

THE BAND OF BROTHERS, ROAD TO LIBERTY TOUR

75th Anniversary of D-Day

July 7 to 20, 2019

Sunday, July 7th, 2019 We depart the USA for Paris, France.

Monday, July 8th We arrive at Paris Charles de Gaulle airport in the morning to meet our tour manager David Harper. We transfer by private coach to the **Calvados region in Normandy** making a stop at the pretty village of **Beuvron-en-Auge** en route, as well as stopping at a **Calvados distillery**. In the afternoon we check into Royal Hotel www.caenhotel.com in the heart of Caen. Dinner and overnight Caen, Normandy.

Tuesday, July 9th After breakfast, we make a full-day excursion: first to **Utah Beach and the D-Day Landing Museum of Ste Marie-du-Mont**, then, passing through the 101st Airborne paratroopers' drop-zone, to the village of **Ste Mère l'Eglise** where we have time for lunch and visit the **Airborne Museum**. We also stop at the monuments dedicated to "**Iron Mike**" and to **Major Dick Winters** of Easy Company fame. Late afternoon we continue to the famous **Pointe du Hoc**, with its 100-foot cliff overlooking the English Channel. This evening we have some time to explore the town. Dinner and overnight Caen, Normandy.



The 101st Airbourne Museum at Sainte-Mere-Eglise



Pointe du Hoc

Wednesday, July 10th After breakfast, we make a full-day excursion, first to **Arromanches** where we visit the splendid 360-degree **circular cinema** above the former Mulberry Harbor. After visiting the Arromanches artificial harbor museum we have free time for lunch before continuing to the **Normandy American Cemetery** overlooking Omaha Beach. Here are the remains of 9,387 American military dead. This cemetery was used in the opening scenes of the 1998 film *Saving Private Ryan*. From here we will visit the **German defense bunkers at Longues** (as seen in the popular 1962 film *The Longest Day*). If time permits we'll take in the world-famous **William the Conqueror "tapestry" in Bayeux**. Dinner and overnight Caen, Normandy.



Normandy American Cemetery



German bunkers at Longues

Thursday, July 11th After breakfast we leave early for **Reims** where we pay a visit to **General Eisenhower's HQs**, the site of the **official surrender of the German Armed Forces**. We then continue on to the charming country inn of La Grande Cure www.lagrandecure.be/en near Marcourt, Belgium. Dinner and overnight Marcourt.

Friday, July 12th After breakfast we take a daytrip to **Bastogne** to explore the sights, memorials and extensive museum connected to the **Battle of the Bulge** – where the Band of Brothers' greatest trials took place. We also visit the remnants of **foxholes dug by the 101st** at "Bois Jacques". On the way back to our hotel we may stop at a Belgian brewery. Dinner and overnight Marcourt.



Bois Jacques Woods / The Battle of the Bulge



Foxholes used by Easy Company

Saturday, July 13th After breakfast we leave for **Diekirch** in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to visit the **World War II Museum's** large collection. We then pay our respects to **General Patton's grave** at the US military cemetery near Luxembourg City before driving on to Bitche where we spend the night at Relais des Forteresses. www.hoteldurelais-bitche.com Dinner and overnight Bitche.

Sunday, July 14th After breakfast we'll tour the impressive **Simserhof Maginot Line fort at Bitche**. Later this afternoon we visit part of the famed **Siegfried Line** near Pirmasens, Germany, before driving on to **Nuremberg**. Overnight Hotel Victoria www.hotelvictoria.de/en.html in the heart of Nuremberg. Dinner nearby. Overnight Nuremberg.

Monday, July 15th After breakfast we visit the former **Nazi Party Rally Grounds**: the Luitpold field, Zeppelin tribune, SS training school and the Congress Hall building. We'll also visit the **museum attached to "Courtroom 600"** where the **Nuremberg Trials**

took place. After some free time in Nuremberg's old town we'll be served dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Nuremberg.



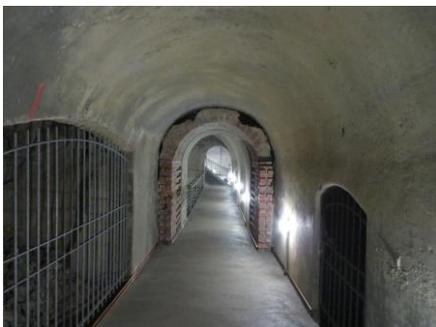
David describing the Nazi Party Rally Grounds



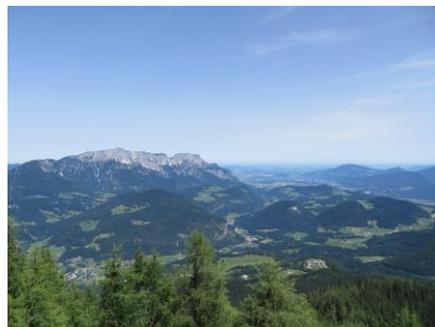
Zeppelinfeld, Main Tribune

Tuesday, July 16th After breakfast we leave early to drive to **Dachau** for a tour of the **Concentration Camp Memorial Site**. In the afternoon we travel south to Berchtesgaden. Overnight Hotel Edelweiss www.edelweiss-berchtesgaden.com in Berchtesgaden's historic town center.

Wednesday, July 17th After breakfast we depart to visit the site of **Hitler's alpine headquarters** at Obersalzberg: underground tunnel complex, many original buildings of the 3rd Reich southern seat of power, the **3rd Reich History Museum** and, naturally, the **Eagle's Nest** with free time for lunch in Hitler's dining room or on the terrace. Late afternoon, we can enjoy some free time in the old town before dinner. Overnight Hotel Edelweiss Berchtesgaden.



Underground tunnel complex



Magnificent view from the Eagles Nest!

Thursday, July 18th After breakfast, we visit the **Altaussee salt mine** in Austria where Hitler's regime hid precious artwork (as seen in the 2014 film *The Monuments Men*). In the afternoon we visit charming **Salzburg, Austria**. Dinner and overnight Berchtesgaden.

Friday, July 19th After breakfast we travel to the spectacular **Neuschwanstein Castle** where Nazi-looted artwork was stored. In the afternoon we take a short **driving tour through Munich** to view the buildings connected to the 3rd Reich's presence in Munich (Königsplatz, Führer's Headquarters, Haus der Kunst, etc). After a **short visit to the pedestrianized city center**, including the famed Hofbrauhaus, we transfer to Hotel Erdinger Weissbrau www.hotels-erdinger-erding.de for our farewell dinner. Overnight Erding.

Saturday, July 20th Early morning we transfer to Munich airport for our flight home.

Itinerary is subject to change

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July 07 ~ July 20, 2019

Price: \$4,009.00* Land only (per person based on double occupancy)
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*Price is based on exchange rate of 1 U.S. Dollar = 1.17 Euros. In the event the exchange rate moves in either direction by more than 4% the price of the tour may be adjusted.

Included Tour Features:

Services of a professional tour manager	12 nights in 3-star, 4-star, & 4-star superior hotels
Private first-class coach transportation	11 breakfasts from the buffet
Luggage handling (1 suitcase/person) where available	12 dinners of regional specialties
All guiding, admissions as per program	Welcome drink
Local bed tax	Gratuities at included restaurants

Not Included: Beverages with dinner, end of tour gratuity to tour manager and coach driver, items of a personal nature such as room service, etc., meals other than those specified, baggage fees assessed by the airlines.

General Information

Reservations: A deposit of \$350.00 per person is required to secure a place on our tour. This deposit is fully refundable to October 31, 2018

Insurance: We strongly suggest that you consider the purchase of optional travel insurance. The price of the insurance is \$289.00 per person (\$370.00 per person including coach air) and must be paid in full at time of deposit. Coverage includes trip cancellation for covered occurrences, medical, baggage, emergency evacuation and more. Pre-existing medical conditions are covered per the terms of the contract. Please ask for details.

****Airfare:**

We are holding group space in coach class on the following flight schedule:

July 07, 2019	DL 042	Mpls/St. Paul to Paris	4:25pm to 7:30am +1
July 20, 2019	DL 023	Munich to Detroit	9:55am to 1:23pm
July 20, 2019	DL 1055	Detroit to Mpls/St. Paul	3:58pm to 4:59pm

Flight times are subject to change

If you wish to arrange your own air on a different schedule or in a different class of service you may do so. Please note that airport transfers for both our arrival and departure will be

based on the above flight times. You can contact Joan Lorenz at Higgins Travel Leaders in Eau Claire for more information regarding air arrangements at 715-834-2686.

Final Payment: Final payment is due by **May 7, 2019**. We will invoice you for the balance.

Cancellation schedule / Land arrangements only:

- From receipt of deposit to November 30, 2018 – No fee
- From December 1, 2018 to May 07, 2019 - \$350 per person + insurance if purchased.
- After May 07 – No refund

Smoking: We kindly request no smoking when and wherever the group is together.

Important: You must possess a valid U.S. Passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from your return to the U.S. at the end of the tour.

Responsibility: This tour is operated by Travel Designs, LLC at 4239 Harless Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701, Higgins Travel & Cruise Center. Ltd. DBA Higgins Travel Leaders at 2514 Golf Road., Eau Claire, WI 54701 and Tailor Made Europe, 101 Churn Road, Bozeman, MT 59715. Travel Designs, Higgins' and Tailor Made Europe will act only as agent for tour members in arranging transportation, accommodations, sightseeing and admissions. We reserve the right at our sole discretion to make changes to the itinerary and are not responsible to any person for expense, loss of time or money or other circumstance that result from such a change. Rates are quoted upon tariffs and exchange rates current at time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the exchange rate change significantly, the price of the tour may be adjusted. Also, if fuel surcharges are imposed, the price of the tour may be adjusted. We may decline or accept any person as a tour member at any time. Travel Designs, LLC, Higgins' and Tailor Made Europe will not be responsible for any loss or damage to personal property or for injuries or damages incurred by a tour member. Travel Designs, LLC, Higgins' and Tailor Made Europe may cancel the tour, should it become necessary, and refund all monies, thus releasing Travel Designs, LLC, Higgins Travel Leaders and Tailor Made Europe from any further obligation. **We require a minimum of 22 participants to operate this tour.**

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM TO:

**Travel Designs, LLC
4239 Harless Road
Eau Claire, WI 54701
715-577-7917**

Our application is below.

APPLICATION

The Band of Brothers, Road to Liberty Tour

July 7 - 20, 2019

Name (1) _____

Name (2) _____

Note: We require a copy of the inside page of your passport.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell phone _____ Email _____

Any special occasion _____

(For example, a birthday or anniversary while we are traveling.)

PRICE: The price of our tour is \$4,009 per person based on double occupancy.

INSURANCE: Please see the information above in General Information regarding optional travel insurance. The price of the insurance is \$289.00 per person for the land only, \$370.00 per person for the coach air and land.

PAYMENT: A deposit of \$350.00 per person is required to secure a reservation. Please make your check payable to **Travel Designs, LLC** and mail it to: 4239 Harless Road ~ Eau Claire, WI 54701. If you prefer to use a credit card, please fill in the information below.

Card Number _____ Exp Date _____

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Signature _____

In case of an emergency please contact:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Cell Phone _____

**Please return completed application and payment to:
Travel Designs, LLC, 4239 Harless Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701
For questions or additional information please contact Joel Higgins at:
715-577-7917 or joel@traveldesigns.onmicrosoft.com**