

On June 6, 1944 the liberation of Europe started on the beaches of Normandy. From west to east, from Sainte-Mère-Église to Bastogne, Belgium, the 1,145-kilometre

Road to Liberty

bears witness to the gratitude of the population along the way.

On this tour, you will be able to visit significant war sites while enjoying the charming villages of France, Belgium and Luxembourg, many with old stone churches and fortifications.

You will enjoy the tour in our luxury motorcoach with air conditioning, sleeping chairs; with CD and DVD players, with monitors and a washroom.

As we move from site to site, we will show films and documentaries, including interviews with veterans from 40 years ago.

We will also provide commentary on the regions you will see through the coach's panoramic windows as we travel.

This tour is devoted to helping you gain a better understanding of your military history. Our close collaboration with local specialists allows you access to areas that are not open to other military tour groups.

Our "partner" program includes interesting visits to regional attractions.

For groups with special interests we can modify the itinerary according to your wishes.

The tour includes:

- Guidance by our experienced specialists
- Touring by first class motorcoach
- 10 nights in mid-range hotels
(Best Western or similar)
- Hotel taxes, portorage and service charges
- All breakfasts, lunches and dinners
- All entrance fees to museums and attractions

The program is subject to modifications upon needs

Your guides are
experienced
experts

with deep knowledge
of the region and its
history

François Robinard, retired chief of the Caen archives in Normandy, grew up in the middle of memorials and memories. A passionate historian, he will lead the group through Normandy for the breakout and pursuit part of this tour.

Roland Gaul is the founder and curator of the famous Diekirch military museum in Luxembourg. He will be your guide for the Battle of the Bulge segment in the Belgian and Luxembourgish Ardennes.

Dave Obee, a journalist from Canada has published several articles about North American involvement in the World Wars.

Bärbel Schänker, an experienced tour guide, will take care of the partners. She will lead all of the non-military segments of the tour.

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Road to Liberty Tour 2007

We have the real touch

May 16-27

History happened here . . .

Arrival

Thursday, May 17:

Upon an early arrival in Paris, we will go for a three-hour sightseeing tour in our motorcoach. This will be followed by dinner and a relaxing evening in our hotel in Paris.

OMAHA Beach

Friday, May 18:

After breakfast we will leave Paris for Normandy. There, we will visit the United States military cemetery in Colleville with its 9,386 graves and explore historic Omaha Beach. After lunch we will visit the museum, then drive along the coastline to Grandcamp, where we will have dinner and check in to our hotels which are within walking distance of the cemetery. (Partner: Visit the museum of the 200 yard long 11th-century tapestry in Bayeux, the oldest one in the world, a cider producer or a lacemaker conservatory).

Saturday, May 19:

After breakfast, we will follow the road of the Rangers and the 29th by bus with multiple tour stops to see the many monuments, memorials and battle areas and bunkers from Omaha to Utah Beach. (Partner: Visit a plant that specialises in the production of caramels as well as a famous French Camembert brand or an oyster production site).

UTAH Beach

Sunday, May 20:

In the morning we will go for a walk on Utah Beach, followed by a tour around the small memorial village with its many reminders of battles. After lunch, we will see the famous town of Ste-Mère-Eglise including its museum and the memorial for the 82nd and 101st Airborne. We will also tour with a barge over the marshland where many parachuters lost their lives.

(Partner: Visit the picturesque town with its many boutiques and local products and the Contentin farming museum)

Monday, May 21 :

We leave Normandy, heading for Reims and the American cemetery in Fère-en-Tardenois where 6,012 Americans rest. After lunch we will discover the college in Reims where Dwight Eisenhower had his headquarters in January 1945 and Gen Alfred Jodl signed the unconditional German surrender. We will also visit the surrender museum. (Partner: visit the famous Mercier champagne caves including tasting) We will continue our way to Bastogne in Belgium, where we will have dinner and check in to our hotel for the next 5 days.

Tuesday, May 22:

In Bastogne, we will visit the impressive Mardasson memorial with its museum, and the cave where McAuliffe uttered his defiant response: Nuts! Then we will go on a tour through the surrounding countryside, with stops to see the GI memorial in Clairvaux, the headquarter of the 28th infantry division in Wiltz, Schumanns Eck memorial with a walk through the forest to see the remaining fox-holes and much more. (Partner: The living museum of the Ardennes draught-horse contains an exhibition of old agricultural machines. Excursions in a carriage drawn by horses).

Wednesday, May 23:

We will drive to Elsenborn ridge, a spot of high strategic importance, for a visit to the museum, we will also walk along a line of the famous dragon teeth, see St. Vith, Poteaux and La Gleize and have a fun drive with Schützenpanzer and a Königstiger (Partner: Visit the Family of Man photographic exhibition of more than 500

journalist pictures until 1955, donated by the Government of the USA to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg)

Thursday, May 24:

In the morning we will have a guided visit of the extraordinary Diekirch Military Museum with its thousands of exhibition pieces. In the afternoon we will walk over the Hoesdorf battlefields with the most knowledgeable historian in the region serving as our guide. (Partner: Visit the national brewery museum and tannery museum inside the former stable of the castle of Wiltz).

Friday, May 25:

We will visit several points of interest in the area, where furious fighting happened in the bitter cold and snow of winter of 1944/45. We will see the Patton memorial in Ettelbruck and in the afternoon visit the German cemetery in Wallendorf. In this same area we will also explore some original German bunkers (Partner: Visit one of the most famous and well restored of the many Castles in this region : the Vianden Castle).

Saturday, May 26:

As a very special highlight, we will visit the legendary Hamm cemetery, the final resting place of Gen. George S. Patton. While there, we will witness an official wreath-laying by United States embassy staff which is scheduled for 2 pm that day. We will spend the last afternoon and night in Luxembourg city and enjoy a stroll through this picturesque medieval downtown.

Sunday, May 27:

Depart to Paris and flights back to the North America

The

Surrender

The Battle-field

Gen. AC "Nuts" McAuliffe

Elsenborn Ridge

Crossing the River

The Eternal Rest

Farewell