



# The Dr. Harold C. Deutsch WORLD WAR II HISTORY ROUND TABLE



**May 20 – June 5, 2017**  
**HRT European Battlefield Tour**

*Operation Market Garden, Battle of Arnhem, Fort Eban Emael,  
Waterloo, Battle of the Bulge, and Hürtgen Forest*

*Each battlefield visited will be led by professional historians and authors  
known to be leaders in their field, having walked and studied the battlefields.*

## **Day 1. Saturday, May 20, 2017**

Group departs Minneapolis International Airport and will arrive in Amsterdam the next day. For those interested, you have the opportunity to arrive 1 day early and overnight in Amsterdam before the tour begins. Our tour escort will be at the hotel to assist if needed.

## **Day 2. Sunday, May 21, 2017**

Arrive Amsterdam International Airport and meet our tour escort John Rogers at the arrival gate. We will then travel to our hotel in Nijmegen by deluxe bus with a picnic lunch included. Upon arrival, you will have free time to relax or take an excursion into town before dinner. A walking tour of the oldest town (over 2,000 years old) in the Netherlands will be offered for those interested. A welcome dinner at the hotel is planned.  
4 overnights Nijmegen, Netherlands (Lunch, Dinner)

**Amrâth Hotel Belvoir \*\*\*\***  
Graadt van Roggenstraat 101  
6522 AX Nijmegen



## **Day 3. Monday, May 22, 2017**

After breakfast, we start our Market Garden Campaign. We will have an introduction by our **professional historian and guide Wybo Boersma** on the **Market Garden Campaign** to include a visit to the **National Liberation Museum 1944-1945**. The rest of the day we will cover the **101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division** which parachuted into Holland to seize bridges across rivers and adjacent canals from Belgium to Arnhem. Some of the highlights will include the village of Son and Best, location of the 506th's drop zone and the bridge over Wilhelmina. Under the command of Colonel Sink, their mission was to capture the bridge over the Wilhelmina Canal and then advance south to Eindhoven. We will then follow a portion of the company's route. We will end the day program with the Veghel battle site, where all of the 101st Airborne Division fought to keep Hell's Highway clear of enemy troops. Overnight Nijmegen (Breakfast)

## **Day 4. Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

Our objective today will be the **82<sup>nd</sup> Division drop zones**, which was the fourth and final World War II combat drop for the 82nd Airborne. On 15 September the 82nd jump in ahead of the Second British Army, 57 miles behind enemy lines in the vicinity of Grave, Holland. The objective was to capture and hold the key bridges at Grave and Nijmegen as well as some subsidiary bridges over a canal to the east of Grave. Overnight Nijmegen (Breakfast, Dinner)

## **Day 5. Wednesday, May 24, 2017**

We continue today with the **Battle of Arnhem** where we will focus on the British 1st Airborne Division, supported by men of the Glider Pilot Regiment and the 1st Polish Parachute Brigade, which landed at Arnhem with the task to secure bridges across the Nederrijn River. The British XXX Corps had planned to reach the British

airborne forces within two to three days. We will also visit the **Airborne Museum Hartenstein** to get a more in-depth understanding of the battle. Another highlight of the day will be the focus on the evacuation of the 1st Airborne Division. With over 10,600 men in the Division, 2071 were eventually evacuated. Visit of the Lonsdale Church where many took shelter while awaiting the evacuation. The famous house of Kate ter Horst which was used as a Regimental Aid Post, which was also used in the making of the film 'A Bridge Too Far'.  
Overnight Nijmegen (Breakfast)

#### **Day 6. Thursday, May 25, 2017**

After an early lunch, we will depart for Belgium and visit a museum called the **Remember Museum 39-45** or known too many veterans as the M&M museum. This fascinating museum is among the most interesting of its type and opened its doors on 12th June 1994 and was inaugurated by a veteran of the 1st Infantry Division of the United States Army. A short stop for lunch is planned in the town of Maastricht. Then we continue to the **Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial in Belgium** for a visit. Our day will end in Monschau a historical Old Town with impressive scenery, romantic half-timbered houses, and history.  
5 overnights Monschau, Germany (Breakfast, Dinner)

**Hotel Carat \*\*\*\***  
Laufenstrasse 82  
52156 Monschau, Germany



#### **Day 7. Friday, May 26, 2017**

Today is a free day at your leisure to enjoy the town of Monschau and the area.  
Overnight Monschau (Breakfast, Dinner)

#### **Day 8. Saturday, May 27, 2017**

This morning we visit Fort Eben-Emael a historical Belgian Fortress. The **Battle of Fort Eben-Emael** was a battle between Belgian and German forces that took place on the 10th and 11th of May 1940 and was part of the Battle of Belgium. We will take the time and explore the fortress with a special tour inside and out. 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. In the afternoon after lunch, we will attend the **Memorial Day Service at the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial** in Belgium, covering 57 acres, rest 7,992 of our military dead, most of whom lost their lives during the advance of the U.S. armed forces into Germany. Their headstones are arranged in gentle arcs sweeping across a broad green lawn that slopes gently downhill. West of the cemetery is an overlook that affords an excellent view of the rolling Belgian countryside, once a battlefield.  
Overnight Monschau (Breakfast, Dinner)



#### **Day 9. Sunday, May 28, 2017**

This morning we depart for Belgium to study the **Waterloo Battlefield**. Our historian for the Battlefield will be the well-known guide and professional **historian John Greene**. The army of the French emperor Napoleon faced off against a coalition of British, Dutch, and German forces in the countryside outside Brussels. On June 18, 1815, over 250,000 men from at least seven nations were involved in the battle. More than 11,000 were left dead and 33,000 wounded. It was one of the largest and bloodiest pre-twentieth-century European battles. A visit to the Butte du Lion (Lion Mound) and the **Wellington Museum**, formerly the headquarters of the victorious British commander, the Duke of Wellington, each of its rooms is now dedicated to one of the armies in the battle.  
Overnight Monschau (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Day 10. Monday, May 29, 2017**

After breakfast, we depart north and relive the longest battle on German ground during World War II. **The Battle of Huertgen Forest** which will be presented by **Historian and Author Martin King**. Our historian will also lead us on the Battle of the Bulge program over the next 6 days. We will cover today the fierce battles fought from 19 September 1944 to 10 February 1945 between American and German forces on the Western Front during World War II in the Hürtgen Forest about 50 miles east of the Belgian–German border. It was the longest battle on German ground during World War II and is the longest single battle the U.S. Army has ever fought.  
Overnight Monschau (Breakfast, Dinner)

### **Day 11. Tuesday, May 30, 2017**

The **Battle of the Bulge “North Shoulder”** one of the three decisive battles of the Bulge. Our **historian and Author Martin King** will lead us on the battlefield study today that will be exciting and informative with accurate accounts of what took place in December 1944. Some of the highlights today will include Hofen, Elsenborn Ridge, Lanzerath, Twin Villages Krinkelt-Rocherath, and much more.  
3 overnights Prüm, Germany (Breakfast, Dinner)

**Hotel zum Goldenen Stern \*\*\***  
Hahnplatz 29, 54595 Prüm

### **Day 12. Wednesday, May 31, 2017**

**The Battle of the Bulge “Breakthrough”** which covers the Losheim Gap, Schnee Eifel, and St. Vith. This will be the sector of the 106th Infantry Division with the 14th Cavalry Group attached. Once again our historian Martin King will bring to life the battle with firsthand accounts.  
Overnight Prüm (Breakfast)

### **Day 13. Thursday, June 1, 2017**

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 (Breakfast)

### **Day 14. Friday, June 2, 2017**

The **Battle of the Bulge “Southern Shoulder”** Our program today starts on the east bank of the Our River directly on the Belgium and German border. We follow the German advance through the 28<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division positions to the town of Clervaux, Luxembourg. In route, we will cover many more interesting accounts to include the town of Houffalize. Clervaux is located in a narrow valley on the banks of the River Clerve. A visit to the 12<sup>th</sup> century Clervaux castle 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 on display. Our day will end in Arlon where General Patton made his famous speech to his men as they advanced on Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944.  
2 overnights Houffalize, Belgium (Breakfast, Dinner)

**Hôtel du Commerce \*\*\*\***  
Rue du Pont 10  
6660 Houffalize, Belgium

### **Day 15. Saturday, June 3, 2017**

The **Battle of Bulge “Bastogne”** was an engagement between American and German forces, as part of the larger Battle of the Bulge. The 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 20–27 December when the besieged American forces were relieved by elements of General George Patton's 3rd Army. Today we will begin to understand how this battle took shape.  
Overnight Houffalize (Breakfast)

### Day 16. Sunday, June 4, 2017

Today we depart Belgium and visit one of the best well-known WW2 museums. **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. Then our next stop will be Ettelbruck which US forces liberated on September 11, 1944, but Germany 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.

Our day will end at the **Luxembourg American Cemetery** which consists of 17 acres of manicured lawn surrounded by 33.5 acres of woods. The cemetery was established on December 29, 1944, by the 609th Quartermaster Company of the U.S. Third Army while Allied Forces were stemming the enemy's desperate Ardennes Offensive, one of the critical battles of World War II. The city of Luxembourg served as headquarters for Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army. You will find the Gen. Patton is also buried here in the cemetery. 1 overnight Frankfurt (Breakfast, Farewell lunch in Ettelbruck)

#### **Mercure Hotel Frankfurt Airport \*\*\*\***

Am Weiher 20, 65451

Kelsterbach, Germany

### Day 17. Monday, June 5, 2017

A buffet breakfast, depart home from the Frankfurt International Airport at your leisure. Your tour escort will be available for those interested in staying an extra night in Frankfurt to explore the city or the Rhine River. (Breakfast)

#### **Tour Includes**

- Individual flight assistance from a professional consultant (flight not included)
- Newsletters to keep you informed and prepared for the tour
- Professional assistance with any questions or concerns on the tour
- Deluxe bus transportation during the tour
- First Class and Upper middle-class hotels as per the itinerary
- Tour Escort John Rogers with over 30 years' experience working with over 60,000 US military personnel, veterans, and historical groups. 24/7
- Historians, authors, and guides as per the itinerary
- Museums as marked in bold in the itinerary
- Meals included in the tour:
  - 14 breakfast buffets
  - 9 dinners at hotel restaurants
  - 1 farewell lunch
- Battlefield programs as per the itinerary

**Price: \$ 3395.00** per person based on double occupancy (flight not included)  
**\$ 500.00** single room supplement (limited number)  
Minimum group size: 25 persons

#### **Contact Information for the HRT tour:**

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