

History: WWII and the Western Front | 2014 sample tour schedule*

Day 1: Overnight flight to Europe

Depart North America today on an overnight flight to Europe.

Day 2: Arrive in London; walking tour of London; Sample Menu:

Upon arrival at the airport the group should be prepared to wait up to 2 hrs for consolidated groups to arrive. Transfer from airport to hotel and store bags. Tour Director takes group into central London by public transport and leads walking tour of some of the following areas; Westminster, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly and Covent Garden.

Sample menus for London: Menu 1 Fish & chips

Ice cream

Menu 2 Naan bread Chicken curry Fruit

Menu 3 Beef and onion pie Apple crumble

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Day 3: Sightseeing of London

Guide will meet group at hotel if central. Otherwise, transfer to central London (45min-1hr) to meet guide. Guided sightseeing of London (3hrs) to include driving by major sites. Photo stop at St. Paul's Cathedral. Tour ends at Changing of Guard (seasonal). After free time for lunch, the Tour Director will lead the group, by public transport, to visit the Imperial War Museum (1hr) and the Churchill Museum and Cabinet War Rooms (1hr30min). Fish and Chips for dinner tonight.

Day 4: Transfer to Portsmouth; D-Day Museum; night ferry to Caen

Early afternoon transfer from London to Portsmouth (1hr30min-2hrs30min). Group will visit D-Day museum in Portsmouth (1hr30min) before included dinner and transfer to ferry terminal. Group need to be at the ferry terminal 1hr prior to scheduled departure time.

Day 5: Excursion to Normandy beaches; Sample Menu: Paris

Order of events and timing will depend on arrival time of ferry and hotel location. Visit to Caen Memorial (2hrs). Transfer to Arromanches (45min) for lunch and visit (1hr30min). Transfer to American cemetery (40min) for visit (45min-1hr). Transfer to Pointe du Hoc (20min) for visit (30min). Transfer to hotel to check in.

Sample menus for Paris:
Menu 1
Green salad
Flammekueche
(Thin Bread Crust topped with
Crème Fraîche, Cheese, Mushrooms,
Ham)
Sweet Flammekueche with banana
and chocolate

Menu 2 Cheese Quiche Turkey with mushroom sauce, rice & green beans Apple tart

Menu 3 Cous cous with vegetables and meat Fruit salad

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Day 6: Stop in Rouen on way to Paris; walking tour of Latin

Quarter; visit Notre-Dame

Depart hotel, transfer to Rouen (30min-1hr30min). 10am: Tour Director leads walking tour of Rouen (1hr) followed by free time for early lunch. 12noon: Transfer to Paris (2hrs30min-3hrs). Go to hotel and check in. Tour Director takes group into city centre by public transport. Tour Director leads walking tour including stop at Notre Dame (30min) ending in Latin Quarter for dinner. Return to hotel after dinner, via public transport.

Day 7: Sightseeing of Paris; optional excursion to Versailles

9am: Meet bus and guide for city tour (2hrs30min) including photo stop at Eiffel tower. Tour ends at Opera or Arc de Triomphe. 12pm: Bus and guide continue to Versailles for optional tour (4-5hrs). Tour includes interior visit of chateau (1hr) and time to visit gardens and have lunch (2hrs). 4pm/5pm: Bus drops group in central Paris, normally close to area where dinner is booked. Possibility of a little free time before dinner. After dinner, return to hotel by public transport. [Those not going on the optional have a free afternoon in Paris and will meet up with the group at dinner].

In the evening, the Tour Director will offer the chance to take a boat ride along the river Seine (1hr).

Day 8: Stop at Ardennes American Cemetery on way to Bastogne; sightseeing of Bastogne

Transfer to Bastogne (4-5hrs) with stop at Ardennes American cemetery en route (45min-1hr). The Tour Director will lead a tour of Bastogne including visit to historical centre.

Day 9: Transfer to Cologne; train to Berlin; Sample menu: Central

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and Eastern Europe

7.30am: Depart hotel; transfer to Cologne (3hrs30min). 11.00am: Arrive Cologne; Tour Director orientates group and gives free time to have lunch and visit cathedral (2hrs). Group will have included lunch today instead of dinner. Afternoon: Day Train to Berlin (4hrs 30mins).

Sample menus for Central and Eastern Europe: Menu 1 Bretzel with cheese Turkey with Spaetzli dumplings Ice cream

Menu 2 Vegetable soup Bratwurst with kraut and potatoes Fruit cake

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Day 10: Sightseeing of Berlin; free time

9am: Meet guide for sightseeing tour on bus. Specific sites visited will depend on hotel location (East or West). Group will see Unter den Linden, Brandenburg gate (photo stop) and Alexander Platz. 11am: Tour will end at Checkpoint Charlie Museum for self-guided visit (1hr). After the tour, the group has a free afternoon until dinner. The Tour Director will help with directions to major sites and attractions. During free time, the Tour Director can help to organise a guided bicycle tour of the city.

Day 11: [Flight home for those not going on the extension]; Stop in Nuremberg on way to Munich; walking tour of Munich

Groups not going on the tour's extension will transfer to the airport

today for their flight home.

9am: Transfer to Nuremberg (5hrs). 1pm: Visit the Documentation Center in Nuremberg before lunch and exploring. 3pm: Continue on to Munich (2hrs). Check in to hotel before dinner.

Day 12: Sightseeing of Munich; excursion to Dachau

9am: Guided bus tour (2hrs) including photo stop at Nymphenberg Palace. Final part of tour (20min) is a walking tour. Tour ends in Marienplatz for Glockenspiel; After tour, group has free time for lunch. 1pm: Transfer to Dachau (45min). 2pm: Self guided visit to memorial site including film (20min), museum, memorials and barracks. 4pm: Transfer back to Munich.

Day 13: Excursion to Salzburg and Berchtesgaden

8am: Depart Munich with guide; transfer to Salt Mines (2hrs30min). 10:30am: Guide leads walking tour of Salzburg (1hr30min) followed by free time for lunch in Salzburg (1hr). After lunch, transfer to Berchtesgaden (30min) to visit Eagles' Nest (1hr30min). 4pm: Depart Salzburg; transfer to Munich (2hrs). [Eagle's nest is only open May to October. At other times the group will visit the Documentation centre and the bunker].

Day 14: Transfer to Munich airport

Munich airport is 45min from the city centre.

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