as well as the finest examples of architecture in the country that is home to the greatest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the world.

DAVID GINN, BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS

“...A very comfortable coach, outstanding drivers in a country with reckless drivers, plus the Wi-Fi made it easy to stay in touch with family & friends back home. I enjoyed the Italian Campaign tour and would recommend it to others. I learned a lot about a part of WWII that I knew little about, a thought shared by many on the tour. I think it was particularly exciting for those who had not visited Italy before, as there were more non-military tourist sights than the Beyond Band of Brothers tour I have already taken. I enjoyed seeing Rome and Pompeii!”

HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE

ENTRY POINT:
- Salerno
- Rome

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Single Supplement $660

DID YOU KNOW?

Every day roughly 3,000 Euros’ worth of coins are tossed into the Trevi Fountain, Rome’s largest Baroque fountain and one of the most famous fountains in the world.

GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY

Operation Husky, the Allied invasion of the Isle of Sicily, proved how weak Mussolini’s grasp on Italy was. Even as the battle for the island was raging, the Grand Council of Fascism convened over the night of July 24-25, 1943, and voted to transfer some of Mussolini’s power to King Victor Emmanuel III. In the morning, the king removed the Duce from his position, and the fascist dictator was arrested by police as he was leaving from the meeting.

TRY IT OUT!

The word espresso comes from the Italian name for the coffee, in full caffè espresso, literally “pressed-out coffee.” Fourteen billion espressos are consumed in Italy each year. Start the day with this quintessential Italian coffee.

ITALY
THE TROUBLED CENTER OF EUROPE

A CRUMBLING LEGACY

For centuries, Central Europe had been the home of strong multi-ethnic states. Poland and Hungary were both major powers in the Middle Ages, and Bohemia (the western part of the Czech Republic) used to be an important entity in the Holy Roman Empire. German cultural and political influence came to dominate the region in the early modern era, while the threat of Russia loomed on the eastern horizon, foreshadowing events of the 20th century.

Ethnic and political tensions in this patchwork of peoples turned Central Europe into a powder keg by the 1910s. It was no accident that World War I started with a local affair: the assassination of Austro-Hungarian Archduke Franz Ferdinand by Serbian nationalists.

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Hitler’s political maneuvering gave way to brute force when both Germany and the Soviet Union invaded Poland on September 1, 1939, starting World War II. With the region firmly under the Nazi thumb, Central Europe’s industry helped power the German military machine. Those who wanted to fight the regime had three options: escape and join the armed forces of the Western Allies, build connections with the Soviet Union, or fight a hopeless battle as an independent resistance movement, like the Polish Home Army.

Central Europe traditionally had a large Jewish population. With a free run of the region, the Nazis embarked on the systematic killing of Jews. The centuries-old Jewish quarters of Krakow, Budapest and other cities were turned into closed ghettos where Jews were collected and eventually sent to concentration camps like Auschwitz. It is no coincidence that the nine concentration camps with the highest death tolls were built outside and to the east of Germany. On a brighter side, it was also in this region, specifically in Krakow, that Oskar Schindler saved around 1,200 Jews who were working in his factory.

NO REPRIEVE FOR CENTRAL EUROPE

The region became Hitler’s first victim before the war, then Stalin’s in the war’s final period. The vengeful Red Army left a trail of looting and mass rapes in its wake, making “liberation” worse for many civilians than German occupation was. In Poland, the resistance launched a massive uprising against the Germans in the capital of Warsaw. Russian forces were right across the Vistula River but waited for the partisans to be slaughtered before moving in.

Just like the end of the Great War, the end of World War II failed to bring peace to the troubled region. Most of Central Europe fell into the Soviet sphere of influence, and the Iron Curtain soon descended across the continent, setting these countries on a course that pushed them away from their western neighbors. It was only with the end of the Cold War that this historic region of Europe and its old, culturally rich countries could rejoin the free world.
Our 9-day Central Europe on a Budget Tour offers a comprehensive overview of a century of events in the region with special focus on the colorful Bohemian life, diverse culture and remarkable architecture of the 20th century. The tour visits three historic cities and a large number of stunning sights Central Europe is known for, giving you an insight into the life of its peoples, including the European Jewry, in the modern age. The history and rich cultural heritage of the region comes alive in the bustling of Prague, Krakow and Budapest, leaving you with a new-found appreciation of this corner of the world.

**BUDGET PACKAGE**

**GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY**

Troops of the Arrow Cross Party, the Hungarian equivalent of the Nazis, executed about 20,000 Hungarian Jews on the banks of the Danube in Budapest, Hungary over the winter of 1944-45. The victims had to remove their shoes and line up along the water. Once shot, the bodies fell into the river and the shoes (a valuable commodity in wartime) were sold by their killers. A line of iron shoes stands on the site today as a memorial.

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**TRY IT OUT!**

Pálinka is a strong Hungarian fruit brandy commonly made of apricots, pears, plums, sour cherries, apples, mulberries or quince. It’s typically between 80-140 proof, giving rise to a local mantra, which claims that the pálinka is a medicine in small amounts and a remedy in large ones. Don’t forget to taste it even if you aren’t sick!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that Prague Castle is in the Guinness Book of Records? Dating from the 9th century, it is the largest ancient castle in the world.

**UPGRADE TO ALL-INCLUSIVE**

11-day Central Europe Remembrance Tour – page 85
Our 11-day tour offers a comprehensive overview of a century of events in this region with a special focus on the Second World War, especially the Holocaust. The tour presents the ideology and power struggle of the Nazi state and explores the inner workings of the concentration camp system through visits to different types of camps, namely Dachau, Mauthausen and Auschwitz-Birkenau. Beautiful historic cities of Central Europe give insight into the life of the European Jewry during the pre-war years, as well as their suffering during the war. The city tours, museums and stunning architecture of Munich, Vienna, Budapest and Krakow paint a bright picture of the diverse history and rich cultural heritage of the peoples of Central Europe combined with a taste of local hospitality.

HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

“I really liked having 3 meals provided. Finding meals on our own would have been a hassle. Transportation was quite comfortable. Really liked the Wi-Fi and especially the videos. I was very impressed with the tour managers’ historical education and knowledge. The tour stuck to the history theme and filled the days with as much as possible. There wasn’t too much free time, which I liked. I didn’t come to Europe for free time or shopping.”

MARY ENZWEILER, EDGWOOD, KENTUCKY

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DID YOU KNOW?

More than half (62%) of Austria’s total land area is covered by the Austrian Alps. The country has 13 peaks above 10,000 feet, and 34 above 6,300 feet.

GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY

Sonderkommandos were Jewish concentration camp inmates forced to help with the disposal of gas chamber victims. Sonderkommandos of Auschwitz II – Birkenau rose up in October 1944 after similar events at other camps. They attacked the guards with axes, knives, makeshift grenades and two machine guns, trying to destroy the gas chambers and crematoriums. 450 of them were killed in the failed attempt, while they only managed to kill three guards.

TRY IT OUT!

Not your mother’s goulash! Don’t miss a chance to try out the real thing. Hungary’s national dish is the gulyás. It is a soup made from vegetables, pork, beef and seasoned with paprika.
Join us on this 11-day tour to discover the varied WWII legacy of Poland, where some of the greatest atrocities and the finest acts of selflessness took place, from the institution of the labor and extermination camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau to the factory where Oskar Schindler saved 1,200 Jewish lives. We visit Hitler’s Wolfsschanze, or Wolf’s Lair, and tour the complex of 30 buildings once occupied by the German High Command. Through tours of Krakow and Warsaw’s Jewish districts and the infamous concentration camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau and Treblinka we recognize the indomitable spirit of the Polish people under German occupation.

**HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS**

“I am a retired college professor and Holocaust historian. The Holocaust sites (Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka, Krakow Ghetto, Schindler Factory, Warsaw Ghetto, Warsaw Museum of the Polish Jews, Warsaw Synagogue and Jewish Ghetto Cemetery, etc.) provided a rich and complete experience for Holocaust study.”

**HARVEY TAUB, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA**

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Single Supplement $660

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**TRY IT OUT!**

You can’t visit Poland without having a glass of Vodka. Vodka is a diminutive form of the Slavic word for water, voda, so it literally means “little water.” Polish vodka has been produced since the Middle Ages.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Fiat has always been popular in Poland thanks to the Italian manufacturer selling its license to Poland in 1932, creating the brand Polski Fiat - the Polish Fiat. Following WWII, more than a million 126p Polskis were made behind the Iron Curtain.

**GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY**

The Wolf’s Lair, Hitler’s Polish headquarters, had a water reservoir for fire-fighting purposes, but the swarms of mosquitoes attracted by the water became a big problem in the summer. The water was covered with oil to kill the insects, but this only succeeded in killing the frogs also living in the water tank, and made the situation even worse by removing the mosquitoes’ natural predators. Hitler had the reservoir cleaned and new frogs brought in.
This 18-day tour offers a comprehensive overview of a century of events in this region with a special focus on World War II and an extended stay in Poland. The tour presents the ideology and power struggle of the Nazi state and explores the inner workings of the concentration camp system through visits to different types of camps. Visits to Dachau, Mauthausen, Auschwitz-Birkenau and Treblinka provide a chance to pay tribute to those who perished in the Holocaust. In Poland, we extend our journey up to the Wolf's Lair to tour the complex of 30 buildings once occupied by the German High Command. The beautiful cities of Central Europe give insight into the life of the European Jewry during the pre-war years as well as their tremendous endurance during the war.

HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

“All of my life I have heard of some of these places. I kept saying, “Can you believe this? We are in a Soviet bloc satellite. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be able to visit such a city, much less roam around throughout the country. We are walking in the footsteps of Hitler. We are in countries that had revolted against the USSR.” We COULD NOT HAVE HAD better people to shepherd us around and take care of us. I really want to take another tour, preferably the Third Reich tour starting in Munich and drinking beer at Oktoberfest.”

CHRISS BOWMAN, LAROSE, LOUISIANA

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$9,350 | $9,900 | $11,000

Single Supplement $1,100

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GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY

The Free City of Danzig (today Gdansk) officially belonged to no nation before WWII, but was practically governed by Poland despite a German population. The first shots of the war were fired at Polish soldiers on the Westerplatte Peninsula along the city’s seashore. The defenders held out for a week against an overwhelming force, German planes, a battleship, and attempts to ram the gate to the peninsula with burning train carriages.
BLEEDING RUSSIA

A SMILE AND A BACKSTAB

Nazi Germany signed the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact with the Soviet Union a week before World War II started. The pact contained a secret protocol in which the two powers divided up Eastern Europe between themselves: Poland’s joint invasion as the war’s opening move was conducted according to the protocol.

The two nations also signed economic agreements. At the time, Stalin was working hard on industrializing the Soviet Union. Hitler offered industrial machinery, vehicles and military equipment in exchange for food and raw materials. The Führer never intended to hold up his end of the bargain, and invaded the Soviet Union on June 22, 1941. Hitler fueled the invasion with the raw materials he got from Stalin. As an example of how reliant the Germans were on Russian goods, Germany’s own reserves of rubber and grain would have only been enough for the first day of the invasion.

RUSSIAN BEAR CAUGHT NAPPING

Stalin was caught entirely unprepared for the inevitable betrayal despite several warning signs, and the Red Army made a desperate scramble to get organized and put up a defense. Entire factories were disassembled, transported to the hinterland, and rebuilt to keep them out of German hands. Soviet “destruction battalions” were tasked with burning the earth to prevent the Germans from capturing anything worthwhile and massacring anti-Soviet prisoners so the Nazis would not free them. The Soviets might have unwittingly supplied Germany with war materials before the invasion, but they also received aid themselves. America and Britain provided Russia with vital resources through the Lend Lease agreement. Stalin himself noted in 1944 that two-thirds of Soviet heavy industry had been built with American help, and the rest with aid from other Western nations.

The Eastern Front was bloody and brutal in a manner unimaginable in

THE RED TIDE

The defeat at Stalingrad forced the Germans on the backfoot for the rest of the war. Hitler’s final attempt to regain initiative in Russia was the Battle of Kursk. The largest tank battle in history started in early July 1943 and raged until late August. For comparison, the Allied invasion of Sicily in the Mediterranean started a few days after Kursk began and was completed almost a week before the battle ended.

The German offensive was stopped thanks to an enormous multi-layered system of Soviet defenses. Once the attack ran out of steam, the Soviets launched a counteroffensive. The battle broke the back of the German military. All subsequent attempts to slow down the Red Army were just delaying the inevitable fall of the Third Reich – and Communist domination of the eastern half of Europe during the Cold War.
**EASTERN FRONT TOUR**

**11 days**

- **St. Petersburg, 4 nights**
  - Pick-up at St. Petersburg LED Airport
  - Flights must arrive by 4 p.m.
  - Hermitage in the Winter Palace
  - River cruise on the Neva
  - Cruiser Aurora
  - Artillery Museum
  - Lake Ladoga
  - Road of Life Museum
  - Train ride to Moscow

- **Moscow, 3 nights**
  - Museum of the Great Patriotic War
  - Kubinka Tank Museum
  - Red Square
  - Lenin’s Mausoleum
  - Gum Department Store
  - Kremlin
  - Cruise on the Moscow River
  - Flight to Volgograd

- **Volgograd, 3 nights**
  - Cruise on the Volga River
  - Walk on the Alley of Heroes
  - Museum of the Russian Civil War
  - Stalingrad Panorama Museum
  - Lyudnikov’s Island
  - Soviet factories of the War
  - Guided museum visit of Marshal Paulus’ last HQ
  - Children’s Khorovod
  - Grain Elevator near Tsaritsa Gorge
  - Motherland Calls statue on Mamayev Kurgan
  - Pavlov’s House
  - Drop-off at Volgograd VOG Airport
  - Flights can depart at any time

The 11-day Eastern Front Tour gives you the rare opportunity to get a peek into the heart of the former Soviet Union and experience three of the most commemorated Russian battlefields of WWII: the Siege of Leningrad, Moscow and the Battle of Stalingrad. Stay at extravagant hotels that are even more exquisite than the typical European 4-star standards, while exploring the most significant historical sites, memorials and museums related to WWII, also gaining a wider understanding of Russian history and culture. Visit Stalingrad, which was the site of the bloodiest battle in the history of warfare and Leningrad, which was under siege for a staggering 872 days. This tour is a must for WWII history buffs who are looking for a truly unique experience!

**HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS**

“T’m beyond pleased with the service provided by Beyond Band of Brothers Tours, this is my second tour with them and already looking for my next tour. As a single woman taking tours like this I have never felt unsa welcome with BBoB unlike another tour company I have traveled with in the past. Everything from getting information about tours to booking and everything beyond is wonderful. I was very happy with this tour, we saw places that you wouldn’t be able to see if you went on your own, I would highly recommend this tour to all my history bug friends, I didn’t know a lot about the Eastern front of Ww2 but I didn’t feel left behind and I learned so much. Highly recommended.”

**CAROLINE MINNEHAN, NEWARK, DELAWARE**

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**GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY**

Leningrad was surrounded by German and Finnish troops during the city’s 872-day siege but not entirely. When nearby Lake Ladoga froze over in the winter, supplies were sent in by civilians evacuated with trucks and sleighs driving over the ice. The route was under constant attack by German artillery and planes, and the gelid water could kill a man in seconds if a vehicle broke through and sank.

**RUSSIA**

**Average Group Size**

30-35

**Tour Activity Level**

4

See page 9 and 14 for further information.

In Russia, there are almost 10 million more women than men, a situation many consider a result of World War II.
The British and the Americans were so impressed by the Germans’ performance that they rushed to set up their own airborne units. The most famous American units being the “All American” 82nd Division and the 101st Division, the “Screaming Eagles.”

The finest hour for American airborne came on D-Day. Over 15,000 paratroopers jumped into the Cotentin Peninsula during the night before June 6, 1944, while British glidermen attacked other locations in the east. Bad weather and intensive anti-aircraft fire caused the jumps to scatter over a large area, but the 82nd and 101st Airborne adapted and mastered the situation. Soldiers joined whatever unit was nearby and proceeded to capture critical locations behind enemy lines.

The first French town to be liberated was Sainte-Mère-Église, where paratroopers landed while German soldiers and local civilians were busy fighting a fire. Though much of the surprise was lost, the town was still secured by the early morning. During the battle, two paratroopers landed on top of the church building. One of them, John Steele, was stuck and played possum until German soldiers, who wanted to collect his dog tag, discovered him to be alive.

Another one of the many objectives, the La Fièvre bridge and causeway, was called “the fiercest battle in the European war” by U.S. Army historian S.L.A. Marshall. It should also be famous for the airborne spirit displayed not only by the men and the NCOs, but also by high-ranking officers. At one point during the battle, heavy German fire pinned the American troops down on the exposed causeway. Not one but two airborne generals, Matthew Ridgway and James Gavin, rushed into the middle of the killing zone to prod soldiers onward and to remove an obstacle with their own hands. This was exactly the sort of aggressive and fearless battlefield command the airborne needed to operate when surrounded by the enemy successfully.

THE BATTERED BASTARDS TRIUMPH

The tenacity of the Airborne carried them to victory in their next great trial during the Battle of the Bulge. Hitler’s counteroffensive caught the Allies unaware, and units scrambled to put up a defense. The 82nd fought heroically against overwhelming German forces, and the 101st Airborne Division joined the later part of the battle, but the main spotlight fell on the Screaming Eagles. After moving into the strategically important crossroads town of Bastogne at the last moment, they had to defend the area against superior German forces while having meager supplies and little protection against the elements during one of the worst winters in the area in recorded history.

Unlike Operation Market Garden, this time the Airborne had the help of tanks and tank destroyers attached to them from other units. This support allowed the 101st to hold on to Bastogne, denying the Germans use of an important route nexus. Their unbreakable spirit was immortalized in General Anthony McAuliffe’s reply to the German demand for surrender: “Nuts!”

Airborne units continued to participate in the last year of the war, even if most did not get to jump again. The 82nd crossed the Elbe River and captured 100,000 Germans while moving 36 miles in a day as their last hurrah, while the 101st liberated a subcamp of the Dachau concentration camp. They are also credited with being the first Allied units to reach the Nazi resort town of Berchtesgaden and the Eagle’s Nest, Hitler’s mountain resort. However, research suggests that they were actually beaten to these locations by other American soldiers.
**Glimpse into History**

The Bovington Tankfest is the world's biggest live display of armored vehicles, with re-enactors and a wide range of tanks from WWI to the modern day in action. The Tankfest is a special event, only available as part of our special event tours.

**Try It Out!**

Enjoy an evening at the Globe Theatre, Shakespeare’s original theater, while we are in London. The current Globe is located a few hundred yards from Shakespeare’s original and was constructed based on the most current historical and archeological evidence available. What could be more thrilling than to experience theatre the way Shakespeare intended?

**Did You Know?**

How would you guard a pair of ruby, sapphire and diamond encrusted sandals? Harrods of London, the famous department store frequented by the Queen herself, used a live Egyptian cobra to protect their pair, worth £62,000.

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**HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS**

"The local tour guides were extremely knowledgeable and more than willing to try and answer my questions. Because I'm a vegetarian, I don't always have as many options as my meat eating friends. I was always able to find something at the breakfast buffets. Every restaurant made an effort to accommodate my needs. The bus was extremely comfortable and the driver was quite efficient. I went on this tour due to the content of the material and because of how the material was presented and the quality of the information we received. I would definitely recommend this tour to anyone who had an interest in the subject."

**Michael Parkos, Carrollton, Texas**

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This 15-day tour combining our Battle of Britain and Normandy 77 Tour is perfect for those who want to follow the development of D-Day from idea to execution. We start in England, where we delve into the Battle of Britain, honoring the tenacity of the locals who lived for months under constant German bombardment. We lay the foundations of Operation Overlord from code-breaking at Bletchley Park to designating the D-Day landing sectors at Southwick House. We then cross the English Channel to see the implementation of the invasion by visiting all five landing beaches, with emphasis on infantry and airborne operations as well as recognizing the paramount roles that naval and USAAC support played on June 6, 1944. We attend a special commemoration ceremony in Normandy. Adding further flavor to the week’s activities is a vast array of World War II vehicles on display and in motion, parachute jumps, air shows, and much more, which we aim to attend as their timing and our itinerary allows.

**London, 5 nights**
- Pick-up at London LHR Airport
- London Imperial War Museum
- Battle of Britain Memorial
- Folkestone
- Dover Castle
- No. 11 Group Operations Room at Uxbridge
- Bletchley Park
- Churchill’s Cabinet War Rooms

**Portsmouth, 2 nights**
- SHAPE HQ at Southwick House
- D-Day Museum
- Southsea
- Bovington Tank Museum

**Normandy, 7 nights**
- Commemoration Ceremony
- Omaha Beach
- Normandy American Cemetery
- Pointe du Hoc
- Breocourt Manor
- Sainte-Mère-Église
- Airborne Museum
- Dead Man’s Corner Museum
- C-47 flight simulator
- Gold Beach
- Longues-sur-Mer German Battery
- Mulberry Harbor
- Arromanches-les-Bains
- 360° Circular Cinema

**Paris, 1 night**
- Pegasus Bridge

**Brussels, 1 night**
- Memorial de Montormel
- In Falaise

**Tours and Events**
- D-Day 77th Anniversary
- Duxford Air Show

**SPECIAL EVENT TOUR**
**D-DAY 77TH ANNIVERSARY & DUXFORD AIR SHOW – May 27 – Jun 10**
Visiting Normandy during the commemoration is an unparalleled experience. Tens of thousands of history buffs, re-enactors and grateful citizens turn northern France into a celebration of honor, courage and sacrifice. Demand for a place on our D-Day Tours is extremely high, so book early.

This tour also attends the Duxford Air Show which is held at the Imperial War Museum Duxford, Britain’s largest aviation museum. The site played a prominent role during the Battle of Britain and was later used by United States Army Air Forces. Complete with airshow and static exhibitions of a wide array of air crafts, this event is a must see for aviation enthusiasts.

**2021 TOUR DATES AND PRICES**

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See page 150 for payment plan details and other terms and conditions.

**HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS**
“I received exceptional service from the travel consultants. Each restaurant was great! I liked the options and the bit of culture in them. Our tour manager was terrific. We thoroughly enjoyed his expertise. He was very professional and mature. The bus driver had exceptional driving skills. Those roads are crazy!! My general impressions of the tour are the things you get to do and visit for the price. Love the all-inclusive where everything is done for you but enjoy the experience. I would recommend Procom for the same reasons. Sorry free, enjoyable vacation!”

**JACKIE SWIST, TURNERS FALLS, MASSACHUSETTS**

**GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY**
The German battery at Longues-sur-Mer was equipped with four naval cannons placed inside casemates for protection. On D-Day, the guns exchanged fire with Allied ships, but were eventually silenced by heavy bombardment. The battery is the only one in Normandy to retain its original guns to this day. It was used as a filming location for The Longest Day, even though, unlike many other places, it is never identified in the movie.

**TRY IT OUT!**
Are you a klutz who often drops things? Including your toast with the buttered side down? Then the tarte tatin is your dessert! Baked upside down to begin with, there is no risk of you spoiling this caramelized apple yumminess.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
The white chalk cliffs of Dover are around 136 million years old. There are hidden tunnels in the cliffs carved by prisoners held in Dover Castle during the Napoleonic Wars. The tunnels were enlarged to form Fan Bay Deep Shelter for artillery in WWII.

**A Very Special Tour**
This tour attends both the Duxford Airshow and the 77th D-Day anniversary – can’t get more special than this!
LONDON TO BERCHTESGADEN TOUR

HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

“Overall, the services we received in all aspects by Beyond Band of Brothers were the best. The tour absolutely exceeded all my expectations. The hotels were first class, the meals were delicious, the tour managers were knowledgeable, fun, and very professional. Just a few days into the tour, I turned to my husband to discuss the tour so far, and I told him there was no way we could ever do as much or learn as much as we had. I’d love to go on another tour with Beyond Band of Brothers someday. Thank you so much for an unforgettable experience!”

HEATHER MORTENSON, RIVERTON, UTAH

TRY IT OUT!

Did you know that fish and chips were excluded from rationing during both world wars? In the UK, more than 250 million fish and chip meals are sold every year. You can’t leave London without trying this British staple.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Eagle’s Nest, built at 6,017 feet, was a present to Hitler from the Nazi Party for his 50th birthday. Too bad he was afraid of heights and only visited it about 12 times.

Enjoy this 18-day tour as we celebrate the victory of the Battle of Britain, the careful planning and implementation of D-Day, realize the tenacity of those who endured the bitter hardships at the Battle of the Bulge, and get a glimpse of the Third Reich system at the end of our journey in Munich. Passengers visit sites such as Bletchley Park and Churchill’s Cabinet War Rooms as well as the Imperial War Museums in London and Duxford, then move to the D-Day landing beaches in Normandy, the foxholes of Bois Jacques in the Ardennes Forest, Dachau and the Eagle’s Nest in Bavaria.

See pages 9 and 14 for further information.

GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY

General George S. Patton suffered a fatal driving accident in December 1945. He was not a casualty of war, but he wished to be buried with his men and was therefore still laid to rest at the Luxembourg American Cemetery. As per cemetery policy, his grave was placed among all the others. However, so many visitors came to see his resting place that nearby graves were regularly trampled, and Patton had to be reburied in a separate spot.
HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

“It was an added bonus to see the Spitfires and Hurricanes practicing landing for the air show that weekend. The bus driver was amazing! He got the bus out of some tight spots. He was a very skilled driver. Overall, the tour went very well. The guides were very informative and well-spoken. The locations we went to were very significant to the war.”

VICKI LUCAS, GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

2021 TOUR DATES AND PRICES

SPECIAL EVENT TOUR

D-DAY 77TH ANNIVERSARY & DUXFORD AIR SHOW – May 27 - Jun 16

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Single Supplement $1,760

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TRY IT OUT!
The UK is the number one cider consumer in the world and has the largest cider-producing companies. Normandy, whose ties to England originate with William the Conqueror, is famous for its delicious apple cider. Whether you grab a glass in England or Normandy, you are sure to enjoy the experience.

DID YOU KNOW?
The world’s most famous bicycle race, the Tour de France, is more than 100 years old. It was held for the first time in July 1903. The cyclists race approximately 2,060 miles in 23 days.

GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY
During the Battle of the Bulge, SS-Colonel Joachim Peiper’s armored task force was stopped near the village of La Gleize. Patton was credited with that success. After the war, but a local innkeeper’s wife “bought” the tank from them for a bottle of cognac, preserving it for posterity.

Enjoy a combination of the Battle of Britain with the Duxford Airshow and Beyond Band of Brothers 77 Tours on this 21-day adventure as we celebrate the victory of the Battle of Britain and the careful planning and implementation of D-Day, realize the tenacity of those who endured the bitter hardships at the Battle of the Bulge, and get a glimpse of the Third Reich system at the end of our journey in Munich. We visit sites such as Bletchley Park with the Enigma machine and Churchill’s Cabinet War Rooms as well as the Imperial War Museums in London and Duxford, then move to the D-Day landing beaches, where we attend a special commemoration ceremony in Normandy. Adding further flavor to the week’s activities is a vast array of World War II vehicles on display and in motion, parachute jumps, air shows, and much more, which we aim to attend as their timing and our itinerary allow. We then move on to the foxholes of Bois Jacques in the Ardennes Forest and finish off in Bavaria with Dachau and the Eagle’s Nest.

GLORIOUS SOUVENIRS FROM NORMANDY

William the Conqueror’s Castle
Try it out today!
Have you dreamed of taking a World War II tour that would satisfy your inner history buff, but the price tag always held you back? Come with us on an adventure designed for your bucket list and your pocket book. Feel the sands of the D-Day landing beaches between your toes, stand at the very foxholes where heroes fought for your freedom and breathe the Alpine air at Hitler’s Eagle’s Nest. From France to Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany, this tour covers all the sites that make an armchair historian’s dream a reality.

HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

“As a lifelong student of WWII and the Third Reich it was the tour I dreamed of but never knew was possible. But you provided better than I imagined in a very comfortable way. Our tour manager was just great both in providing info and taking care of us.”

JOSEPH LAYTON, VIENNA, MARYLAND

FRANCE

• Normandy, 3 nights
  • Pick-up at Paris CDG Airport
  • The American Sector: Utah and Omaha Beach
  • Utah Beach Museum
  • Normandy American Cemetery
  • Pointe du Hoc
  • Brécy-Manor
  • Sainte-Mère-Église
  • Airborne Museum
  • Gold Beach
  • Longues-sur-Mer German Battery
  • Mulberry Harbor
  • Arromanches-les-Bains

• The Ardennes, 2 nights
  • General McAuliffe’s HQ
  • Foxholes of Bois Jacques
  • Mardasson Memorial
  • Bastogne War Museum
  • Luxembourg American Cemetery
  • General Patton’s grave

• Munich, 3 nights
  • Dachau Concentration Camp
  • Third Reich tour of Munich
  • Eagle’s Nest
  • Dokumentation Obersalzberg
  • Drop-off at Munich MUC Airport
  • Flights can depart at any time

GERMANY

BELGIUM / LUXEMBOURG

Did you know?

Ever since World War II, the bells of the Church of Saint-Pierre in Bastogne ring every half an hour with the first 6 notes of the Star-Spangled Banner, in honor of the American soldiers who fought and died to liberate the town.

UPGRADE TO ALL-INCLUSIVE

Get the all-inclusive treatment on our 11-Day Beyond Band of Brothers Tour!

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Single Supplement $300

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Single Supplement $330

SPECIAL EVENT TOUR

OKTOBERFEST – Sep 11 - Sep 19 | Sep 14 - Sep 22 | Sep 25 - Oct 3

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Single Supplement $360

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Glimpse into History

Radder’s Rangers climbed the 100 ft promontory of Pointe du Hoc to destroy the German artillery battery there. Once they made it up the cliff under heavy fire, they realized the guns were moved inland. They managed to find and disable the guns, then hung in to hold the position. Once U.S. forces started coming in from the beach, they mistook the Rangers for Germans, forcing them to put an American flag on the hillside to stop friendly fire.

Try it out!

At the patisserie in Arromanches, enjoy a velvety chocolate éclair. These pastries were named for the French word for “lightning,” because that’s how fast they disappear!
**BEYOND BAND OF BROTHERS TOUR**

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
- **Average Group Size:** 30-35
- **Tour Activity Level:** 2

### OVERVIEW

Our Beyond Band of Brothers Tour takes you on an epic 11-day journey from Normandy, through encircled Bastogne all the way to Hitler’s Eagle’s Nest. We walk the sands of all five D-Day landing beaches, stand atop the cliffs of Pointe du Hoc and pay our respects at the Normandy American Cemetery. We journey on east to Belgium, where we explore the battlefields of the Bulge, crouch in the foxholes of Bois Jacques and walk amongst tanks at the “Nuts!” Cave in Bastogne. We then head to Munich to explore the city as the birthplace of the Nazi party and the heart of the National Socialist movement, including a visit to infamous Dachau, the very first concentration camp. We top off the tour with a day in the Alps of Berchtesgaden, marveling at the view from the Eagle’s Nest and descending into the SS bunker complex that was to serve as the Nazis’ last stand.

### TOUR ACTIVITY

**FRANCE**
- Normandy, 4 nights
  - Pick-up at Paris CDG Airport
  - Omaha Beach
  - Normandy American Cemetery
  - Pointe du Hoc
  - Bréauté Manor
  - Sainte-Mère-Église
  - Airborne Museum
  - Dead Man’s Corner Museum
  - C-47 Flight simulator
  - Gold Beach
  - Longues-sur-Mer German Battery
  - Mulberry Harbor
  - Arromanches-les-Bains
  - 360° Circular Cinema
  - Juno Beach
  - Sword Beach
  - Pegasus Bridge

**THE ARDENNES, 3 NIGHTS**
- General McAuliffe’s HQ
- Monument to Patton
- Foxholes of Bois Jacques
- Foix
- Mardasson Memorial
- Bastogne War Museum
- Malmedy
- King Tiger tank in La Gleize
- Siegfried Line
- Luxembourg American Cemetery
- General Patton’s grave

**MUNICH, 3 NIGHTS**
- Dachau Concentration Camp
- Third Reich tour of Munich
- Eagle’s Nest
- Dokumentation Obersalzberg
- Drop-off at Munich MUC Airport

### SCHEDULE

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**SPECIAL EVENT TOUR**
**OKTOBERFEST**

- Sep 18 - Sep 28 | Sep 25 - Oct 5

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### MORE TO EXPLORE

**TRY IT OUT!**

- Munich's mechanical clock, the Rathaus-Glockenspiel in Marienplatz, performs a daily show with 32 life-sized puppets depicting a royal wedding and jousting match.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Munich’s mechanical clock, the Rathaus-Glockenspiel in Marienplatz, performs a daily show with 32 life-sized puppets depicting a royal wedding and jousting match.
- August 1st is a national holiday in Germany. People on the tour. It was all great. The time spent touring sites made for a great. My Trip provided just about everything I needed to plan my trip. The tour wasn’t what it was advertised, IT WAS MORE. The museums, historic sites, guides and witnesses, food, hotels, transportation, and all the other people on the tour. It was all great. The time spent touring sites made for a full day. Very little wasted time during the day.”
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**JOHN MORTON, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

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**OCTOKBERFEST SPECIAL EVENT**

Don’t miss out on the Oktoberfest version of this tour!
BEYOND BAND OF BROTHERS - R&R TOUR

11 days

Normandy, 3 nights
1. Pick-up at Paris CDG Airport. Flights must arrive by 10 a.m.
2. Omaha Beach
3. Normandy American Cemetery
4. Pointe du Hoc
5. Utah Beach
6. Mulberry Harbor
7. Arromanches-les-Bains
8. 360° Circular Cinema
9. Bayeux Tapestry
10. Sightseeing and free time in Caen
11. Mont Saint-Michel

The Ardennes, 2 nights
1. Mardasson Memorial
2. Bastogne War Museum
3. Luxembourg American Cemetery
4. General Patton’s grave

Paris, 2 nights
1. River cruise on the Seine
2. Sightseeing in Paris
3. Versailles

Munich, 3 nights
1. Eagle’s Nest
2. Neuschwanstein Castle
3. Sound of Music tour in Salzburg
4. Drop-off at Munich MUC Airport. Flights can depart at any time

Belgium / Luxembourg
• Mardasson Memorial
• Bastogne War Museum
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HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

"All the information we were given was complete and accurate. The accommodations were excellent across the board. All the local guides were knowledgeable, skilled in English and pleasant to be around. The tour managers exceeded my expectations. They were not only competent and knowledgeable, but also caring about the needs of each guest. Overall the tour was very professional with outstanding logistics, excellent accommodations, great guides, local historian guides and tour management. Solid value for the price."

THOMAS KUNES, MADISON, WISCONSIN

TRY IT OUT!

If you love a good baguette, you’re on the right tour! There are 1,784 bakeries or boulangeries in Paris alone. In France, you should never turn a baguette upside down. It brings bad luck, so do not flip the bread!

DID YOU KNOW?

Now considered by some to be an “8th Wonder of the World,” the island abbey of Mont Saint-Michel was consecrated as a tiny church in the year 709.

Working watermill in Bayeux

This 11-day tour combines the major sites of our flagship Beyond Band of Brothers Tour with the most popular tourist attractions in the region. These sights were among the favorite destinations of soldiers who were on their R&R leave while serving in Europe during WWII. With a busy schedule and stops at Omaha Beach and Bastogne, as well as attractions like Mont Saint-Michel, free time in Paris and the Sound of Music Tour, this tour is the perfect compromise for couples and families that are looking for an active European holiday.
Our Beyond Band of Brothers Luxury Tour takes you on an unforgettable journey in the footsteps of the Allied troops in Western Europe. Travel from the D-Day landing beaches to the foxholes of Bois Jacques where American soldiers took shelter during the Battle of the Bulge, and to Hitler’s mountaintop resort at Berchtesgaden, while enjoying the finest dining and accommodations Europe can provide. This tour takes you to the same must-see locations as our hit Beyond Band of Brothers Tour, but in even greater comfort and luxury. Visit the cliffs of Pointe du Hoc in Normandy and the early haunts of the Nazi party in Munich during the day, relax at local five-star hotels in the evening. This tour is the choice for you if you would like to travel in a smaller group and experience our Beyond Band of Brothers Tour in unbeatable style!

Our BEYOND BAND OF BROTHERS LUXURY TOUR takes you on an unforgettable journey in the footsteps of the Allied troops in Western Europe. Travel from the D-Day landing beaches to the foxholes of Bois Jacques where American soldiers took shelter during the Battle of the Bulge, and to Hitler’s mountaintop resort at Berchtesgaden, while enjoying the finest dining and accommodations Europe can provide. This tour takes you to the same must-see locations as our hit BEYOND BAND OF BROTHERS TOUR, but in even greater comfort and luxury. Visit the cliffs of Pointe du Hoc in Normandy and the early haunts of the Nazi party in Munich during the day, relax at local five-star hotels in the evening. This tour is the choice for you if you would like to travel in a smaller group and experience our BEYOND BAND OF BROTHERS TOUR in unbeatable style!

**2021 TOUR DATES AND PRICES**

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Single Supplement $1,250

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**GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY**

World-famous novelist Ernest Hemingway was a war correspondent in WWII. He was aboard a landing craft on D-Day, but he was not allowed to land and had to sail back to Britain. Once he did make it to Normandy later, he got in a lot of trouble for pretending to be a soldier, assuming command of a group of French Resistance members and gathering intelligence on his own – illegally, but with tacit help from an OSS officer friend of his.

**TRY IT OUT!**

Another treat for chocolate lovers! Belgium has been producing chocolate for almost four centuries. The country produces more than 175,000 tons of chocolate a year. Don’t miss your chance to get your hands on some of the best chocolate in the world!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Munich’s Englischer Garten (English Garden) was created by an American-born British physicist who commanded British loyalist forces in the American Revolutionary War. It’s larger than New York’s Central Park and has a Chinese pagoda, a Japanese island teahouse and a Greek temple among other sights.

**HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS**

“Overall, I would say turn key! I have wanted to do this tour for a long time and couldn’t have asked for a better trip. Our tour manager really tried everything together from tour guide to tour guide and kept everyone on schedule without seeming pushy. The tour bus was great as well. The travel consultant team was on point and answered my numerous questions as we made our way up to the big day. I have already recommended this to many of my friends.”

ROBERT MUNYER, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

See pages 9 and 14 for further information.
BEYOND BAND OF BROTHERS 77 TOUR

14 days

D-DAY 77TH ANNIVERSARY

NORMANDY

BELGIUM

GERMANY

LUXEMBOURG

FRANCE

AUSTRIA

BAD TO BASTOGNE

THE ARDENNES, 3 NIGHTS

• Pick-up at Paris CDG Airport
• Flights must arrive by 10 a.m.
• Commemoration Ceremony
• Omaha Beach
• Normandy American Cemetery
• Pointe du Hoc
• Breécourt Manor
• Sainte-Mère-Église
• Airborne Museum
• Dead Man’s Corner Museum
• C-47 flight simulator
• Gold Beach
• Longues-sur-Mer German Battery
• Mulberry Harbor
• Arromanches-les-Bains
• 360° Circular Cinema

2021 TOUR DATES AND PRICES

See page 140 for payment plan details and other terms and conditions.

Early Bird Price $9,350
Layaway Price $9,900
List Price $11,000

Our Beyond Band of Brothers 77 Tour takes you on an epic 14-day journey from Normandy, through encircled Bastogne all the way to Hitler’s Eagle’s Nest. We walk the sands of all five D-Day landing beaches, stand atop the cliffs of Pointe du Hoc and pay our respects at the Normandy American Cemetery. We attend a special commemoration ceremony in Normandy. Adding further flavor to the week’s activities is a vast array of World War II vehicles on display and in motion, parachute jumps, air shows, and much more, which we aim to attend as their timing and our itinerary allows. We journey on east to Belgium, where we explore the battlefields of the Bulge, crouch in the foxholes of Bois Jacques and walk amongst tanks at the “Nuts!” Cave in Bastogne. We then head to Munich to explore the city as the birthplace of the Nazi party and the heart of the National Socialist movement, including a visit to infamous Dachau, the very first concentration camp. We top off the tour with a day in the Alps of Berchtesgaden, marveling at the view from the Eagle’s Nest and descending into the SS bunker complex that was to serve as the Nazis’ last stand.

French farmer Jean Bocquet who lived in a simple earth cottage near the makeshift Normandy beachhead, walks through the Mont-Saint-Michel, a Benedictine abbey founded in 966.

2021 TOUR DATES AND PRICES

June 3 – June 16

Early Bird Price $9,350
Layaway Price $9,900
List Price $11,000

Single Supplement $1000

HEAR FROM OUR PASSengers

“Meals were really good! It was nice to have a drink included. Meals at the rest stop cafeterias were a bit tricky to navigate but part of the adventure! Our tour manager was amazing, on top of every detail and very attentive to individual needs. The coach was very comfortable. We had an excellent driver. We were amazed he could navigate on such narrow country lanes. The tour exceeded our expectations. We learned a lot we didn’t know about WWII and D-Day and experienced so much of the local customs, culture, foods. We would highly recommend this tour for anyone interested in following in the 101st Airborne footsteps or interested in seeing WWII sites.”

BRANDON FRENETTE, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Did you know?

Pegasus Bridge was actually called Bénouville Bridge. It got its name from the shoulder emblem worn by the 6th British Airborne Division that captured it.

2021 TOUR DATES AND PRICES

June 3 – June 16

Early Bird Price $9,350
Layaway Price $9,900
List Price $11,000

Single Supplement $1000

Try it out!

The glorious Riesling grape is native to Germany’s Rhine and Mosel River Valleys. Riesling comes in five different sweetness categories: Kabinett (dry to off-dry), Spätlesse (sweet), Auslese (sweeter), Beerenauslese (very sweet) and Trockenbeerenauslese (super sweet). While you’re in Germany, sip away on this white wine that has gained a tenacious foothold in wine-lovers’ hearts.

2021 TOUR DATES AND PRICES

June 3 – June 16

Early Bird Price $9,350
Layaway Price $9,900
List Price $11,000

Single Supplement $1000

See page 140 for payment plan details and other terms and conditions.

Explore extended versions of this tour:

21-day London to Berchtesgaden 77 Tour – page 103

Glimpse Into History

The Eagle’s Nest is well-known as Hitler’s mountaintop retreat, but most people do not realize Hitler actually had two houses in the area. The Berghof, which did not survive the war, was his beloved home in the Alps, built on the mountainside. The Eagle’s Nest on the mountaintop was not a home, and did not even have a bedroom. Also, Hitler disliked it as he had a fear of heights, and only visited about 14 times.
Join us for 11 days of special focus on the Battle of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge. We begin by visiting all five D-Day landing beaches, then trace the Allied advance further into Normandy to understand the liberators’ sacrifice and triumph despite the perilous terrain of the hedgerows, and their collaboration to close the Falaise Gap. From Normandy we move to Belgium, where we explore the Battle of the Bulge sites related to the encirclement of Bastogne and the Malmedy Massacre, before paying a visit to Luxembourg’s American Cemetery, where Patton was laid to rest.

HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

“Bastogne was great. Glad to see the emphasis on American war efforts there. Standing in the Easy Company foxholes and seeing the Dragon’s Teeth were two very significant things for me. Seeing the actual forest really showed what a tough place it was to defend, especially against tanks. I was especially pleased at the treatment afforded our WW 2 veteran during the tour generally and especially in Bastogne. The Belgian Army personnel treated him like the hero he is and we all appreciated it. The Bastogne Barracks and their Exhibit Hall filled with WW 2 vehicles were highlights. Also, heading into a village and seeing a refurbished King Tiger tank was terrific.”

DAN TEARNO, HAYMARKET, VIRGINIA

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Belgium’s highways can be seen from the Moon? The country’s highway network is completely lit, making it so bright you can see it from space.

GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY

Famous comedian Mel Brooks served as a combat engineer in WWII clearing minefields and building bridges. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge. One night in Germany, probably near Hamburg, he and his comrades were assembling a Bailey bridge when they heard German troops singing somewhere within hearing distance. Brooks grabbed a megaphone and replied with another song – eliciting a round of applause from the Germans.

TRY IT OUT!

Do you enjoy Belgian waffles? Be sure to have one while you are there. Just remember when ordering that there are several types of waffles offered in Belgium, but none of them are called Belgian. What you think of as Belgian waffles are called Brussels waffles, gaufre de Bruxelles, by the locals.
The Ardennes, 3 nights
- General McAuliffe’s HQ
- Monument to Patton
- Foxholes of Bois Jacques
- Foy
- Mardasson Memorial
- Bastogne War Museum
- Malmedy
- King Tiger tank in La Gleize
- Siegfried Line
- Luxembourg American Cemetery
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2021 TOUR DATES AND PRICES

Early Bird Price Layaway Price List Price
$10,200 $10,800 $12,000

SPECIAL EVENT TOUR
OKTOBERFEST – Sep 18 - Oct 5

The famous sentence of JFK during his Berlin visit, “Ich bin ein Berliner,” can also be translated to “I am a jelly donut.” Berliner Pfannkuchen, or Berliner for short, is a traditional German pastry filled with jam and topped with powdered sugar. Why not have one for breakfast?

Hitler’s personal bunker in the Alps

HEAR FROM OUR PASSengers
“"The tour manager seemed to know just what each one of us, individually needed to know. In talking with us, he learned about us and tailored the free time to our specific interest. Beyond Band of Brothers’ tours are among the few which are better than advertised. I don’t know if you can advertise how expert the tour guides are at crafting the tour to individual tastes. I know you do mention that the guides really know their stuff, but the guides on each of my tours so far have been experts in areas I thought myself an expert in. Their English is excellent. They KNOW Americans. I would recommend the tours to anybody. WWII enthusiasts in particular.”

DR. WILLIAM HAWKINS, TUCSON, ARIZONA

GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY
African American athlete Jesse Owens famously won four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. While competing at the Olympics, he wore track shoes manufactured by a German firm named Gebrüder Dassler Schuhfabrik. The company was retooled to build Panzerschreck anti-tank rockets during the war. It was split into two companies after the war due to family differences, both of them well-known for their shoes today: Adidas and Puma.
BEYOND BAND OF BROTHERS TOUR BROCHURE 2021

NORMANDY TO KRAKOW TOUR

18 days

NORMANDY TO KRAKOW TOUR

BELGIUM / LUXEMBOURG

FRANCE

CENTRAL EUROPE

AUSTRIA

POLAND

DACHAU

BRECHTESBAD

VIENNA

BUDAPEST

KRKA

MUNICH

IXHAU

FRAENCE

BEYOND BAND OF BROTHERS TOUR BROCHURE 2021

2021 TOUR DATES AND PRICES

Early Bird Price

$8,500

Layaway Price

$9,000

List Price

$10,000

Single Supplement $1,000

See page 150 for payment plan details and other terms and conditions.

HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

“Guides and info provided was all great! Wonderful tour exceeded my expectations. Would highly encourage anyone with WWII interest to take your tours.”

ROBERT SPEISS, OLIVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

TRY IT OUT!

Love chocolate? Then this is the tour for you! The Sacher Torte, a chocolate cake filled with apricot jam and covered with chocolate, was created in Vienna in 1832. What makes the original Sacher Torte so special? Its icing is made from three different chocolates from Belgium and Germany.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Dohány Street Synagogue in Budapest is the largest synagogue in Europe, seating up to 3,000 people. Although Hungary has mainly an Ashkenazi Jewish population, the building has a unique Spanish style, that is more typical for Sephardic synagogues.

GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY

The Nazis built eight flak towers, massive concrete structures bristling with flak guns, to protect Berlin, Hamburg and Vienna against bombing raids. One of the three towers in Vienna houses a public aquarium and a climbing wall today, another is used as a storehouse for art, and the third has a cellular communications tower and is being considered for use as an open-air cinema and computer storage facility.
“Old soldiers never die; they just fade away”

— General Douglas MacArthur
WAR AGAINST THE RISING SUN

A DESPERATE EMPIRE

The Japanese Empire had been trying to expand into the East Asian mainland since 1931, mainly at China’s expense. The island nation, however, lacked the oil, rubber and iron ore it needed to keep its war against China going and had to rely on imports. The great western powers frowned on Japan’s imperialistic ambitions, and established an international embargo in 1940, largely at America’s initiative, to deprive the country of vital resources.

Left without another way of acquiring important war resources, Japan decided to take them by force. The American-held Philippines were rich in oil, British Malaya had rubber plantations, and the Dutch East Indies had both. World War II provided the distraction Japan needed. The Dutch government was in exile in London. Britain and Australia were busy fighting the Western Axis powers in Africa and the Near East. Only neutral America was in a position to foil the Japanese land grab. Japanese war planners knew they had no chance against the U.S. in a war of attrition. They planned to knock the American Navy out of the fight with a single blow, grab the islands and continental territories they needed and sue for peace. They hoped that the quick loss of their Pacific fleet would intimidate the U.S. into writing off the Philippines and signing a peace treaty. Japan underestimated the fury of the American public. The U.S. only received the declaration of war after the attack due to technical problems, and the populace saw the attack as a cowardly stab in the back. Voices calling for isolationism during the war fell silent overnight. Japan achieved its objective.

A DAY OF INFAMY

The attack on Pearl Harbor sank four battleships and damaged several other warships. It also damaged or destroyed over 300 aircraft and killed over 2,300 men. The single greatest loss of life occurred when armor-piercing bombs hit the USS Arizona, and caused it to explode, killing close to 1,200 seamen onboard.

Japanese Special Naval Landing Forces during the battle for the Chinese city of Shanghai

Though surprised and overwhelmed, U.S. personnel fought back with many displays of individual heroism. Fifteen Medals of Honor have been awarded to the defenders, ten of them posthumously. Despite the damage caused, the situation was not as bad for the Navy as it could have been. All the carriers were out at sea and returned home safe. Most of the capital ships hit could be raised and eventually repaired. Many essential facilities such as fuel stores, power generators and repair shops survived with relatively little damage.

Japanese plane being salvaged after the attack

Though less effective than intended, the attack still left the U.S. Navy crippled and allowed Japan to run free for months to come. The Philippines fell, forcing General Douglas MacArthur to flee to Australia. 60,000 to 80,000 American and Filipino prisoners of war were relocated via the Bataan Death March that claimed somewhere between 5,000 to 18,000 victims. Japan also rapidly captured the British-held cities of Hong Kong and Singapore, the Malayan Peninsula and Burma, the Dutch East Indies, and numerous other targets all around the Pacific, even bombing the Australian city of Darwin.

As time passed, Allied resistance stiffened. The Doolittle Raid in April 1942 got close enough to Japan to launch bombers from carriers and attack the Home Islands. Though the raid caused minimal damage, it gave the Allies a tremendous morale boost.

FROM ISLAND TO ISLAND

As part of the “leapfrogging” strategy, the Allies used their submarines and air superiority to isolate and starve out less important fortified Japanese islands one by one while concentrating most of their power on major strongpoints. MacArthur’s return to the Philippines in October 1944 and the resulting Battle of Leyte Gulf dealt the Japanese Empire a major blow. It cut Japan off from oil and caused the Japanese Navy losses they could not recover from.

The USS Yorktown burning after Japanese bomb attack

The Allies were simultaneously also making progress toward Japan itself. The island of Guam, a former U.S. base, was recaptured after heavy fighting in July-August 1944. The Battle of Tinian, fought at the same time in the vicinity, was not a significant conflict in itself. However it secured the island from which B-29 Superfortress bombers would later depart on their missions to drop the two atomic bombs on Japan.

The battles for Iwo Jima and Okinawa in 1945 were frightening reminders of the Japanese willingness to fight to the last man. The fight’s bloodiness and the defenders’ tenacity probably did a lot to convince American leadership that a direct invasion of the Japanese Home Islands would mean a horrifying cost in human lives. This consideration was a major factor behind the decision to destroy Hiroshima and Nagasaki with nuclear weapons, forcing Japan’s surrender and an end to World War II.

TRAPPING THE TRAPPER

The tide began to turn with the Battle of Midway in June 1942. Admiral Yamamoto, who planned the Pearl Harbor attack and commanded the Japanese Combined Fleet, knew that Japan must achieve a quick victory as it could not compete with American industrial might in a protracted war. He decided to crush the U.S. Pacific Fleet, this time for good, to force an end to the fighting. His plan revolved around the U.S. base on the Midway Atoll. A Japanese attack there would draw the U.S. fleet out of Pearl Harbor, only for the Americans to sail into a trap. Unknown to Yamamoto, the Americans had already broken part of the Japanese naval communications codes and learned about the plan. When the Japanese fleet approached Midway, they themselves were surprised by the American forces that they did not expect to be there. The loss of four Japanese carriers in the battle put an end to the Japanese initiative.
Join us for the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor to commemorate the “date which will live in infamy” and brought the U.S. into the World War II. Visit the monuments that honor those who gave their lives in defense of liberty in the Pacific, as well as the battleships that remain, the museums that safeguard the relics of the period and the island treasures that make Hawaii famous.

**HONOLULU, 7 nights**

- Pick-up at Honolulu HNL Airport
- Flights must arrive by 4 p.m.
- WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument
- Official Anniversary Ceremony
- Pearl Harbor Visitor Center
- USS Arizona
- USS Bowfin Submarine and Museum
- USS Missouri
- USS Oklahoma Memorial
- Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum
- US Army Museum at Battery Randolph in Fort DeRussy
- Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade on Kalakaua Avenue
- Kualoa Ranch
- Movie Site Tour
- Diamond Head State Monument
- Drop-off at HNL Airport
- Flights can depart at any time

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Mary May Verney, Metairie, Louisiana

“Excellent personal service. Got to all the important historical places, excellent hotel, guides and accommodations. This was the bucket list trip of my lifetime, having a cousin who went down with the USS Arizona. Being present for the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor was a dream come true. Your discounts for those of us who served in the military are very much appreciated. I would absolutely recommend this tour to anyone. Well done!”

**TRY IT OUT!**

No trip to Hawaii is complete without having Loco Moco. Not only is it great comfort food, it is also proof of Hawaii’s status as a melting pot in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Traditional Loco Moco represents a cultural mash-up of Asian and Western cuisines: it is white rice topped with a hamburger patty, fried egg and brown gravy.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Movie Jurassic Park was partly filmed in Honolulu, at the Kualoa Ranch. There are still memorabilia left there from the set!

**GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY**

A unique U.S. flag with 31 stars was displayed aboard the USS Missouri when Japanese representatives signed the surrender document in 1945. The flag was originally flown by Commodore Matthew Perry when he forced Japan to open its ports to Western ships in 1853. It was displayed “the wrong way” with the stars to the right: the damaged flag was sewn to a protective backing and this was the only way to display it.
PEARL HARBOR TO THE MARIANAS 80

15 days

PEARL HARBOR 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HAWAII

- Honolulu, 7 nights
  - Pick-up at HNL Airport
  - WW II Valor in the Pacific National Monument
  - Official Anniversary Ceremony
  - Pearl Harbor Visitor Center
  - USS Arizona
  - USS Bowfin Submarine and Museum
  - USS Missouri
  - USS Oklahoma Memorial
  - Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum

- Garapan, 3 nights
  - Northern Marianas Museum of History and Culture
  - Aginingan Point Bunker
  - Last Command Post
  - Banzai Cliff
  - Suicide Cliff
  - Bird Island Lookout
  - Sunken tanks
  - American Memorial Park
  - Day trip to Tinian
  - Tinian: North Field
  - Atomic bomb pits

Guam

- Tamuning, 4 nights
  - War in the Pacific National Historical Park
  - Piti Guns
  - Naval Base Guam
  - Asan Ridge Ga’an Point
  - Agat Beach
  - Talofafo Falls
  - Yokoi’s Cave
  - Manenggon Concentration Camp
  - South Pacific Memorial Peace Park
  - Japanese HQ, gun emplacements and caves
  - Flight from GUM Airport

- Garapan, 3 nights
  - Northern Marianas Museum of History and Culture
  - Aginingan Point Bunker
  - Last Command Post
  - Banzai Cliff
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NORMAN KRIMBILL, HIGHLANDS RANCH, COLORADO

HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

“All of the guides were exceptional. They went way beyond exceptional by guiding us to sites not normally visited by other tours. Their knowledge of WWII history, presentations, and personality made the trip come to life. This tour was a once in a lifetime chance to have professional tour guides lead us through history, bringing it to life and filling in historical facts not found in any history books. Anyone who has an interest in WWII history and wants to experience the sites and local history, presented by local historians, must take this tour.”

NORMAN KRIMBILL, HIGHLANDS RANCH, COLORADO

DID YOU KNOW?

The Iolani Palace in Honolulu is the only royal palace on US soil. Hawaii is also the only state to honor a monarch. It celebrates King Kamehameha Day on June 11, honoring Kamehameha the Great, who first established the unified Kingdom of Hawaii and is known as the Napoleon of the Pacific.

GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY

The destruction of the USS Arizona was the deadliest single moment of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Interestingly, we still do not know what exactly caused the explosion. One theory claims a Japanese bomb hit the starboard magazine for the main armament, but smokeless powder is relatively hard to detonate. The other explanation is that the bomb hit near the black powder magazine – only used for saluting guns and airplane catapults.
**Pearl Harbor Tour**

**Honolulu, 4 nights**
- Pick-up at Honolulu HNL Airport
- Pearl Harbor Visitor Center
- USS Arizona
- USS Bowfin Submarine and Museum
- USS Missouri
- USS Oklahoma Memorial
- Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum
- US Army Museum at Battery Randolph in Fort DeRussy
- Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade on Kalakaua Avenue
- Kualoa Ranch
- Movie Site Tour
- Diamond Head State Monument
- Drop-off at HNL Airport

**2021 Tour Dates and Prices**

- **Early Bird Price** $3,825
- **Layaway Price** $4,050
- **List Price** $4,500

**Try It Out!**

Rejuvenate yourself with a traditional Lomi Lomi Hawaiian massage. This gentle form of massage works deeply into the muscles of the body using only continuous, flowing strokes combined with a loving touch. This relaxing combination of energy aids you in letting go of patterns that block energy flow.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Hawaii is the most isolated population center on Earth. It is 2,390 miles from California, 3,850 miles from Japan, 4,900 miles from China and 5,280 miles from the Philippines.

**Glimpse into History**

Messman Third Class Doris Miller worked in the kitchen and mess of the USS West Virginia. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, Miller grabbed a machine gun and fired at enemy planes despite having no training on the weapon, then helped rescued many of the wounded. He was awarded the Navy Cross for his actions, becoming the first African American to get the award. Miller died in November 1943 when the ship he was serving on was torpedoed.

**HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS**

"All our meals were excellent, the dinner entrees were impressive and the breakfast was exceptionally good. We all loved our tour manager's attitude, he was our "mother hen" and he took very good care of all of us. He aimed to please all of us and he succeeded exceptionally. My wife and I were very pleased with him and were very impressed. Our bus was spacious, comfortable and clean. We had a great driver who knew his way around well and we all felt very safe with him at the wheel. We are very pleased with everything provided by Beyond Band of Brothers. Our tour was everything I had imagined it to be, and first class all the way. I would recommend it to anyone interested in WWII history."

**RENE BORROMEO, PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

**Follow the trail of the entire Pacific Campaign**

on our 12(+) day Pearl Harbor to the Marianas Tour – page 133

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**Average Group Size** 30-35

**Tour Activity Level** 1

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**Early Bird Price List Price Layaway Price**

| Single Supplement $450 | $3,825 | $4,050 | $4,500 |

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**BEYOND BAND OF BROTHERS TOUR BROCHURE 2021**

**TINIAN**
- Tinian North Field
- Tinian Airport

**SAIPAN**
- Saipan Veterans Memorial
- Banzai Cliff
- Suicide Cliff

**GUAM**
- Guam
- Saipan
- Tinian

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**THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC**

The war in the Pacific was a brutal fight on the seas and islands from Australia to Japan. A critical part of the battles took place on the islands of Guam, Saipan, and Tinian, where American forces fought their way towards victory and the end of World War II. These three islands are US territories which are virtual outdoor museums whose WWII heritage is alive and intact, with relics often in the place they were left more than 70 years ago. Caves, bunkers, wrecks, museums and historical parks dot the landscape, making the tour a microcosm of the entire Pacific Theater of War.

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**HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS**

**JAMES JANECZEK, ROUND LAKE, ILLINOIS**

“I thought this tour was fantastic, and would recommend it because we felt every aspect of the tour went above and beyond. I believe a tour of these locations could be done on one’s own but you would see so much less because of the time you’d spend in lines, buying tickets, finding food, parking, places of interest. Also, I would recommend the tour because while everyone could visit these museums, etc. I don’t think we could all find the special local guides that were a part of this tour.”

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**GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY**

The island of Guam was home to not just one, but two famous holdouts in the war. When the Japanese invaded the island in December 1941, Navy radioman George Ray Tweed and several others hid in the jungle. Tweed evaded capture until the U.S. returned to liberate the island in 1944. After that battle, it was Japanese Sergeant Shōichi Yokoi’s turn to hide until he was found in 1972. Both men were welcomed as heroes in the respective countries.

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**TRY IT OUT!**

Treat yourself to something a little different on Guam. Beat the heat with a bubbly shake, a drink known as sago or boba, with balls of tapioca on the bottom.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

A Japanese soldier, Sergeant Shōichi Yokoi, was found hiding in the jungle of Guam in 1972. He did not know that the war had ended and was awaiting reinforcements and new orders.

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**2021 TOUR DATES AND PRICES**

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Single Supplement $770

See page 150 for payment plan details and other terms and conditions.
Return to the site of one of history’s most underhanded attacks to remember the “day that will live in infamy,” the attack on Pearl Harbor. We will visit the monuments that honor those who gave their lives in defense of liberty in the Pacific, as well as the battleships that remain, the museums that safeguard the relics of the period and the island treasures that make Hawaii famous. Travel on to the pacific islands of Guam, Saipan and Tinian, where American forces fought their way over Pearl Harbor. We will visit the monuments that recommend your company to many of our friends and will travel with you again next year.”

SHIRLEY FERGUSON, ARLINGTON, TEXAS

HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

“We received all info and travel plans in a very timely manner. We stayed at a beautiful hotel which was very centrally located on Waikiki Beach. Great room. Excellent restaurants and friendly helpful staff. The tour managers made everything so easy and comfortable. They made sure we were all well taken care of and all our needs and questions were covered. The tour was wonderful, informative and covered all the bases in Honolulu. I have highly recommended your company to many of our friends and will travel with you again next year.”

DID YOU KNOW?

In Hawaii, no celebration is complete without a lei. These flower garlands come with strict rules, though. It’s impolite to refuse a lei or remove it in front of the person who gave it to you. A lei should never be thrown away. Instead, it should traditionally be returned to the earth, ideally to where its flowers were gathered.

GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY

Guy Gabaldon, the “Pied Piper of Saipan”, grew up with a Japanese American foster family. During the war, he used his knowledge of the language to go out alone at night on the isles of Saipan and Tinian, find Japanese soldiers and civilians, and cajole or bluff them into surrendering. He captured over 1,300 Japanese this way, ten times as much as the legendary Sgt. Alvin York in WWII, 800 of them in a single incident.

TRY IT OUT!

Kelaguen follows a similar recipe to ceviche – chopped meats with lemon juice, salt, grated coconut and hot red peppers. This refreshing dish eaten on Guam is served cold or at room temperature and eaten as is, over rice, or wrapped in a warm corn or flour tortilla.

Did you know that kelaguen is a local favorite, often served as a side dish or appetizer? Its ingredients include fresh fish, lime juice, chili pepper, lemongrass, coconut cream, and garlic. The dish is known for its simplicity and delicious flavor, making it a perfect addition to any meal.
“Anyone who isn’t confused really doesn’t understand the situation.”

― Edward R. Murrow
VIETNAM: HOT SPOT OF THE COLD WAR

FREEDOM FOR THE PEOPLE

The Vietnam War is one of the major wars that shaped America as we know it today. Unlike the wars that came before, it did not shape us only through shared sacrifice, but also through bitterness and controversy.

Japan occupied French Indochina during World War II. After the war, the native people of the region hoped to gain independence and form their own nation. This did not sit well with the French, who intended to return to power. Other western nations supported the French to keep them appeased and in the political camp of democratic countries aligned against the Soviet Union.

PAWNS OF SUPERPOWERS

A peaceful vote was set to reunify the country in two years’ time, but history took a different turn when Ngô Đình Diệm removed the Emperor in the south. Diệm’s South Vietnam was ostensibly a democracy, but his regime was full of corruption, abuse of power and the oppression of political dissenters and the local Buddhist majority (Diệm himself was a Catholic).

North Vietnam turned to the Soviet Union and Communist China for help, since those were the only major powers willing to support Hô’s independence struggle. The U.S., in turn, doubled down on its support of the South due to the “domino theory,” which predicted that a single country lost to the Communist cause in Asia would cause a landslide shift in the balance of power. Diệm’s incompetence and dictatorial rule alienated him from his own people and made the country militarily weak.

When his own soldiers killed him during a 1963 coup, they did so with quiet encouragement from the U.S.

Opposing the colonialist reclamation stood Hồ Chí Minh: a World War II veteran who used to cooperate with the Office of Strategic Services against the Japanese in the war. Although he had plenty of communist contacts (and would turn Vietnam into a socialist country), his primary goal was to establish Vietnam as a sovereign nation. His uprising against the French was so successful that the country split into two in 1954: Hô’s Democratic Republic of Vietnam in the north, and a pro-French Empire in the south.

U.S. INVOLVEMENT INTENSIFIES

President Kennedy was assassinated three weeks after Diệm, and the new President, Lyndon B. Johnson, increased American support to South Vietnam. In 1964, the destroyer USS Maddox exchanged fire with North Vietnamese torpedo boats, probably due to a misunderstanding of intentions, during the Gulf of Tonkin incident. The incident, and a supposed but highly debated second conflict soon after convinced the U.S.

to increase its commitment and embark on the bombing of Vietnam and neighboring countries. Johnson started sending large numbers of U.S. combat forces into the country the next year.

The war was waged over both countries. North Vietnam was hit from the air while ground troops tried to wrestle South Vietnam away from the Viet Cong guerrillas who fought with Northern support. The mountains and jungles made it hard to locate the guerrillas. Another Northern asset was the Hồ Chí Minh Trail: a secret network of roads and paths that ran north to south, allowing the Viet Cong to be constantly resupplied and reinforced from North Vietnam. The enemy seemed to be everywhere. The sprawling, 75-mile long tunnel system of Cu Chi lay right outside Saigon and allowed the Viet Cong to live and plan operations in the immediate vicinity of the South Vietnamese capital.

A HEAVY TOLL ALL AROUND

The war was over, but there was no sense of victory or accomplishment outside North Vietnam, and all combatants paid a high price. Two million or more Vietnamese soldiers and civilians have died on both sides, and the ravages of war set the infrastructure of the now reunited country back for a long time. American deaths numbered at approximately 58,000, and uncountable survivors suffered, and still suffer, from PTSD.

The loss of life was not the only bitter effect of the war on America. For the first time ever, the country’s sense of military invincibility was pierced. Even more profoundly, this was a war that shattered the sense of unity that always prevailed in previous conflicts. Many veterans returned from a distant war only to face hostility they did not deserve in their own country.

HOMEFRONT DIVIDED

Half a million U.S. troops were in Vietnam by late 1967 and casualties were mounting. Both the soldiers on the front and civilians at home started questioning the government’s claims that the war was being won. The Tet Offensive of 1968, an unexpected but ultimately failed Northern invasion, gave extra fuel to the voices of protest in America. Rather than sending even more troops into a seemingly endless war halfway across the world, more and more people wanted to bring them home. American society was split. Some considered the war an abuse of the government’s unchecked power in the name of some vaguely defined fight against Communism; others considered such second-guessing of the government and the war effort unpatriotic and treasonous.

The growing division back home spurred Johnson to attempt a peaceful, diplomatic resolution, but talks bogged down after a promising start. Presidency was handed over to Richard Nixon shortly thereafter. Nixon announced the policy of Vietnamization. He would gradually withdraw American troops from Vietnam, but also increase aerial and artillery bombardments. He would also give the South Vietnamese military the training and equipment they would need to continue the war on the ground.

The measure was arguably too little too late. Bitter division in America continued to grow, fueled by incidents such as the My Lai massacre and the Kent State Shooting. The United States and North Vietnam finally reached a peace agreement in January 1973, and U.S. forces pulled out of Vietnam. South Vietnam continued to fight a hopeless war alone for another two years, but North Vietnamese troops captured Saigon in April 1975.

Vietnam veterans, including Ken Kosty (holding flag) protesting at the 1976 Republican National Convention
VIETNAM WAR TOUR

VIETNAM

Hanoi, 3 nights
- Vietnam People’s Air Force Museum
- B-52 Victory Museum
- Museum of Hao La Prison
- Vietnam Military History Museum
- Drop-off at HAN Airport

Da Nang, 1 night
- Hai Van Pass
- Marble Mountains
- Museum of Military Zone 5 of Da Nang
- Hoi An Ancient Town
- Flight from DAD Airport

Hue, 2 nights
- Battlefield tour of Hue
- Vietnamese Demilitarized Zone
- Khe Sanh Combat Base

Ho Chi Minh City, 4 nights
- Pick-up at SGN Airport in Ho Chi Minh City
- Flights must arrive by 4 p.m.
- Reunification Palace
- CIA building
- War Remnants Museum
- Cu Chi Tunnels – Ben Duoc
- Boat ride on the Mekong Delta
- Flight from SGN Airport

On this 11-day tour, we trace the colonial, political, economic and ideological reasons behind the Indochina wars after WWII, mainly focusing on American involvement, visiting places where the most iconic battles and moments took place. Beyond the world-famous Cu Chi Tunnels and other battle sites, we leave the beaten path and crest the mountains close to the border of Laos to see Khe Sanh Combat Base and other sites in the Demilitarized Zone rarely visited. Other highlights include Hanoi, the old Imperial City of Hue, the ancient city of Hoi An and the wide boulevards and historic French colonial buildings of Ho Chi Minh City, the former Saigon. This tour takes you to the heart of Vietnam, an ecologically and culturally diverse country with lush mountain valleys, scenic beaches, fertile deltas and a fascinating culture.

HEAR FROM OUR PASSENGERS

“The tour manager was very informative answering questions regarding airfare and travel insurance. After looking the tour I really didn’t have any more questions. I just had to wait for the date to arrive. General impressions are summed up with WOW. Great tour I would and will recommend to all my friends. I really think that Procom is a very organized company and pays attention to details. I assume it’s from reading the surveys and fixing as many of the complaints as you can. No fixing here I think you found the right people and tours.”

DALE HAAG, KINGWOOD, TEXAS

2021 TOUR DATES AND PRICES

Early Bird Price
$5,610

Layaway Price
$5,940

List Price
$6,600

See page 150 for payment plan details and other terms and conditions.

See pages 9 and 14 for further information.

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DID YOU KNOW?
Motorcycles are the most common form of transport in Vietnam. There are said to be 45 million registered motorbikes in the country – that’s one for every two citizens!

TRAVEL TIPS

11 days

ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE

Trench and bunker at Khe Sanh Combat Base

GLIMPSE INTO HISTORY

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2021 Tour Calendar

We are offering more tours in 2021 than ever before, expanding thematically and geographically, branching out in time and location, taking you back further into the past and across oceans. From March to December you can find a history tour that fits your schedule. Feel free to plan well in advance as all our departures are guaranteed. Below you can find a roster of our tours sorted by month, with the departure and end date, pricing, page reference and icons representing special events.

All prices are based on double occupancy. The layaway price offers a 10% discount off the list price and secures your spot on the tour. The early bird price offers a 15% discount off the list price and is available for bookings received by January 31, 2021, with complete payment due at the time of booking.

For more details on payment schedules and payment options, please see the frequently asked questions on page 145 and our terms and conditions on page 149.

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09/19/21 $6 600 $5 940 $5 610
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9-day WW2 Bucket List on a Budget 09/12/21
09/20/21 $3 300 $2 970 $2 905
105
7-day Battle of Normandy on a Budget 09/13/21
09/21/21 $2 600 $2 340 $2 210
55
9-day WW2 Bucket List on a Budget 09/14/21
09/22/21 $3 300 $2 970 $2 805
105

October

5-day Normandy Invasion 09/24/21
09/28/21 $2 750 $2 475 $2 338
49
4-day Beyond Band of Brothers 09/25/21
09/30/21 $6 600 $5 940 $5 610
49
9-day WW2 Bucket List on a Budget 09/27/21
10/05/21 $3 300 $2 970 $2 805
105
5-day Normandy Invasion R&R 09/30/21
10/08/21 $6 600 $5 940 $5 610
107
9-day American Revolution War 10/02/21
10/10/21 $8 000 $7 200 $6 800
23
5-day Normandy Invasion 10/04/21
10/12/21 $2 500 $2 250 $2 125
49
11-day Beyond Band of Brothers 10/06/21
10/14/21 $6 000 $5 400 $5 100
107
9-day WW2 Bucket List on a Budget 10/08/21
10/16/21 $3 300 $2 970 $2 805
105
11-day Italian Campaign 10/09/21
10/17/21 $6 600 $5 940 $5 610
79
7-day Battle of Normandy on a Budget 10/10/21
10/18/21 $2 300 $2 070 $1 955
55
5-day Normandy Invasion 10/11/21
10/19/21 $2 500 $2 250 $2 125
49
11-day Normandy to the Bulge 10/12/21
10/20/21 $6 000 $5 400 $5 100
115
8-day Italy at War on a budget 10/15/21
10/23/21 $3 000 $2 700 $2 550
77
9-day American Civil War - War in the West 10/16/21
10/24/21 $4 900 $4 410 $4 165
31
8-day Italy at War on a budget 10/19/21
10/27/21 $3 000 $2 700 $2 550
77

December

8-day Battle of Bulge 12/02/21
12/10/21 $5 500 $4 950 $4 675
67
8-day Pearl Harbor 80 12/03/21
12/11/21 $7 000 $6 300 $5 950
107
15+1-day Pearl Harbor to the Marianas 80 12/04/21
12/12/21 $17 000 $15 300 $14 450
127
8-day Guam, Saipan, Tinian 12/15/21
12/23/21 $7 000 $6 300 $5 950
107
THESE TOURS COINCIDE WITH A NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY OF A HISTORICAL EVENT

THESE TOURS VISIT WASHINGTON DC ON THE 4TH OF JULY

THESE TOURS VISIT THE OKTOBERFEST IN MUNICH

THESE TOURS VISIT THE DUXFORD AIRSHOW

THESE TOURS VISIT THE BOVINGTON TANKFEST

PRE-SEASON OR POST-SEASON DATES

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2021 TOUR CALENDAR

BEYOND BAND OF BROTHERS TOUR BROCHURE 2021
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY ARE YOU CALLED “BEYOND BAND OF BROTHERS”? We have been operating an explosion of historically-themed tours in Europe for 20 years now, and we have a variety of destinations that are popular among tourists. Europe is the perfect destination for this type of tour, as it has a rich history and a variety of historical landmarks. Our tours take you to places like Normandy, the盆地 of Brothers, the battle of the Bulge, and the Rhine. We offer a unique perspective on World War II history and the impact of the war on Europe.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE? Our tours are all-inclusive, which means that everything is included in the tour price. This includes airfare, ground transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, and guided tours. Additionally, we provide a variety of activities and experiences that are included in the price, such as visits to historical sites, museums, and battlefields. We also have a staff of knowledgeable tour guides who provide expert commentary and insight into the history of the locations we visit.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE? While the majority of the tour price is included, there are a few things that are not included. These include airfare to and from the starting point of the tour, any optional activities or excursions, and personal expenses such as souvenirs or expenditures on your own.

WHAT AGE ARE YOUR PASSENGERS? Our tours are designed for adults, but we welcome solo travelers and couples of all ages. We have a variety of tour options, so you can choose the one that best suits your interests and age.

WHY NOT BAND OF BROTHERS? Our tours are called “Beyond Band of Brothers” because we believe that there is much more to be learned about World War II history beyond the famous American soldiers who fought in the war. Our tours take you to places where you can learn about the stories of the soldiers who fought in the war, and the impact of the war on the civilian population. We also provide a unique perspective on the war, and how it played out in different parts of the world.

WHAT IF I AM NOT A HISTORY BUFF? While our tours are designed for history buffs, we do provide a variety of activities and experiences that are included in the price, such as visits to historical sites, museums, and battlefields. We also have a staff of knowledgeable tour guides who provide expert commentary and insight into the history of the locations we visit. Additionally, we provide a variety of reading materials and resources that you can use to learn more about the history of the war.

ARE DEPARTURE DATES FOR THE TOURS GUARANTEED? Yes, all departure dates are guaranteed. There is no minimum number of participants needed for a tour to take place.

ARE THESE TOURS RIGHT FOR ME? Simply put, we are the biggest and the best at what we do. In terms of WWII and American History tours, no one comes close to offering the type of experience and level of service that we provide. Our tours are designed for adults, but we welcome solo travelers and couples of all ages. We have a variety of tour options, so you can choose the one that best suits your interests and age.

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DO YOU PROVIDE TRAVEL INSURANCE? For your convenience, we offer a travel protection plan, provided by Travelers Insurance Services, that helps provide coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, trip delay, baggage loss, theft or damage, medical expense and emergency evacuation coverage and more. Travel insurance is provided by the Travelers Insurance Company, and you will be responsible for the cost of any additional insurance you may need. We recommend that you purchase a travel insurance plan to protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected, so you can relax and enjoy your trip.

WHAT IS MYTRIP? Our online trip planning tool enables you to save and share information about your trip. It acts as a step-by-step guide to preparing for your trip as well as a source of information about your journey itself. Several tour documents provide continually updated information about your tour and a “To do list” will keep you in touch with your tour travel consultants regarding the details and information you need from you in preparation for your tour. Access to MyTrip is only provided for passengers who are already booked.
WHAT WILL MY TOUR BE LIKE?

WHAT IS THE AVERAGE SIZE OF THE TOUR GROUPS?

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DO YOU HAVE A PAYMENT PLAN?

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW WHEN PREPARING FOR THE TOUR?

WHAT WILL I GET AN ITINERARY FOR MY TOUR BEFORE DEPARTURE?

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR ON THE TOUR?

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO AT ARRIVAL AND DEPART FROM POR?

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DO YOU HAVE A SIGN UP FORM?

WHAT IS THE AVERAGE PRICE OF THE TOUR?

WHAT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS DO I NEED?

DO I NEED A PASSPORT?

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WILL THE TOUR BE OVERWHELMING?

WHAT DO THE HOTELS HAVE HAIR DRYERS?

DO I NEED A VISA?

CAN I USE MY CELL PHONE OVERSEAS?

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DIAGNOSIS?

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT QUESTIONS SUCH AS FOOD, CLOTHING, AND DRESS?

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DRESSING APPROPRIATELY?

WHAT ARE THE TOPICS INCLUDE IN THE FRIEGUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON THE BEYOND BAND OF BROTHERS TOUR BROCHURE 2021?

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Please see our website for the latest version of the Terms and Conditions at https://www.bbob.com/terms_conditions. Changes in the Terms and Conditions will be communicated to registered tour participants via email. The effective date of any updated Terms and Conditions will be the date they are posted to the website.

This version is effective as of November 15, 2019.

INCLUSIVITY

Prices presented are in US Dollars and are per person based on double occupancy (two people sharing a room). Single occupancy as well as triple occupancy rates are available upon request as described in the Rooms section of these Terms and Conditions. Inclusivity is specific to each tour departure. What is included in the tour cost is specified under each tour.

Prices do not include: airfare (unless otherwise stated), travel insurance, excess baggage fees, valet service, extra alcoholic drinks at meals (unless otherwise stated), extra hotel costs (e.g., consumption from the mini-bar, pay TV, laundry services, etc.), or costs resulting from a tour participant failing to arrive at the pick-up location on time.

ROOMS

Smoking is strictly prohibited in all of the hotel rooms.

Double Occupancy

Our tour prices are based on two people sharing one room (double occupancy). Tour participants who are sharing a room have the option of choosing between having one bed for both people (referred to as double room) or two separate beds (referred to as twin room).

Single Occupancy

Tour participants travelling alone must pay a single occupancy supplement charge, as set out under the Single Occupancy Supplement section below, to ensure that they have a room to themselves throughout the whole tour. We regret that we cannot match participants travelling alone who wish to be paired with a roommate.

Triple Occupancy

Special pricing is available for triple occupancy, but only in situations where the third occupant is a maximum of 14 years of age and is travelling with two adult parents or guardians. This age restriction is imposed by the hotels on our tours due to the size of the rooms and the type of the third bed, which may be a roll-away or a fold-out sofa bed.

SINGLE OCCUPANCY SUPPLEMENT CHARGE

Tour participants travelling alone are required to pay a single occupancy supplement charge. This amount is specific to each tour departure and is not reduced by sales promotions unless specifically stated.

PLANE TICKETS AND ITINERARIES

Itinerary is subject to depart/take off and arrival/take off times associated with your chosen tour. Be sure to consult us prior to making your final reservations. We are not responsible for costs incurred for modifying flight reservations unless the tickets were booked upon the advice of our travel consultants. Tour participants are welcome to secure their own tickets but can also contact our travel consultants for assistance.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is not included in the tour price. We recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan to protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected, so you can relax and enjoy your trip. For your convenience, we offer a travel protection plan, provided by TravelVex Insurance Services, that helps provide coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, trip delay, baggage loss, theft or damage, medical expenses, emergency evacuation coverage and more. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company; NAIC #22276. Please refer to the home page for coverage and rates. Contact our travel consultants at 1-888-335-1996 to take advantage of special group policies or contact Travelvex directly and be sure to refer to tour plan #17-0062.

PASSPORT AND VISAS

A valid passport is required for all tour participants on our tours outside the continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii. A driver’s license issued by your state or a passport card cannot be used for overseas travel. Per international travel regulations, your passport must be valid for six months after the date of return from your tour. If your passport expires within 6 months, it must be renewed prior to embarking on our tour. For U.S. citizens, tours that require a visa is the Eastern Front Tour and the Vietnam War Tour, which involve travelling to Russia and Vietnam. Visas are required for non-US citizens to other countries as well. If visas are required, it is the tour participant’s responsibility to ensure that all completed visa applications are provided to us in a timely fashion.

TRAVEL BOOKINGS

Reservations can be made by filling in the Ready to Book section on our website, calling us at our toll-free number 1-888-335-1996, or sending us an email to info@bbob.com. A completed registration form must be returned. A booking number will be issued and a written confirmation of the booking will be sent by our travel consultants upon payment of the amount required at booking pursuant to the Payment Schedules section below.

If booking is done through a travel agent, the travel agent is responsible for conveying and obtaining all necessary information to and from the tour participants in a timely manner.

PAYMENT SCHEDULES

Your payment schedule depends on the type of price applied to your booking based on either your request or the time when the booking is made. If a booking is made at the list price, a place on the tour is reserved upon receipt of the registration form and ten percent (10%) deposit at the time of booking. The deposit is credited against the total tour cost. The tour cost is due as follows: ten percent (10%) deposit (10%)(90) days before departure; an additional fifty percent (50%) 60 days before departure; and the remaining forty percent (40%) balance 90 days before departure. If a booking is made at the layaway price, a place on the tour is reserved upon receipt of the registration form and ten percent (10%) deposit at the time of booking. The deposit is credited against the total tour cost. The remaining balance must be settled three months prior to departure. Payment of the balance will be accepted within 10 days after this deadline with an additional fifty percent (50%) of the tour cost. If the full balance and late fee are not paid within this 10-day period, the booking will be automatically cancelled and the deposit will be forfeited in accordance with the "Changes in Reservation, Cancellation and Refunds" section. An individual payment plan is available as described above. Payment plans include a processing fee of $25 per person.

If your passport expires within 6 months, it must be renewed.

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In case of cancellation, refund will be made in accordance with the "Changes in Reservation, Cancellation and Refunds" section. An individual payment plan is available as described above. Payment plans include a processing fee of $25 per person.

CHANGES IN RESERVATION, CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

We are able to make certain modifications to your reservation, such as a change in the type of room or in the name of the tour participant with due notice. We make every effort to accommodate such requests; however, each request must be evaluated on a case by case basis and our ability to honor such requests depends on the proximity of the tour departure and the policies of any providers affected by the change. Tour participants considering a tour after registration should contact us prior to departure. Notice of cancellation must be received in writing by us more than 90 days prior to departure for a full refund (less cancellation fee). If cancellation is received by us between 60 and 90 days of the departure date, the tour participant will forfeit 10% of the tour cost. If cancellation is received by us between 30 and 60 days of the departure date, the tour participant will forfeit 20% of the tour cost. If cancellation is received by us between 0 and 30 days of the departure date, the tour participant will forfeit 30% of the tour cost. If cancellation is received by us between 0 and 30 days of the departure date, the tour participant will forfeit 40% of the tour cost. If cancellation is received by us between 0 and 30 days of the departure date, the tour participant will forfeit 50% of the tour cost. If cancellation is received by us less than 30 days before the departure date, the tour participant shall be responsible for the total cost of the tour and shall not receive a refund. Tour postponement by the customer shall be treated as the same as cancellation. Certain special promotions and offers are non-refundable, and will be clearly stated as such. All cancellations, changes and modifications must be made in writing. We are not obligated to act on information given over the telephone until written notice has been received. Notice may be given: I. by mail to 400 North Ashley Drive, Suite 1010, Tampa, FL 33602; II. by fax to (813) 902-5166; III. by e-mail to info@bbob.com; or IV. by phone to 1-888-335-1996.

COMPLAINTS, METHOD AND CONDITION OF COMPENSATION

Tour participants can submit any complaints in writing by e-mail or post within thirty days after the end of their tour. We consider and evaluate complaints within thirty days of our receipt and endeavor to resolve such complaints fairly and to the tour participant’s satisfaction, which may include a partial or total refund where we deem appropriate.

TOUR PARTICIPANT CONDUCT

In order to ensure the smooth operation and delivery of all tours, we reserve the right to accept or reject the booking of any person as a tour participant. We reserve the right to exclude any person from the tour whose behavior should become unruly, disruptive or destructive for the smooth operation of the tour or interfering with the smooth operation of the tour or interfering with the satisfaction, which may include a partial or total refund where we deem appropriate.

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CHILDREN AND MINORS
Due to the subject matter of the tours and the nature of the locations we visit (burial grounds, concentrations camps, etc.) a tour participant must be at least 10 years of age to participate. Minors should be accompanied by an adult parent or legal guardian. If the minor is not traveling with their parent(s) or legal guardian, a release form signed by a parent or legal guardian is required.

PHYSICALITY, DISABILITY, AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS
If you travel with us, we must know at the time of your registration of any disability, handicap, mobility, health or dietary restriction, or any physical, emotional, or neurological condition that may affect or limit your tour participation. In order to ensure your wellbeing on the tour, we require a medical clearance form. All of our tour participants, including and especially, those with limited mobility or disabilities. We regret that the tour vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair lifts or ramps. All tour participants must be able to get on and off the motor coach on their own. The limited use of a cane, walker, wheelchair may still allow you to participate on our tours in our tours. We regret we cannot provide passengers with wheelchairs, but we can store manual wheelchairs for those bringing their own, as long as a physically able companion accompanies the tour participant to provide assistance. Tour participants should inform us before the tour in case they bring along a wheelchair. We are not able to accommodate electric wheelchairs and scooters on the tours due to the limited accessibility of a number of sites visited. We cannot provide individual assistance to tour participants for walking, dining, or other physical needs. A physically able companion must accompany tour participants who need such assistance and must assume full responsibility for their well-being. Any tour participant who needs such assistance but arrives without a physically able companion may be excluded from portions of the tour that include activities for which that participant needs assistance, or may be expelled from the tour at our discretion. We are not responsible for any costs incurred due to nonparticipation in a tour program, such as skipped or supplemental meals or additional transportation needed to leave or join up with the group, as a result of any disclosed or undisclosed condition or limitation. Tour participants must be in sufficiently good health to undertake any tour and for taking all appropriate medical precautions. We cannot provide medical advice, including advice on inoculations or health requirements of particular countries. Participants are strongly encouraged to contact their family physician or public health service for travel health questions. For foreign travel, you may wish to visit the web site of the Center for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov/travel.

TRANSPORTATION
Our tours are ground based and delivered via motor coaches operated by our trusted providers. While we want our tour participants to enjoy themselves on their vacation, a strict no smoking and no open container policy will be enforced by our tour managers on all of our vehicles. European Union motor coach driving laws will be observed at all times throughout the tours. Driving times are highly regulated in the EU, and we ask for your understanding on those regulations affect scheduled travel times. Passengers should notify us about any other fellow tour participants not included in their booking. As there are potential parallel departures during a given tour, if we are not informed about fellow tour participants one month prior to departure the latest, we cannot guarantee traveling on the same motor coach.

AIRPORT PICK-UP
Timetable requirements at designated airports on the first day of a tour are provided under the description of each specific tour. We highly recommend arriving a day before the start of the tour to increase the risk of delayed flights. If a flight that was scheduled to arrive by the tour's required arrival time is delayed, the group will wait and participate in the activities for the day. After the one-hour passes, participants will be required to arrange their own travel to the designated hotel. We will do everything we can to assist with these arrangements, but we will not assume responsibility for any additional costs.

AIRPORT DROP-OFF
On the last day of the tour, we will arrange a transfer from the hotel only to the airport indicated in the tour description. Where applicable, the latest flight time for the departure will be shown. The group will wait until the departure time or any change in the departure schedule. After the one-hour passes, participants will be required to arrange their own travel to the designated hotel. We will do everything we can to assist with these arrangements, but we will not assume responsibility for any additional costs.

MEALS
We provide a variety of healthy and tasty meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner on tours where meals are included. We make every effort to accommodate those with health restrictions, such as diabetes, lactose or gluten intolerance, or food allergies, as well as preferences such as vegetarianism. We regret that we are not able to accommodate vegan or kosher meal plans. Please note that dietary requests must be provided to us at the time of booking and cannot be reversed during the course of the tour.

GRAVITY
Tips for our onboard staff (tour managers and bus drivers) are not included in the tour price, but are a voluntary way of showing satisfaction for good service. Because we are frequently asked about the standard tip we expect, we provide the following guideline based on the average total amount given by our tour participants: $0.00 or $10.00 per tour participant, per tour day, which is shared between the tour manager and the driver. We accept payment with Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. The tipping of the local guides is at the passengers’ discretion. On all-inclusive and luxury tours, tipping of the restaurant and hotel staff is taken care of by us.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITY OF PROCOM AMERICA LLC
We cannot assume responsibility for baggage loss or damage or additional expenses incurred through delays or changes in flight schedules or transportation service. We are not responsible for injury, death, or loss due to mechanical defects or failure of any nature aboard buses or at accommodations or in connection with other third party services, or resulting directly or indirectly from any acts of God, weather, strikes, bankruptcy, quarantine, acts of war, terrorism or civil disturbances, governmental edicts or regulations, or any other causes beyond our control.

GOVERNING LAW & VENUE FOR DISPUTES
The validity, construction, and enforcement of these Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of the State of Florida, excluding its laws governing conflicts with the laws of other jurisdictions. Tour participants consent and agree to the personal jurisdiction of the state and Federal courts having jurisdiction over Hillsborough County, Florida, and consent and agree that Hillsborough County, Florida, is the proper and exclusive venue for any legal proceedings relating to or arising from these Terms and Conditions or the tour services provided by Procom America, LLC, and waive any right to maintain any legal proceeding in any other jurisdiction for any reason, including inconvenience of the forum.

SELLER OF TRAVEL REGISTRATIONS
Procom America, LLC, is registered with the following states as a Seller of Travel. Registration information for each state, together with specific rights and notices applicable to residents of those states, follow. California: CST 2127910-50. This Seller of Travel is not a participant in the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund. California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. This business has a bond issued by Great American Insurance Company in the amount of $25,000. Florida: Procom America, LLC, is registered with the State of Florida as a Seller of Travel. Registration No. ST-47755. Hawaii: Hawaii Travel Agency Reg. No. TAH-183. As a consumer, you have the following rights regarding the purchase of travel services from travel agencies registered in Hawaii: https://cca.hawaii.gov/pv/files/2018/06/Travel-Agencies-Consumers-Rights-Memo-0618R.pdf Iowa: Iowa Travel Agency Reg. No. 1517. Washington: Washington Seller of Travel Reg. No. 604308441. If transportation or other services are canceled by the seller of travel, all sums paid to the seller of travel for services not performed in accordance with the contract between the seller of travel and the purchaser will be refunded within thirty days of receiving the funds from the vendor with whom the services were arranged or, if the funds were not sent to the vendor, the refund shall be returned within fourteen days after cancellation by the seller of travel to the purchaser unless the purchaser requests the seller of travel to apply the money to another travel product and/or date.

DATA PROCESSING
We utilize data processing companies registered in the European Union for marketing and logistic activities related to our tours. Photos taken on our tours, including those of and by tour participants, may be used for marketing purposes, unless otherwise requested in writing. Please read our Privacy Policy for further details at: http://www.beyondbandofbrothers.com/privacy_policy. If you have any comments or concerns about the use of your data, please contact us at info@bbo.com or 1-888-335-1996.

ITINERARY CHANGES AND DELAYS
We reserve the right to modify the itinerary should road conditions, traffic, unexpected detours or local conditions beyond our control so require. If the services and accommodations described for our tour cannot be supplied due to causes beyond our control, all reasonable efforts to supply comparable services will be made. Accordingly, although we may make all reasonable efforts to adhere to the published itinerary, we reserve the right to change or substitute any published itinerary. We will notify all tour participants of this change as soon as possible.

TOUR BOOKING
Our registered tour participants will be provided with login information to their own personalized MyTrip page. MyTrip is our secure online interface where all information required from participants for the finalization of their particular tour, such as their meal plan, emergency contact information, etc., will be obtained. Travel kits and documents for the tour are also made available on the tour participant’s personalized MyTrip page in the months leading up to the tour but no later than 4 weeks prior to departure.

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How to book your tour

You have two options for booking your tour: book online through our secure website or use the sign-up form located in the back of this book.

BOOKING ONLINE

Go to our website www.bbob.com and select the tour you would like to book.

Scroll down the tour page until you reach the tour dates. Decide what date works best for you, then click the book button on the far right of the date you picked.

Fill in all the information requested by our online form and make your payment.

BOOKING WITH THE SIGN-UP-FORM

Fill in the sign-up form in the back of this book on page 154 or contact our Travel Consultants at 888-335-1996 or info@bbob.com to request an editable pdf be sent to your email. Alternatively, you can also go to our website www.bbbob.com/signup and download the editable pdf file.

You may fill in your payment information on this form, or you may mark “I would like to make a payment over the phone” option, in which case we will contact you over the phone.

Email, mail or fax your form to our office. Email to info@bbob.com, fax to number 866-391-4778, or mail to 400 North Ashley Drive Suite 1010, Tampa, FL 33602.

Our Travel Consultants are available to assist you at our Tampa, Florida office. Our stateside team has first-hand experience with the sights on our tours as well as relevant knowledge of the areas we travel to.

If you have any questions about our tours or the booking process, please contact our Travel Consultants at 888-335-1996.

Our opening hours are Monday to Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Eastern Time (ET)

GOOD TO KNOW

Please be aware that making a reservation requires the names and dates of birth of all passengers traveling with you.

Note that there may be several departures for your chosen tour date. Please indicate if you have any fellow passengers you wish to travel with that are not included in your booking. If you do not inform us about your other members in your group, we cannot guarantee that you will travel on the same bus.

We recommend that all travelers purchase a travel protection plan to help protect themselves and their trip investment. Travel protection plans can provide coverage for trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency medical expenses and emergency evacuation/repatriation, trip delay, baggage delay and more. See more details on our website: www.bbbob.com/insurance.

Travel with us and walk in history’s footsteps.

2021 SIGN-UP FORM

To complete your booking, please fill in this registration form and sign it. Use one form per room and list every tour participant. Use multiple forms if necessary. Then tear it off along the perforated line and mail it to info@bbob.com or fax it to 866-391-4778 or mail it to the following address: Procom America, LLC | 400 North Ashley Drive, Suite 1010 | Tampa, Florida 33602

PERSONAL INFORMATION | Please provide full legal name.
Name of passenger 1 | Date of birth / / 
Name of passenger 2 | Date of birth / / 
Address | 
City | State | Zip Code
Home phone | Cell phone |
Primary Email | Secondary Email

Please list the names of others traveling in your party, not included in this booking:

CHOICE OF TOUR | Please select departure date and the type of tour:

- Departure date: from / / / (mm/dd/yy) to / / / (mm/dd/yy)
- 9-day American Civil War Tour - A Nation Tested
- 9-day American Civil War Tour - War in the West
- 9-day American Revolution Tour
- 9-day Battle of Normandy Tour
- 9-day Civil War - Nation Tested on a Budget Tour
- 9-day Conway, Savannah, Tifton Tour
- 9-day Georgian Odyssey on a Budget Tour
- 9-day German War on a Budget Tour
- 9-day Harry S. Truman Getaway on a Budget Tour
- 9-day Kobalt Tour
- 9-day Central Europe Remembrance Tour
- 9-day Eastern Front Tour
- 9-day Fields of World War I Tour
- 9-day Italian Campaign Tour
- 9-day Normandy Invasion Luxury Tour
- 9-day Normandy Invasion R&R Tour
- 9-day Pearl Harbor Tour
- 7-day Battle of Normandy on a Budget Tour
- 7-day Civil War - Nation Tested on a Budget Tour
- 7-day Battle of Britain Tour
- 8-day Battle of the Bulge Budget Tour
- 8-day Battle of Britain Tour
- 8-day Britain at War on a Budget Tour
- 8-day Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney Tour
- 8-day Italy on a Budget Tour
- 8-day Normandy 77 Budget Tour
- 8-day Normandy 77 Tour
- 8-day Normandy 77 Luxury Tour
- 8-day Pearl Harbor 85 Tour

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATIONS | Please select the type of room you would like:

- Single room (1 person with single supplement)
- Twin room (2 beds for 2 people in 1 room)
- Double room (2 beds for 2 people)
- Triple room (3 beds for 3 people)

PAY BY CHECK | Enclosed is my check for

- Check payable to Procom America LLC.
- (10% deposit / full amount for )

PAY BY CREDIT CARD | Please charge my deposit / full amount of

- Credit card 

I would like to make a payment over the phone for $.

I have already made a payment toward my tour.

INSURANCE | For your convenience, we offer a travel protection plan, provided by Travelex Insurance Services, that helps provide coverage for trip cancellation/interruptions, trip delay, baggage loss, theft or damage, medical expense and emergency evacuation/care and more. Travel Insurance is recommended to help protect you and your trip investment. Please refer to our home page for coverages and rates.

PAYMENT SCHEDULES | 

I (we) DO wish to purchase trip protection, which must be done at or before final payment. Please contact me to finalize insurance plan details.

I (we) DO NOT wish to purchase trip protection.

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AUTHORIZED | I agree to the Terms & Conditions as expressed by Procom America LLC on the reverses of this form, especially the “Payment Schedules” and the “Physicality, Eligibility & Special Accommodations” sections. I am aware of the physical demands of the tour I am booking as described in the activity level of the tour. I have read and understood the itinerary and details of inclusivity for this tour and all my questions were answered by Procom’s travel consultants prior to booking.

AUTHORIZATION | 

Signature (If your credit card is not accepted) | Date / /  (mm/dd/yy)

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Our tour leaders are the concierges of your holiday. They ensure that every detail of your experience is accounted for, from the moment you set foot on the tour until you step off the final bus. If you have questions or concerns, our travel consultants are here to assist you as well.

Our travel consultants are available 24/7 via phone and email. They can help with anything from flight arrangements to local recommendations. Their expertise is unparalleled and their knowledge is vast. You can rest easy knowing that your travel needs are in capable hands.

Thank you for choosing BB Tour. We look forward to seeing you on your next adventure.