

Victory in Europe 75th Anniversary: Holland & Germany with Zoomer Travel Club

9 days | 12 days with Munich extension

Travel across the Netherlands and Germany to gain a deeper understanding of the events of World War II. You'll begin in Amsterdam, then attend special events to honor the fallen and commemorate the end of the war in Europe. Continue on to Berlin to learn more about the war and its aftermath, and see how the city's past shapes its now-bright future.

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 2 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including cobblestones and stairs.

Group size

15-38

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Amsterdam today.

Amsterdam → 3 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Amsterdam

Included meals: dinner

Welcome to Amsterdam! Meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Amsterdam

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Today's panoramic sightseeing tour introduces you to Amsterdam's iconic canals and unique character.

- Stroll by the canals and bridges, taking in the houseboats that dot the banks
- View Dam Square, home of many landmarks including the neoclassical Royal Palace, the 15th-century New Church, and the National Monument
- Finish with a panoramic bus tour, passing by sites like the Dutch National Opera & Ballet, Mint Tower, and Rijksmuseum

Tonight, 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.

Arnhem Region → 2 nights

Day 4: Travel to Arnhem Region via Operation Market Garden & Remembrance Ceremony visits

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Today, set off for the Arnhem area of Holland, exploring sites integral to Operation Market Garden along the way.

- Visit the Airborne Museum, dedicated to the Battle of Arnhem, with a local guide
- Stop at the Airborne Cemetery outside Arnhem
- Enjoy free time in Arnhem to delve deeper into the city's military history

Then, continue on to visit the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, where over 2,000 Canadian soldiers were laid to rest.

- Pay your respects during a nation-wide moment of silence
- Join fellow Canadians and locals at the V-E Day Remembrance Ceremony

Tonight, gather with your group for an included dinner.

Day 5: Liberation Day celebrations

Included meals: breakfast

Travel to Wageningen, a historic town along the Rhine River

- Commemorate Liberation Day, when the Dutch celebrate the end of Nazi occupation and honor freedom, democracy, and human rights
 - Join EF-exclusive events surrounding the celebrations
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Berlin → 3 nights

Day 6: Flight to Berlin & home-hosted dinner

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Berlin.

Tonight, you'll enjoy dinner with your group at a local's home, giving you an insider's look at German life and culture.

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Berlin

Included meals: breakfast

A local guide introduces you to the monuments of Berlin's WWII history as well as the signs of its re-emergence as a vibrant cultural center.

- View the Detlev-Rohwedder-Haus, former headquarters for the Nazi aviation branch known as the Luftwaffe
- See Hitler's war bunker as well as the Topography of Terror Museum, which marks where the SS and Gestapo were once based
- Walk past the Reichstag building to see where the Parliament of the German Empire met from 1871 to 1918
- Discover the Brandenburg Gate, the symbol of a reunited Berlin
- See the Holocaust Memorial and the Berlin Wall's East Side Gallery

Day 8: Free day in Berlin

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Spend the day exploring Berlin on your own or add an excursion.

This evening, celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner.

+ Potsdam

Day 9: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

+ Munich extension

Munich → 3 nights

Day 9: Train to Munich & home-hosted dinner

Included meals: dinner, breakfast

Travel by train to Munich. Tonight, you'll gather for dinner with your group at a local's home to get an insider's look at Bavarian life and culture. Enjoy regional specialties and taste some of Germany's world-famous beers.

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Munich

Included meals: breakfast

Embark on a sightseeing tour of Munich, focusing on the city's WWII history.

- Explore Marienplatz, Munich's medieval heart, and see the famed Glockenspiel
- See the former Sterneckerbräu brewery, which served as the meeting place of the original German Workers' Party
- Visit the Monument to the Victims of National Socialism, where an eternal flame burns for those who died under Nazi rule

Spend free time in Munich or add an excursion.

+ Dachau

Day 11: Free day in Munich

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day in Munich or add an excursion. Tonight, toast your trip with a special farewell drink.

+ Historic Nuremberg

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: goaheadtours.ca/KVE | 1-800-754-5066

Day 8: Potsdam

\$165CAD/\$175CAD* (6 hours, departs in the morning)

Travel to Potsdam, the residence of Prussian Kings and German Kaisers until 1918. Once the royal playground of Prussian King Frederick the Great, Potsdam was also the location where American, British, and Soviet leaders drew up plans for the postwar administration of Germany at the Potsdam Conference in 1945. A local guide will escort you through Cecilienhof Palace, built by Emperor Wilhelm II of Germany in the early 1900s and the site of the Potsdam Conference's iconic photograph of Truman, Churchill, and Stalin. After exploring the palace and gardens, your guide will introduce you to the historic center of Potsdam.

Extension excursion options

Day 10: Dachau

\$85CAD/\$95CAD* (4 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Once a typical German town, Dachau served as the first Nazi concentration camp during World War II. Visit this somber site, which has since been transformed into a Holocaust memorial museum that serves as a testament to the strength of the human spirit. You'll take a self-guided audio tour through Dachau's poignant exhibits, which are echoed by the memorials to the victims that adorn the grounds.

Day 11: Historic Nuremberg

\$145CAD (6 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Step into history as you set off on a guided tour of Nuremberg, Bavaria's second-largest city. The destination has something for history buffs, foodies, and culture lovers. Begin your visit by Palace of Justice. You'll enter the Memorium Nuremberg Trials museum and see Courtroom 600, where the infamous Nuremberg Trials took place after World War II. Then, follow your Tour Director on a tour of the city's charming, walled Old Town. In the winter, the Old Town is home to one of the oldest Christmas markets in Germany. But even when it's not the holiday season, there's plenty to discover. Admire the traditional Bavarian architecture, walk along the Pegnitz River, or pop into a local shop to try some local beer or gingerbread cookies during your free time. Please note: Court Room 600 may be closed when trials are in session. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.ca/terms