

The Battle of the Bulge



'The Battle of the Bulge' [16 December 1944 – 25 January 1945] was a major German offensive campaign launched through the densely forested Ardennes region of Wallonia in Belgium, France, and Luxembourg on the Western Front toward the end of World War II in Europe. The surprise attack caught the Allied forces completely off guard. United States forces bore the brunt of the attack and incurred their highest casualties for any operation during the war. The battle also severely depleted Germany's armored forces on the western front which Germany was largely unable to replace. German personnel and Luftwaffe aircraft also sustained heavy losses.

Day One:

Guests are met by MHT at Brussels Eurostar train station at 11:00 before transferring by mini bus to our hotel in Bastogne arriving early afternoon. With a backdrop made famous by the "Band of Brothers" we set the scene for our exploration of the battle ground over the next few days. We then drive out to the woods on the edge of the town to see the Easy Company Memorial. In the woods of Bois Jaques we see Easy Company's foxholes which are still clearly visible after all these years. After covering the nearby Battle of Foy we return to Bastogne to visit the 101st Airborne Division Museum.

Day Two: "Peiper's Ride"

We follow the route, or Rollbahn, of Joachim Peiper a SS-Standartenführer and the Waffen-SS's youngest regimental colonel. Peiper's assigned route had many hairpin turns and traversed steep hillsides that would delay his already slow-moving towed artillery and created a column of infantry and armor up to 25 kilometres long. Along the way we explore the action at Lanzareth, the site of the Malmedy Massacre of US POWs, the junction of the Trois Ponts at Stoumont and the scene of Peiper's 'Last Stand' at La Gleize.

Day Three:

We follow the route of Hasso von Manteuffel's 5th Panzer Army. Although assigned a support role, he achieved one of the deepest penetrations of Allied lines during the offensive, almost reaching the Meuse River. This penetration included the Battle of Bastogne. We start on the German border and cross the River Ourthe before journeying from Marnach to Bastogne via Clarvaux in Luxembourg. We then follow elements of the Panzer Lehr Division and cover the Battle of Bure - the counter action of XXX Corps with British 6th Airborne Division attached. At 16:00 we depart for Brussels arriving c18:00. East of Dinant, Rochfort, Gupont and Bure. At 16:00 we depart for Brussels arriving c18:00.

What's included:

Hotel Bed & Breakfast Accommodation

All transport from the official overseas start point

Accompanied for the trip duration

All Museum entrances

All Expert Talks and Guidance

Low Group Numbers

Low Single Room Supplements

"I just wanted to thank you for the trip, it was a great experience & both Nicky and I enjoyed it very much. Your depth of knowledge on the subject certainly brought the past alive."

Military History Tours

is all about the 'experience'. Naturally we take care of all local accommodation, transport and entrances but what sets us aside is our on the ground knowledge and contacts, established over many, many years that enable you to really get under the surface of your chosen subject matter.

By guiding guests around these historic locations we feel we are contributing greatly towards 'keeping the spirit alive' of some of the most memorable events in human history.

Let their sacrifice not be in vain.