



# "BATTLE OF THE BULGE"

BASTOGNE - PARIS

83RD ANNIVERSARY TRIP SPONSORED  
BY THE CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA  
AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM

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**AMERICAN HISTORY PROJECT COMMEMORATES THE 83rd ANNIVERSARIES OF 1944 EPIC BATTLES!** AHP has expanding our Battle of the Bulge Expedition to include the most important sites of this iconic battle of World War II in the European Theater. Please join us for a journey back in time.

Of all the battles fought by United States in Europe during WWII, this one is considered second in significance only to D-Day. Since the world is commemorating the 110th Anniversaries of World War I, we also will take a look into America's involvement in this "war to end all wars." A case can be made that WWI and WWII were the SAME war with a 20-year pause to repopulate the combatants armies.

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**AMERICAN HISTORY PROJECT** is proud to offer another in our series of signature European Battlefield Expeditions on this historic **EIGHTY-THIRD** Anniversary of "The Bulge." Our adventures include exclusive AHP events, expedition booklet & sites others bypass. Information on the events that are offered on your particular expedition will be included in your registration information packet. All of these things, along with the most experienced staff of Program Directors, Battlefield Expedition Leaders and Historians will combine to make your trip the most enjoyable, entertaining and educational experience possible. We welcome your phone calls, letters or e-mails to discuss your tour with one of our Battlefield Specialists. Call us at **774-478-6791** we look forward to hearing from you!



**Expedition Price: \$ 5,150**

(Based on Double Occupancy)

**Single Room Supplement: \$ 1,535**

**Expedition Price Includes:**

- 4-Star Hotel Accommodations at CDG-Paris, Reims, Bastogne & Paris \*
- Air-conditioned deluxe motorcoach with onboard restroom \*
- Emergency Medical & Evacuation Insurance \*
- Meals as indicated in itinerary \*
- Historical trip information packet, containing maps & other battlefield information. \*
- Admission fees to all sites, museums and special attractions listed \*
- Services of experienced Expedition Leaders and English-speaking local guides.

**Airfare not included: Get your own or Book Optional AHP Airfare: Round-trip economy or business class airfare from your hometown to Paris CDG price quoted upon registration!**



**Band of Brothers-Easy Company foxholes**

## Daily Itinerary

**Day 1 – 27 May – Departure.** Depart your hometown airport for an International Portal for the flight to Charles De Gaulle Airport Paris (CDG). Dinner and a continental breakfast served aboard.

**Day 2 - 28 May - Arrival in France.** Arrive at CDG and you will be met as you exit customs and escorted to our conveniently located airport hotel. AHP will provide a one night accommodations for two (with breakfast) in our airport hotel the night before your expedition formally begins. An early evening complimentary **Wine Welcome** is planned to meet the other Bulge participants. **Hotel: Holiday Inn Express CDG Airport.**

### Day 3 - 29 May - World War I.

We head for the iconic **Battle of Belleau Wood** with its beautiful memorials with the famed **Bulldog Fountain** & “Iron Mike” statue. Lunch at **Chateau-Thierry** scene of the massive



First Battle of the Marne, Second Battle of the Marne & 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division battlefield. Our next stop is the **Oise-Aisne American Cemetery & Memorial** contains the remains of 6,012 American war dead, most of whom lost their lives while fighting in this vicinity in 1918 during World War I. The memorial is a curving colonnade, flanked at the ends by a chapel & a map room. It is built of rose-colored sandstone with white trim bearing sculptured details of wartime equipment. The chapel contains an altar of carved stone. Engraved upon its Walls of the Missing are 241 names. The map room contains an engraved & colored wall map portraying the military operations in this region during 1918. Then, we head to Reims with a brief stop at the spectacular **Reims Cathedral**. **Hotel: Reims Holiday Inn Centre. Meals: B / L & D - OO.**

### Day 4 - 30 May - World War I - Bastogne.

Our route will take us eastward through the beautiful countryside that once was a shell-scarred wasteland crisscrossed with French & German trench lines. The terrain feature known as the Plateau Chemin des Dames was the scene of costly attacks & stalemate. After The Great War, France faced a changed strategic situation. Consequently, France conceived of the **Maginot Line**, a line of concrete fortifications, obstacles & weapon strong points constructed during the 1930s. We will take a two hour underground tour of **Fort du Hackenberg**, the



Fort du Hackenberg

largest single fort in the line with its 1000-man garrison. This is a real journey back in time & into the history of one of the most formidable fortifications of the 20th Century. Afterward, we journey to Bastogne, Belgium, with a brief stop at the **Luxembourg American Cemetery** where we pause to pay our respects to the fallen, including the late **General George S. Patton Jr.** **Hotel: Melba AV. Mathieu Bastogne. Meals: B / L & D - OO.**



### Days 5 & 6 - 31 May & 1 June - Battle of the Bulge.

AHP is fortunate to have as our local guide, Joel Lamberty “Mr. Bulge.” In the two days we are with Joel, we will visit **McAuliffe Square** with its famous Sherman tank, the **Bastogne Historical Center**, **Shuman’s**



**Crossroads**, **101st Airborne Museum** & **Bastogne Barracks** (if open) with special access to the Belgian military base from where General McAuliffe sent his famous reply, “NUTS!” to the German surrender demand. We

travel Patton’s route to relieve Bastogne on the **Clochimont to Assenois Road**. We walk the **Bois Jacques & 101st Memorial** the treeline with the famous “foxholes” of “Easy Company” (from the series “Band of Brothers.”) Followed by a visit

to the German Cemetery at Recogne. We visit the "Siegfried Line" with its signature anti-tank "Dragon's Teeth," the site of the infamous "Malmedy Massacre" & see one of only 11 German "King" Tiger II tanks remaining in the world. Our last night in Ba-



stop at the "Armistice Clearing" near Compiegne & a walk through the small museum housing a sister coach to Marshal Foch's "Surrender Carriage" where WWI essentially ended & where the French capitulated to Hitler in June 1940. In a way, it is the place where WWI ended & WWII began. We drive on to the "City of Light." **Hotel: Mercure Paris Centre. Meals: B / L & D - OO.**

**Day 8 - 3 June - Paris Departure.**  
Individual departure to the airport for

**Anti-tank Dragon's Teeth**



stogne will be a Group Dinner. **Hotel: Melba AV. Mathieu Bastogne. Meals: B & D (1 June) / L & D (31 May) - OO.**

**Day 7 - 2 June - Drive to Paris.**  
We depart for Paris, on the way we will

your return flight to the USA, arriving same day. **Meals: B.**

**OR join AHP's D-Day Normandy Expedition & enjoy two days in Paris (3—4 June) before heading for the Normandy Expedition 5—12 June!**



**AHP's Battle of the Bulge-!**



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