



# March to Victory with Colonel Larry Saul

12 days | Sep 05 2023—Sep 16 2023

Set out from Amsterdam to cross the former battlefields of the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, and Luxembourg where brave soldiers gave their lives during World War II. Visit historic sites and memorials in Groesbeek and the Hürtgen Forest before ending your journey in the Rhine Valley—and returning home with a renewed sense of national pride.



### Your tour package includes

10 nights in handpicked hotels
10 breakfasts
4 lunches
5 dinners with beer or wine
17 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach

## Included highlights

Canal cruise
Overloon War Museum
Aachen Cathedral
1944 Hürtgen Forest Museum
Bastogne War Museum
Luxembourg American Cemetery and
Memorial
Ludendorff Bridge

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 3.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including cobblestone streets and paved roads.

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## Overnight flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Amsterdam today.

## $\textbf{Amsterdam} \rightarrow 2 \text{ nights}$

### Day 2: Arrival in Amsterdam

Included meals: welcome dinner
Welcome to the Netherlands! Get to know
Amsterdam's iconic canals and unique character
on today's guided tour.

- Walk past the Jewish Historical Museum and National Holocaust Museum
- View Dam Square, home of many landmarks including the neoclassical Royal Palace, the 15th-century New Church, and the National Monument
- Pass the Anne Frank House, where the young diarist and her family hid during World War II
- Stroll by the canals and bridges, taking in the houseboats that dot the banks

Please note: This afternoon's tour is dependent on flight arrival times.

Gather with your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner this evening.

#### Day 3: Rijksmuseum, Canal Cruise & Dinner

Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Spend the morning at the Rijksmuseum,
exploring the exhibits on your own.
Enjoy a free afternoon to independently visit the
Anne Frank House, Jewish National History
Museum, the Holocaust Museum, or another top

This evening, cruise along the canals of Amsterdam on a houseboat, enjoying the view of row houses lit up for the night. Your cruise will take you through the center of the city as you enjoy dinner by lantern light.

## Nijmegen Region → 1 night

## Day 4: Nijmegen Region via Operation Market Garden sites

Included meals: breakfast

sight in Amsterdam.

Travel to the Nijmegen region of Holland, exploring sites integral to Operation Market Garden along the way.

- Make a photo stop in Grave at the John S.
   Thompson Bridge, which is named after the lieutenant who led an airborne assault as part of the operation
- Meet up with a local guide and take a tour of the National Liberation Museum
- Visit the Nijmegen Bridge and learn about the US paratroopers heroic crossing of the Waal river

## Aachen → 2 nights

### Day 5: Transfer to Aachen

Included meals: breakfast, lunch
Explore more sites throughout the Netherlands
as you make your way to Aachen, Germany.

- Step inside the Overloon Museum, one of the oldest WWII museums in Europe, and enjoy a guided tour and included lunch
- Pay your respects at the Netherlands American Cemetery

Arrive in Germany and listen to your Group Coordinator discuss the urban combat between American and German forces during the Battle of Aachen. Head into Aachen to enter Aachen Cathedral, one of the oldest in Europe. Please note: sightseeing of Aachen Cathedral is subject to the timing of arrival to Aachen and may be cancelled on tour.

# Day 6: Battle of Hürtgen Forest & Battle of the Bulge sites

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner
Join your Tour Director to learn about two major
conflicts that took place during WWII—the
Battle of Hürtgen Forest and the Battle of the
Bulge.

- Visit Hürtgen Forest, site of the Battle of Hürtgen Forest
- Learn about the 89-day conflict, which took place between the American and German forces and was the longest battle the U.S. Army has ever fought
- Continue on to Vossenack and step inside the 1944 Hürtgen Forest Museum

- See artifacts, such as uniforms and vehicles, recovered from the battleground
- Sit down for an included lunch at a local restaurant
- Head to Monschau, a town that played an important role during the Battle of the Bulge
- Hear from your Group Coordinator about the importance of the town's strategic location and enjoy free time to explore the Old Town Return to Aachen and enjoy an included dinner.

## **Luxembourg** $\rightarrow$ 3 nights

## Day 7: Luxembourg via Elsenborn Ridge & Ardennes Forest

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner
Make several stops as you travel to Luxembourg,

- Learn about the Battle of Elsenborn Ridge, the northernmost conflict that took place during the Battle of the Bulge
- Head into the Ardennes Forest where the Battle of the Bulge took place and sit down for an included lunch
- Stop at the 504th Parachute Infantry
  Regiment's attack route where they faced
  heavy attacks from the Germans

Continue on to Luxembourg, and sit down for an included dinner this evening.

## Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Bastogne & battlefields

Included meals: breakfast, lunch
Join your Tour Director on a sightseeing tour of
battlegrounds and museums relating to the
Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne.

- Visit the Bastogne War Museum and pay tribute to the American soldiers who defended Belgium in WWII during the Battle of the Bulge
- Enjoy an included lunch inside the museum
- See the Mardasson Memorial, a monument dedicated to the Americans who lost their lives during the Battle of the Bulge
- Learn about the Band of Brothers during a visit to the site of the Bois Jacques Foxholes

- View the General George S. Patton Memorial and the Mardasson Memorial, which was designed to look like the stars on the American flag
- Stop at Recogne German War Cemetery

# Day 9: National Museum of Military History & sightseeing tour of Luxembourg

Included meals: breakfast

Travel to Diekirch and enter the National Museum of Military History to see photos and life-size dioramas depicting scenes from WWII. Return to the country's capital of Luxembourg City and meet up with a local guide for a sightseeing tour.

- Enter the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial
- View the World War II Monument to National Unity in the New Town
- See the Citadel of the Holy Spirit, Notre-Dame Cathedral, and Grand Ducal Palace
- Travel through the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site

Spend a free evening in Luxembourg or add the optional excursion below.

+ Luxembourg Brewery Visit & Dinner

### Rhine Valley → 2 nights

### Day 10: Rhine Valley via Trier & Remagen

Included meals: breakfast

Cross over the border into Germany and spend the morning in Trier, one of the country's oldest cities.

- Explore its rich history with a local guide
- Make your way past ancient Roman ruins, medieval buildings, and the birthplace of Karl Marx

En route to the Rhine Valley, stop in Remagen to view the remains of the Ludendorff Bridge, which played a vital role in helping Allied forces cross the Rhine River and defeat the German forces. Enter the Peace Museum, set within the tower of the ruined bridge.

### Day 11: Free Day in Rhine Valley

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner Enjoy a free day in the Rhine Valley or add the optional excursion below.

Celebrate your trip at a farewell dinner this evening.

+ Rhine River Cruise & Wine Tasting

## **Flight Home**

#### Day 12: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the Frankfurt airport for your flight home.

## Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: grouptoursite.com/tours/saulmtvtour | 760-637-6886

### Day 9: Luxembourg Brewery Visit & Dinner

\$115/\$125\* (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Enjoy a tour of a Belgian-style brewery in Luxembourg. You'll see the equipment the brewers use to create everything from lagers and ales, to stouts and bocks. Then, enjoy a tasting of some of the country's signature beers before heading to a local restaurant and sitting down for an included dinner.

#### Day 11: Rhine River Cruise & Wine Tasting

\$109/\$119\* (6 hours, departure time varies)
Known for its breathtaking landscapes and architecture
from the Middle Ages, the Rhine River Valley is one of
Germany's most spectacular sites. Start the day by
touring one of this remarkable region's wineries, where
you'll learn about cultivation processes and explore
either the vineyards or cellars (depending on the
season). Afterward, you'll enjoy a tasting of three
different wines accompanied by lunch. Then, make your
way through this UNESCO-recognized area on a cruise
down the Rhine River, passing by six castles on your
way from Boppard to St. Goar.