

Follow in the Footsteps of Heroes

LIBERATION TOUR

July 13-26, 2026



Dear Friends,

Come join us for a once-in-a-lifetime trip to France to commemorate the liberation of Europe.

The trip will start in Normandy along the D-Day beaches, where you will learn how a Nebraska (Columbus) native and soldier revolutionized amphibious warfare. The highlight of this area will be the liberation ceremonies in St. Lo and the exploration of the hedgerow sites (Hill 122).

During the trip, we will pay homage to the fallen at Normandy American Cemetery, Brittany American Cemetery, Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial, and Luxembourg American Cemetery through official wreath-laying ceremonies and guided tours. We will visit Reims, the world's Champagne capital, and the city of Nancy, along with another set of battlefield sites including Sugar Loaf Hill, Fort Vincent, and the Flavigny Bridge. We will also honor the Nebraska National Guard's famed 134th Infantry Regiment and learn about its important role during the liberation of France.

Nancy is a beautiful city that promises great nightly entertainment during our stay. Our next stop will be the Battle of the Bulge sites in Belgium, where we will visit historical battlefields around Bastogne, including the Luttrebois Memorial, Company M Hill, and the Battle of the Bulge Museum and Memorial. The trip will feature scholars and academics specializing in the military history of the Nebraska National Guard in World War II. Additionally, we will enjoy wonderful French cuisine, wine, and art and culture along the way. Our custom-tailored journey concludes with two full days in Paris.

This is our third trip, and France, the Normandy, and Belgium are not just destinations; they are a living reminder of what was endured, what was won, and why we must Never Forget.

I look forward to seeing you on the trip.

Gerald D. "Jerry" Meyer

Colonel (retired), NENG Historian Tour Host



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July 13, 2026 - Monday

Travel to France

Our journey begins as we meet at the Omaha Airport to take an overnight flight to Paris. Enjoy in-flight entertainment, relax, and unwind as you embark on a once-in-a-lifetime trip. Meals and beverages are served onboard the international flight.

July 14, 2026 - Tuesday

Monet's House & Gardens - Caen

Welcome to France! Our tour guide and driver will meet us at the airport, and then we will head toward the Normandy region. On our way, we will stop to visit Claude Monet's House and Gardens in Giverny. Art lovers will instantly recognize images immortalized in Monet's most cherished paintings, such as water lilies, Japanese bridges, and graceful willow trees. Explore his renowned gardens and home, where he lived for over four decades. If time permits, we will stop at the Pegasus Bridge to learn about its significant role on the morning of D-Day in 1944. In the late afternoon, we will arrive at our hotel in Caen in time for dinner. Then, we will head to bed for a good night's rest. L (boxed) | D

July 15, 2026 - Wednesday

Utah Beach - St-Mère-Église - St. Marie-du-Mont

We will enjoy breakfast before heading to Utah Beach to experience the Higgins Boat Memorial. We will listen to the story of the Allied invasion of Normandy and the reasons for the success at Utah Beach. The next stop today is at the Church of Sainte-Mère-Église to see where Private John Steele's parachute got caught on one of the pinnacles of the church tower,



leaving him hanging from the side of the church. Free time for lunch. Next, we will visit the Airborne Museum and stop at the Iron Mike statue, dedicated to the memory of the soldiers of the American airborne troops. If time allows, we will make a stop in St. Marie-du-Mont where (on D-Day) American paratroopers secured key roads and disrupted German defenses behind Utah Beach. Dinner at the hotel in Caen. B

July 16, 2026 - Thursday

Juno Beach - Mulberry Harbors - Colleville-sur-Mer - Omaha Beach

After a hearty breakfast, we will take a short drive to Arromanches-les-Bains to discover the Mulberry Harbors - considered one of the greatest engineering feats of WWII - the temporary mobile harbors for unloading troops, vehicles, and supplies. Omaha Beach, the codename for one of the five sectors of the Allied invasion of German-occupied France in the Normandy landing on June 6, 1944, is next. We will also visit the American cemetery of Colleville-sur-Mer*, the first American cemetery on European soil during WWII. Local lunch and off to visit the Omaha Beach Memorial Museum. On our return to Caen, we will stop at a local Calvados producer in the area. Calvados is a special brandy made from crisp and sweet Normandy apples; a perfect ending to our day. B | L | T

July 17, 2026 - Friday

Mortain - Hill 134 Battlefield

After an enjoyable breakfast, we will take a scenic hour's drive to the mountain village of Mortain. In August 1944, after the Normandy invasion in June and the subsequent breakout at St. Lo in July, the



German High Command was prepared for a massive counter-offensive in an attempt to throw the Allied Armies back into the sea. We will learn everything about the importance of the Battle of Mortain today. Lunch will be served in the village before we visit the Brittany American Cemetery*. The evening is yours to enjoy in Caen. B | L

July 18, 2026 - Saturday

Hedgerow Tour - Hill 122 - St. Lo Celebration Day

This morning, we will head out for a very emotional experience: Hill 122 and a unique Hedgerow Tour. Next, we will continue on to St. Lo to spend the day participating in the liberation ceremonies. Lunch will be enjoyed with our friends from the St. Lo Rotary Club, adding yet another emotional touch to the day. There will be plenty of time to reflect on history today! Return to Caen in the early evening. B | L

July 19, 2026 - Sunday

Amiens - Reims - Verdun

We will bid farewell to Caen this morning. Today is one of the longer driving days as we make our way to Reims via Amiens, stopping for lunch near the largest cathedral in France. We will visit Musée de la Reddition (Museum of the Surrender) in Reims, the location where the German Third Reich officially surrendered to Allied forces in World War II. We are not far from the Champagne region, and we will toast to that at our hotel in Verdun tonight! B | L | D

July 20, 2026 - Monday

Verdun (WW I) - Nancy

We enjoy breakfast, and we will continue towards Nancy. On the way, we will stop

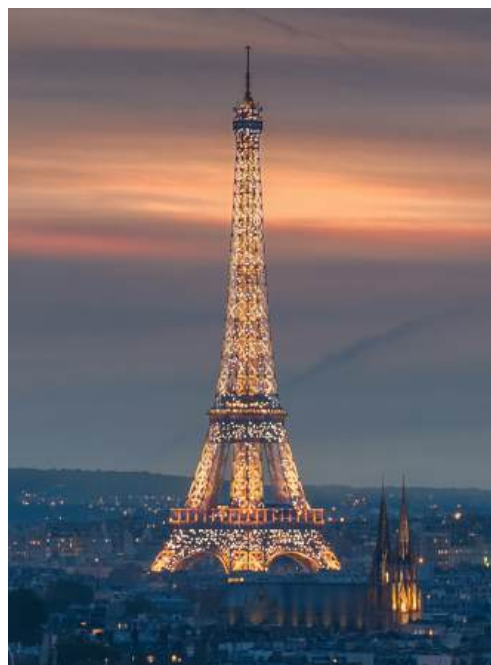
Hedgerow Tour



Liberty Road Milestone



Paris - the City of Lights



for lunch and visit the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery*. Within this cemetery and memorial, which covers 130.5 acres, is the resting place with the largest number of American military dead in Europe, totaling 14,246. Most of those buried here lost their lives during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive of World War I. The Battle of Verdun was fought from February 21 to December 18, 1916, on the Western Front in France. It was the longest battle of the First World War and took place on the hills north of Verdun-sur-Meuse. Lunch is enjoyed at the small museum. The beautiful capital of the Dukes of Lorraine, known worldwide for its array of eighteenth-century architecture in Place Stanislas, Nancy, is reached this afternoon. The city has been recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1983. More than just a town dedicated to art (which it is!), Nancy boasts a national opera, a ballet, and a symphony- and opera orchestra. Do not miss the spectacular light show at Place Stanislas in the evening. B | L

July 21, 2026 - Tuesday

Flavigny - Pointe St. Vincent - Lorraine American Museum

The morning is devoted to visit Flavigny Bridge and the Lorraine American Museum in Vezelize, which is a short drive from Nancy. The afternoon is yours at leisure to relax and unwind in Nancy. B

July 22, 2026 - Wednesday

Battle Site Tour - Nancy

After a filling breakfast, we are set to journey to the Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial* in Saint-Avold.

Our next stop will be in the village of Agincourt, where the Americans liberated the village twice. A lunch stop is included along our route today. We will return to Nancy in time for an extraordinary ceremony held exclusively for us by the mayor of Nancy in the stunning town hall (pending confirmation). The evening is yours to enjoy in beautiful Nancy. B | L

July 23, 2026 - Thursday

Luxembourg - Bastogne - Paris

Our journey continues to Luxembourg, stopping at the American Cemetery of Luxembourg*. The rest of the day is dedicated to the Battle of Lutrebois and the Battle of the Bulge. We will stop in Lutrebois to visit a very special site on the outskirts of the village. Next, we will visit the impressive Bastogne War Museum, where we will have time for a leisurely lunch and to take a closer look at the Mardasson Memorial, the Battle of the Bulge monument honoring the memory of American soldiers wounded or killed during World War II's Battle of the Bulge. It is designed in the shape of a five-pointed American star. In the late afternoon, we will drive to Paris (expect to arrive at 10 PM) with a comfort stop along the way. B

July 24, 2026 - Friday

Paris

A full-day city sightseeing awaits, including visits to the Louvre and the Opera, and photo stops at some of the world-famous landmarks (Notre Dame included). Lunch will be enjoyed at a local bistro in the picturesque neighborhood Montmartre. Ooh la la; what a day! The evening is at leisure. B | L

July 25, 2026 - Saturday

Paris - Versailles - Dinner Cruise

The day is yours to do exactly what your heart desires. Kick back, relax, people-watch from a beautiful French café, or simply shop until you drop; the choice is yours. For those interested in the French Revolution, we invite you to join us on an optional excursion (6-hour tour) to experience the Palace of Versailles. Tour the grand halls and private chambers of the opulent Palace; this is considered one of Europe's greatest royal estates, judge for yourself - we dare to say that this palace will take your breath away! We will also stroll through the beautiful gardens and lunch is included in this tour. We will return to Paris in the afternoon. Our farewell dinner tonight is a one-of-a-kind as we cruise the Seine River to admire the "City of Lights" at night. B | D

The optional excursion to Versailles is offered at \$230 per person, and includes private guide, motor coach, entrance fees, and lunch. This tour will operate with a minimum of 15 participants. Sign up upon registration!

July 26, 2026 - Sunday

Traveling Home

All too soon, our journey has come to an end. Transfer to Paris airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight and clear security. You may do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding and flying west across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. B | Meals onboard your international flight.

Itinerary is subject to change.

**Wreath-laying*

B = Breakfast L = Lunch

T = Tasting D = Dinner



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Package Price:

Per person in shared double room: \$5,695
Per person in a single room: \$7,295

We offer a "Pair & Share" service. Ask us to assist with finding your roommate, if you would like to share a room.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on March 26, 2026, is non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:

Register by July 13, 2025,
and receive a \$200 discount!

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 35 travelers. Should the number fall below 25, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3 4

This tour is rated a level 4. It involves an extensive amount of walking, stairs, longer periods of standing, and outdoor activities within the places visited. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes/boots are recommended. Please reach out to Executive Travel or Jerry Meyer, if you have any questions about the activity level of this tour.

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

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Group airfare: Becomes available by September 2025.

Visa/Passport requirements (per 4/12/2025):

No visas are required for U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens must have a valid passport with expiration after February 26, 2027. It is the traveler's responsibility to make sure all documentation is as per current regulations.

Included:

- 12 nights during the tour at hotels mentioned (or similar), standard rooms
- Porterage at hotels
- 12 x full breakfast
- 6 x lunch as per itinerary
- 3 x dinner as per itinerary
- Calvados and Champagne tastings
- All motor coach transportation as per itinerary
- Sightseeing program as per itinerary
- All admissions as per itinerary
- Professional tour manager and tour guide in France
- Tour host (Gerald "Jerry" Meyer)
- All local taxes and fees as of April 21, 2025



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Not Included:

- Airfare, estimate \$1,300-\$1,400 per person (economy class, including taxes and fees)
- Additional baggage fees (your first checked bag is FREE, up to 50 lbs)
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities, estimate \$15 per person per day in total, covering guide and driver
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than mentioned in the tour program
- Beverages at meals
- Entrance fees to sites other than mentioned
- Professional fee, \$100 per person, upon registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

Accommodations (final names 90 days before departure):

- Caen: Mercure Centre Port de Plaisance or similar
- Verdun: Hotel les Jardins du Mess or similar
- Nancy: Hotel Mercure Centre Nancy or similar
- Paris: Jardin du Marais or similar

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