



American WWII History: London to Berlin

13 days | 16 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 American soldiers as you trace the events that led to Victory in Europe.



Your tour package includes

- 11 nights in handpicked hotels
- 11 breakfasts
- 5 dinners with beer or wine
- 7 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 1 ferry transfer
- 1 train ride

Included highlights

- Churchill War Rooms
- Ferry ride across the English Channel
- American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer
- Omaha Beach
- Eiffel Tower photo stop
- Bastogne War Museum
- Brandenburg Gate

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

15-35

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Overnight flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to London today.

London → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in London

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to England! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of London

Included meals: breakfast

View the historical buildings and landmarks of England's vibrant capital on a guided sightseeing tour.

- Step inside the Imperial War Museums to see exhibits focusing on people's experiences during times of war.
 - See Westminster Abbey, the setting for royal coronations, weddings, and funerals.
 - Pass by Wellington Barracks, headquarters for the British Army's Foot Guards.
 - Visit the Churchill War Rooms and explore the secret underground bunker that the Prime Minister and his Cabinet met in during WWII.
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Normandy Region → 2 nights

Day 4: Ferry to Normandy Region

Included meals: breakfast

Transfer to Portsmouth and step inside D Day Story Museum. Learn about preparation and execution of Operation Overlord, the Allied invasion of Normandy.

Then, board a ferry and cross the English Channel to the Normandy region in France. Sail along the same waters that the Allied soldiers did prior to the Normandy landings. You'll dock in the Caen before heading to your hotel in the Normandy region.

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Normandy Region

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Dive into World War II history alongside your Tour Director during a visit to Normandy, where the Allied troops landed in June 1944.

- Travel to the American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, the burial place for more than 9,000 American soldiers who lost their lives during the Battle of Normandy.
 - Walk along Omaha Beach, the landing site of American troops on D-Day.
 - Visit Pointe du Hoc to view the granite monument that honors the American 2nd Ranger Battalion, which seized German cannons here before they could be used to fire on American troops.
 - Stop in the seaside town of Arromanches, home to one of the main Allied landing harbors, and enjoy free time to explore.
- Sit down for an included dinner this evening.
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Paris → 2 nights

Day 6: Transfer to Paris & sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast

Travel to Paris, where a guided tour introduces you to the architecture, scenery, and history of the City of Light's many neighborhoods, called arrondissements.

- Stop to take a photo of the Eiffel Tower.
- See Le Meurice hotel, the Nazi headquarters in Paris.
- Pass the Louvre and the legendary Notre-Dame Cathedral, located on an island in the Seine River.
- See the Paris Police Prefecture and the Mémorial des Martyrs de la Déportation.
- End in Le Marais, the city's Jewish Quarter.

Please note: On some departures, the Paris sightseeing tour may be offered on day 7.

Day 7: Free day in Paris

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in Paris or add excursions.

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+ Historic Versailles

+ Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise

Luxembourg → 2 nights

Day 8: Luxembourg via Reims

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Stop in the French city of Reims and enter the Musée de la Reddition to see where German forces surrendered, ending WWII. After, continue on to Luxembourg and sit down for an included dinner.

Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Bastogne

Included meals: breakfast

Cross into Belgium and dive into Bastogne's WWII history on today's guided tour.

- View the General George S. Patton Memorial and the Mardasson Memorial, which was designed to look like the stars on the American flag.
- Visit the Bastogne War Museum and pay tribute to the American soldiers who defended Belgium in WWII during the Battle of the Bulge.

Enjoy a free afternoon in Luxembourg or add an excursion.

+ Luxembourg Brewery Visit & Dinner

Cologne → 1 night

Day 10: Cologne via Remagen

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Cross into Germany and visit the town of Remagen. You'll view Ludendorff Bridge, which played a vital role in helping Allied forces cross the Rhine River and defeat the German forces. Continue on to Cologne to enter Cologne Cathedral, a UNESCO-listed Gothic masterpiece, and enjoy free time to explore the city before sitting down for an included dinner this evening.

Berlin → 2 nights

Day 11: Train to Berlin

Included meals: breakfast

Board a high-speed train and travel to Berlin. Spend a free evening to explore the city on your own.

Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Berlin

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

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.

Celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner tonight.

- See the Gestapo Headquarters and the Square of the Victims of National Socialism.

Day 15: 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

Flight Home

Day 16: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Flight Home

Day 13: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on to Munich.

+ Munich extension

Travel via high-speed train to Munich to continue your exploration into Germany's WWII history. A local expert will lead you through the region, where you'll be moved as you discover the ways it's transformed since wartime.

Munich → 3 nights

Day 13: 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 14: 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.

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/VED | 1-800-754-5066

Day 7: Historic Versailles

\$185CAD (5 hours, departs in the morning)

The reign of Louis XIV, known as the "Sun King," set new standards for decadence among the crowned heads of Europe. It took 50 years and 35,000 workers to turn Versailles, once a small hunting lodge, into the most magnificent chateau in all of France and the envy of royalty worldwide. On this excursion, you will see the palace in all its glory as you tour the State Apartments and the glittering Hall of Mirrors. Then, stroll through the lavish gardens to admire their fine statuary, splendid fountains, and colorful flowerbeds. You'll also learn about the palace's connection to WWII, including the signing of the Treaty of Versailles and the influence that the Nazi occupation had on the region. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

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.

Day 7: Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise

\$175CAD/\$185CAD* (5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Take in the nighttime allure of the City of Light on a special evening excursion. The event begins with dinner at a local restaurant. After you dine, board a boat cruise along the Seine. As you coast along the river and under Paris' bridges, you'll behold the illuminated monuments of the city glittering alongside the riverbanks. Please note: The dress code may vary depending on the restaurant for your dinner. Your Tour Director will advise you on what to wear, but shorts and sneakers are likely to be considered inappropriate attire.

Day 9: Luxembourg Brewery Visit & Dinner

\$165CAD/\$175CAD* (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Enjoy a tour of a Belgian-style brewery in Luxembourg. You'll see the equipment the brewers use to create everything from lagers and ales, to stouts and bocks. Then, enjoy a tasting of some of the country's signature beers before heading to a local restaurant and sitting down for an included dinner.

Extension excursion options

Day 13: 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 15: WWII Tour of Nuremberg

\$135CAD/\$145CAD* (10 hours, departs in the morning)

*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