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Canadian WWII History: The Netherlands & Germany

9 days | 12 days with Munich extension

Victory in Europe marks the surrender of Nazi forces, but this momentous event holds a much deeper meaning. It's a time for people across the former wartime fronts to reflect on their shared history while celebrating the enduring spirit within us all. Follow in the footsteps of the Canadian soldiers as you trace the events that led to Victory in Europe.



Your tour package includes

7 nights in handpicked hotels
7 breakfasts
3 dinners with beer or wine
6 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach
1 on-tour flight

Included highlights

Dam Square
Airborne Museum
National Liberation Museum
Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery
Overloon Museum
Brandenburg Gate
Detlev-RohwedderHaus

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including cobblestone streets and paved roads.

Group size

15–38

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Overnight flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day
Board your overnight flight to Amsterdam today.

Amsterdam → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Amsterdam
Included meals: dinner
Welcome to the Netherlands! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Amsterdam
Included meals: breakfast
Today's panoramic sightseeing tour introduces you to Amsterdam's iconic canals and unique character.

- Walk past the National Opera and Ballet, Jewish Historical Museum, National Holocaust Museum, and Hollandsche Schouwburg war memorial
- Drive through the city center to see Museumplein and Mint Tower
- 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

Enjoy a free evening in Amsterdam or add an excursion.
+ Canal Cruise & Dinner

Arnhem Region → 2 nights

Day 4: Arnhem Region via Operation Market Garden sites
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Travel to the Arnhem region 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

Sit down to enjoy an included dinner with your group tonight.

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Arnhem Region
Included meals: breakfast
Head out to explore the museums and memorial sites throughout the Arnhem region.

- Meet up with a local guide and take a tour of the National Liberation Museum
- Visit the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, where over 2,000 Canadian soldiers were laid to rest
- Step inside the Overloon Museum, one of the oldest WWII museums in Europe, and enjoy a guided tour

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Berlin → 3 nights

Day 6: Flight to Berlin
Included meals: breakfast
Fly to Berlin, Germany. Spend a free evening in the city or add an excursion.
+ Berlin Home-Hosted Dinner

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.

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

Day 8: Free day in Berlin
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Enjoy a free day in Berlin or add an excursion. Celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner tonight.
+ Potsdam

Day 9: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on to Munich.

+ Munich extension

Travel to lively Munich, the capital of Bavarian food and culture.

Munich → 3 nights

Day 9: Train to Munich
Included meals: breakfast
Board a high-speed train and travel to Munich today. Spend a free evening in the city or add an excursion.
+ German Beer Tasting & Dinner

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Munich
Included meals: breakfast
Join a local guide and set off on a walking tour to discover Munich's WWII history.

- Pass by Sterneckerbräu to see where members of the Nazi party once gathered
- View the Führerbau and learn about the Munich Agreement, which was signed by Neville Chamberlain and Adolf Hitler inside the building
- See the Gestapo Headquarters and the Square of the Victims of National Socialism

Day 11: Free day in Munich
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in Munich or add an excursion. Raise a glass and toast to your trip with a farewell drink this evening.
+ WWII Tour of Nuremberg

Day 12: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the 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: **goaheadtours.ca/VEC | 1-800-754-5066**

Day 3: Canal Cruise & Dinner
$179CAD/$189CAD* (3 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)
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.

Day 6: Berlin Home-Hosted Dinner
$105CAD (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
Join a local at their home in Berlin to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Berliner. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about German culture and traditions from a new perspective. Please note: Your Tour Director will not attend this excursion. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

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 9: German Beer Tasting & Dinner
$165CAD/$175CAD* (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
Make your way to a traditional Bavarian beer hall to enjoy a tasting of some of Germany's most famous brews. This region of the country produces a variety of beers including Helles, light lagers, Weissbier (a trendy type of wheat beer), and Pils, the most well-known and widely produced style. After sampling a diverse selection of beers, head to a local restaurant and sit down to eat a traditional German dinner.

Day 11: WWII Tour of Nuremberg
$135CAD/$145CAD* (10 hours, departs in the morning)
Travel to Nuremberg, Bavaria's second-largest city, where you'll meet up with a local guide for a tour. Walk through the Old Town and see where Nazi party rallies were held in the late 1920s and throughout the 1930s. Then, enter the Memorium Nuremberg Trials museum and see Courtroom 600, where the infamous Nuremberg Trials took place after WWII. Then, enjoy free time to further explore the city's charming Old Town and stroll along the Pegnitz river before traveling back to Munich. Please note: The Memorium Nuremberg Trials museum is closed on Tuesdays and Courtroom 600 may be closed when trials are in session.

*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