

Valor Tours, Ltd. presents...

## Battle of the Bulge & Eagle's Nest tour to

France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany

Escorted by Colinne Bartel

June 10 to 19, 2025 – Paris to Munich

Eagle's Nest



Paris – Chateau Thierry – Reims  
Bastogne - Luxembourg  
Maginot Line - Strasbourg  
Berchtesgaden  
Dachau - Munich



*By September 1944 Allied forces in Western Europe were nearing the German border. An attempt to gain an early crossing of the Rhine at Arnhem had failed with operation Market Garden. In December, the Allies were poised to cross the Rhine, the last great natural barrier to the heart of Germany. In the meantime, Hitler was planning a counter offensive through the Ardennes region of Northern Europe. This became known as the "Battle of the Bulge".*



### Itinerary in brief

#### Tuesday June 10 (D)

Arrive Paris. Limo transfer to hotel in Paris. Group dinner and introduction at local restaurant. Overnight L'Echiquier Opera Paris Hotel.

#### Wednesday June 11 (B)

Depart Paris by private coach to Chateau Thierry, site of WWI battle, then onto Reims, location of Eisenhower's SHAEF HQ where we spend the night at the Holiday Inn.

#### Thursday June 12 (B)

Depart for Battle of the Bulge territory: Houffalize via Sedan (WWII Bridge), northern advance route of 4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division of Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army. After checking into hotel, afternoon tour with local historian to La Roche, Marche, Hotton, Houffalize, Manhay, Grandmenil and Baraque de Fraiture. Next three nights Hotel du Commerce or similar.

#### Friday June 13 (B)

With local historian, we head to northern Bulge battlefield sites including Kampfgruppe Peiper route to Trois Ponts, La Gleize (King Tiger tank), Stavelot, Malmédy Massacre site, Saint Vith, Bullingen, Losheimergraben, Losheim Gap, and Siegfried Line.

#### Saturday June 14 (B)

With local historian, full day of Bastogne defense area including Mc Auliffe Square, Foy (101<sup>st</sup> Airborne foxholes), Longvilly, Noville, Mergeret, Bastogne Historical Center and Mardasson Memorial (Bulge Museum).

#### Sunday June 15 (B)

Check out of the hotel and head southwest via Clervaux (28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division), National Museum of Military History (Bulge), Luxembourg American Cemetery (Patton's grave), Fort Hackenberg (largest fort of Maginot Line), continuing through the Rhine Valley to Strasbourg. Best Western Monopole Metropole.

#### Monday June 16 (B)

Depart Strasbourg for scenic day's drive through Bavaria and through Schwarzwald (Black Forest), crossing territory captured by US 7<sup>th</sup> Army and French 1<sup>st</sup> Army, into Bavaria. Stop at Gen. Erwin Rommel's house, suicide site and grave in Herrlingen. Onto Berchtesgaden and overnight Hotel Wittelsbach, Berchtesgaden.

#### Tuesday June 17 (B)

Obersalzberg complex and Documentation Center museum, vast remains of the bunker system and actual Eagle's Nest high above.

#### Wednesday June 18 (B, D)

Leave Berchtesgaden and head north to Dachau. Then onto Munich with half day tour of Nazi sites in Munich. Evening group dinner at old Nazi hang out. Overnight Hotel Louis, Munich.

#### Thursday June 19 (B)

Check out of hotel and transfer to airport for flights back to the U.S.

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**\$4,200 per person, twin share (land only)  
\$900 single supplement**

**Tour Cost Includes** services of Tour Leader Colinne Bartel; local guides/historians; private coach from June 11 to 20 w/driver; nine nights hotel accommodations w/breakfast daily; welcome dinner in Paris; farewell dinner at Bavarian style restaurant in Munich; entrance fees at museums indicated; local taxes; portage for one suitcase per person; local taxes.

Tour cost is based on currency values as of June 2024 and is subject to change. Tour cost based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together and a maximum of 30 passengers. Unused components of tour are non-refundable. Not included in tour cost are unlisted meals, telephone calls, passport fees, laundry, alcoholic beverages, tips, travel insurance or airfare. These tours are not recommended for children under the age of 12. Valor Tours, Ltd. reserves the right to modify the itinerary should road conditions, traffic, unexpected detours or local conditions beyond our control so dictate. European coach driving laws will be observed at all times. The coach driver is limited to the amount of time he may spend at the wheel.

**A deposit of \$600 per person** is required to hold space along with attached application form. Personal check or credit cards accepted. Fully refundable up to March 11, 2025. Cancellation between March 11 and May 9, 2025 subject to loss of deposit. Cancellation after May 9 or "no shows" are non refundable. Refunds can take up to 60 days. You will need a passport valid six months beyond date of travel. Visas and inoculations are not necessary, but a Covid19 vaccine certificate is always good to have with your passport.

**Travel document package** containing airline tickets (if ordered), ID badge, baggage tags, passenger list, hotel contact list and final instructions will be sent to each participant about two weeks prior to departure.

**Tour begins in Paris** at the L'Echiquier Opera Paris Hotel in District 10 near the Opera District and ends in Munich at the airport June 20. Please make your air arrangements accordingly. If you need help with air arrangements, Valor Tours, Ltd. will be happy to check on availability and fares from your hometown airport upon request.

**Any disability** requiring special attention should be reported to Valor Tours, Ltd. at the time of reservation or final payment.

**Smoking** is not allowed on motor coaches and non-smoking rooms in Europe are not always available.

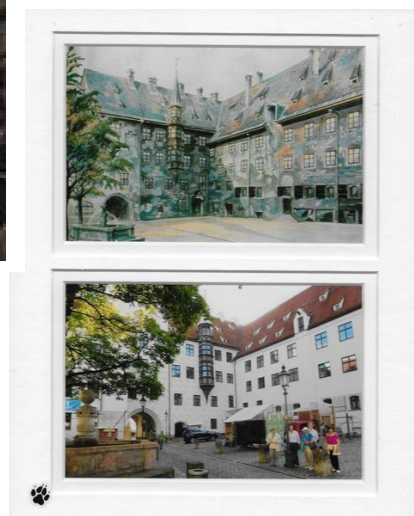
**Single occupancy** of hotel rooms is an additional \$900 over and above the tour cost. If you would like to avoid this expense, you may share with another single traveler. Valor Tours will make every attempt to find you a suitable roommate of the same age and gender, however Valor Tours, Ltd. cannot be held responsible for incompatibility, nor can they guarantee a roommate should one not be available. In that case, the single supplement will apply.

Itinerary will be altered to fit the needs of the passengers on the tour. If there is a particular sight, cemetery, memorial or museum, which you would like to visit and it's not too far off our route - we will include it.



Left: Strasbourg

Below left: Fort Hackenberg, the Maginot Line's largest fortification, where we stop for a tour by underground train.



**Colinne Bartel** has lived in Germany for almost 20 years. Her work for a private equity investor contributed to the reconstruction of many telco networks in the former East Germany shortly after the Berlin Wall fell. Her passion is connecting the historical dots between theory and practice and getting people to think about history from different perspectives. Colinne holds a B.A. from UCLA, an M.A. from The Claremont Graduate School, and a dual MBA from The Peter F. Drucker School of Management and The EDHEC Business School in Nice, France. She is a licensed guide at both the Dachau and Flossenburg Concentration Camp Memorial Sites and has assisted us in Germany for the past four years.

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