



THE DR HAROLD C. DEUTSCH
**WORLD WAR II
HISTORY ROUND TABLE**



World War 2 - Battlefield Tour - May 10 - 26, 2013

*Operation Market Garden, Battle of Arnhem, Fort Eben Emael,
Battle of Huertgen Forest, Remagen Bridge, and the Battle of the Bulge*

Day 1 Friday, May 10, 2013

Depart USA for Amsterdam International Airport, Holland

Day 2 Saturday, May 11, 2013

Arrive Amsterdam International Airport and meet our tour escort John Rogers at the arrival gate. Check into our nearby hotel with a day to relax or take an excursion into Amsterdam with our tour escort. A welcome dinner will be served this evening.

1 overnight Mercure Hotel Amsterdam Airport, Holland (welcome dinner)

Day 3 Sunday, May 12, 2013

After breakfast, we depart for Nijmegen with our deluxe bus. Meet our guide and **Historian Wybo Boersma** who will be with our group for the next three days. En route to Nijmegen, he will give an introduction on the **Market Garden Campaign** to include several stops: Eindhoven, Hells Highway used to relieve Airborne Forces at Arnhem, Canal system, Grave Bridge, Jonkerbos Cemetery, and much more.

3 Overnights Hotel Amrath Belvoir, Nijmegen, Netherlands (dinner)

Day 4 Monday, May 13, 2013

Today, we start out with a historical presentation by our historian on **Operation Market Garden** (September 17-25, 1944). It was an unsuccessful Allied military operation, fought in the Netherlands and Germany in the Second World War. It was one of the largest airborne operations at that time. A visit of the **National Liberation Museum 1944-1945, Groesbeek** will give us a good overview of the battle.

Overnight Nijmegen, Netherlands (breakfast)

Day 5 Tuesday, May 14, 2013

We continue today to the **Battle of Arnhem** with the British 1st Airborne Division and the Polish 1st Independent Parachute Brigade given the task of securing the bridge at Arnhem. We will also visit the **Airborne Museum Hartenstein** to get a more in depth understanding of the battle.

Overnight Nijmegen, Netherlands (breakfast, dinner)

Day 6 Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Bid farewell to Nijmegen as we depart for **Fort Eben Emael**, a Belgian fortress. We will take the time and explore the fortress with a special guided tour. It is located between Liege and Maastricht, on the Belgian/Dutch border, near the Albert Canal. It was designed to defend Belgium from a German attack across the narrow belt of Dutch territory in the region. We will visit the **Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial** this afternoon en route to our hotel. Our day ends in Monschau, a traditional old town with impressive scenery, romantic half-timbered houses, and full of history.

2 overnights Hotel Carat, Monschau, Germany (breakfast, dinner)

Day 7 Thursday, May 16, 2013

After breakfast, we depart north and relive the longest battle in Germany during World War II, the **Battle of Huertgen Forest**, presented by Historian Klaus Schulz a German veteran and author.

Overnight Monschau, Germany (breakfast, dinner)

Day 8 Friday, May 17, 2013

We will be on the Rhine River visiting the **Remagen Bridge** (Ludendorff Bridge) and the **Peace Museum Bridge at Remagen**. The Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen, the last standing on the Rhine River, was captured by soldiers of the U.S. 9th Armored Division on March 7, 1945 during Operation Lumberjack. **Historian Wolfgang Gückelhorn** will be our German guide today. He was born in 1947 and has spent many years studying the battle of Remagen. Depending upon the river, we will cross by ferry and visit the train tunnels under the Erpeler Ley. Then we will travel up to the Erpeler Ley (131 m above the Rhine) and get a second view from the eastern side above the Rhine River.

4 overnights Hotel zum Goldenen Stern, Prüm, Germany (breakfast, dinner)

Day 9 Saturday, May 18, 2013

The **Battle of the Bulge “North Shoulder”** is one of the three decisive battles of the Bulge. **Historian and Author Danny Parker** will guide us on a battlefield study over the next 7 days. We will relive this battle with exciting and accurate accounts on what took place in December 1944. Some of the highlights today will include Hofen, Elsenborn Ridge, Lanzerath, Twin Villages Krinkelt-Rocherath, and many more.

Overnight Prüm, Germany (breakfast, dinner)

Day 10 Sunday, May 19, 2013

The **Battle of the Bulge “Breakthrough”** covers the Losheim Gap, Schnee Eifel and St. Vith. This is the sector of the 106th Infantry Division with the 14th Cavalry Group attached. Once again, our historian Danny Parker will bring to life the battle with firsthand accounts.

Overnight Prüm, Germany (breakfast and dinner)

Day 11 Monday, May 20, 2013

Today, we will cover the **Battle of the Bulge “Kampfgruppe Peiper.”** We will follow the route of the 1st SS Panzer Regiment and visit the sites of the Malmedy and Stavelot massacre. We plan to visit the **Baugnez Museum** and **December 44 museum in La Gleize**, Belgium with its King Tiger tank, which will complete the program for today.

Overnight Prüm, Germany (breakfast, dinner)

Day 12 Tuesday, May 21, 2013

The **Battle of the Bulge “Southern Shoulder”** will be our program today. We will start on the east bank of the Our River directly on the German/Belgian border. We will follow the German advance through the 28th and 110th Infantry Division positions to the town of Clervaux, Luxembourg. En route, we will cover many more interesting accounts to include the town of Houffalize. Clervaux is located in a narrow valley at the banks of the Clerve River. A visit of the Clervaux castle from the 12th century includes the **Battle of the Bulge Museum** with an extensive collection of American, German and Luxembourgish artifacts from World War II. We will find a U.S. Sherman tank that participated in the battle for Clervaux and a German 88 anti-aircraft/anti-tank artillery piece.

3 overnights Hotel Melba, Bastogne, Belgium (breakfast, dinner)

Day 13 Wednesday, May 22, 2013

The **Battle of Bastogne** was an engagement between American and German forces, as part of the larger Battle of the Bulge. The original goal of the German offensive was the harbor at Antwerp. Before the Allies could regroup, the German mechanized forces had planned to seize the roadways that converged on the small town of Bastogne. Control of its crossroads was vital to the German attack. The siege lasted from December 20-27, when the besieged American forces were relieved by elements of General George Patton's 3rd Army. Today, we will begin to really understand how this battle took shape.

Overnight Bastogne, Belgium (breakfast)

Day 14 Thursday, May 23, 2013

We continue with the **Siege of Bastogne** to include the Heinz Barracks in Bastogne. This was the base for thousands of US soldiers, including the 101st Airborne Division, commanded by General Anthony McAuliffe. We will visit the Lt. Charles Boggess Pillbox, where the 3rd Army and 101st Airborne broke the German Siege. Next, we will see Kessler Farm, where the famous 'NUTS' message was delivered.

Afterwards we will visit **Bastogne Historical Center Museum** and **Mardasson Monument**, which honors the memory of the 76,890 American soldiers who were wounded or killed during the Battle of the Bulge. Then we will visit the foxholes and **Memorial of The Band of Brothers**. After a late lunch, we will end the day with a visit to the town of Chaumont with the local historian Ivan Steenkiste and hear his story about the "Beech Tree of Chaumont," Belgium. www.users.skynet.be/wielewaal/Chaumont_english.htm
Overnight Bastogne, Belgium (breakfast, dinner)

Day 15 Friday, May 24, 2013

Today we depart Bastogne and visit one of the best-known WW2 museums, the **National Museum of Military History in Diekirch**, Luxembourg, located in the complex of the Diekirch 'old brewery'. The exhibits are dedicated to the Battle of the Bulge in Luxembourg in winter 1944–45. Highlights include military vehicles and weaponry, a photographic archive, and life size dioramas displaying military servicemen and actions. The next stop will be Ettelbruck, which US forces liberated on September 11, 1944. The Germans retook the town on December 16, 1944 during the Battle of the Bulge. **US General George S. Patton** on Christmas Day, December 25, 1944 led US troops in the final liberation of Ettelbruck from Nazi occupation. One of Ettelbruck's main squares is named Patton Square and is located at the exact spot where the German offensive into Luxembourg's Alzette Valley was stopped, ending its attempt to reoccupy the country as a whole.
Overnight NH Luxembourg City, Luxembourg (breakfast, dinner)

Day 16 Saturday, May 25, 2013 (Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2013)

After breakfast, we attend the planned memorial day services at the **Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial** in Hamm. The best-known American soldier buried in Luxembourg is General George S. Patton. The 50.5-acre Luxembourg American Cemetery has the graves of 5,076 American soldiers who died during World War II. Most of these men and woman died during the famous Battle of the Bulge. Free afternoon in Luxembourg City center at your leisure. Late afternoon depart for Frankfurt, Germany and overnight.
Overnight Mercure Hotel Frankfurt Airport, Germany (breakfast, dinner)

Day 17 Sunday, May 26, 2013

Depart home from Frankfurt Airport (breakfast)

THE TOUR INCLUDES:

- Hotel accommodations in selected hotels, ensuring every comfort. All rooms with private bath or shower.
 - Meals as indicated in the tour program (example: breakfast, dinner)
 - Deluxe air-conditioned bus with facilities
 - Tour Escort and guide John Rogers 24/7
 - History Round Table representative Don Patton
 - Professional historians, authors, and researcher on the subject they cover during the tour:
 - *Operation Market Garden and the Battle of Arnhem – Historian Wybo Boersma
 - *The Battle of Huertgen Forest – Historian/Veteran Klaus Schulz
 - *Bridge at Remagen – Historian Wolfgang Gückelhorn
 - *Battle of the Bulge (7 days in tour itinerary) – Historian/Autor Danny Parker
 - *Battle of Bulge - Ann Hamilton Shields (European researcher WWII)
- (Background information on the historians upon request)

Tour price: (land portion)

US \$ 3,690. - per person/double room

US \$ 485, - single room supplement

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