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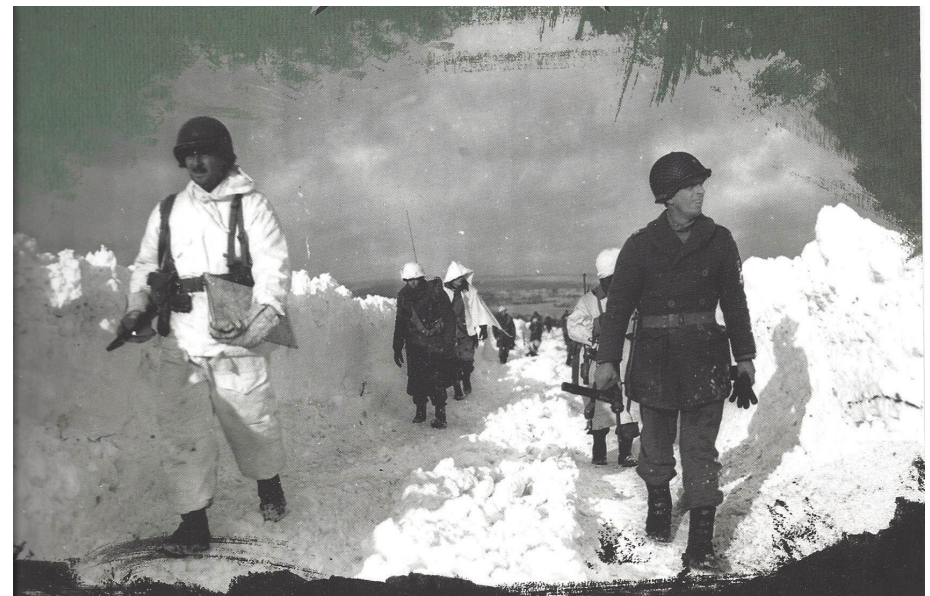
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Battle of the Bulge – In Depth

With Bob Kozlowski

September 5 to 13, 2024



By September 1944 Allied forces in Western Europe were nearing the German border. An attempt to gain an early crossing of the Rhine at Arnhem had failed with operation Market Garden. In December, the Allies were poised to cross the Rhine, the last great natural barrier to the heart of Germany. In the meantime, Hitler was planning a counter offensive through the Ardennes region of Northern Europe.

This became known as the “Battle of the Bulge”.

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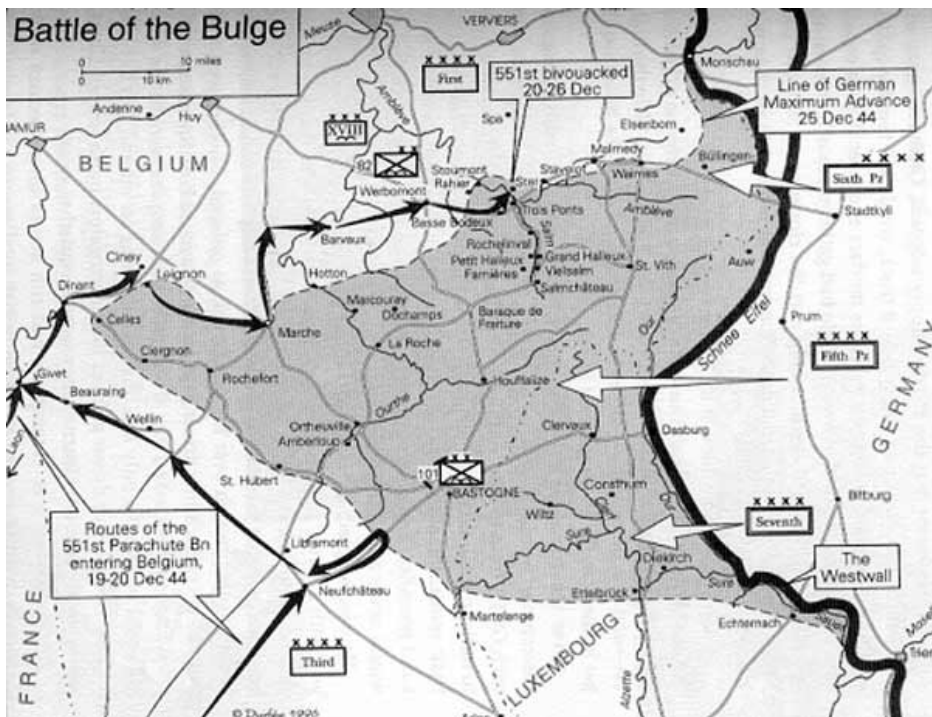
Cover picture from Museum of the Battle of the Bulge

The Ardennes, the historically noted area of “The Battle of the Bulge”, is a geographically beautiful area comprised of hills, rivers and forests. It is here where much history was made that we remember today. There was much more to this battle than just Bastogne.



Bob Kozlowski at La Gleize Museum, 2015

This will be a lively-paced tour that will closely re-trace the paths of 1st SS Peiper and the 5th Panzer Army lead by Monteuffel. We will be crisscrossing their paths and follow the advances into the area eventually nicknamed the “Bulge”. Stopping at many of the memorials, museums and travelling the roads, crossing the bridges and being in the forests where the combat occurred, this tour will bring you to the locations where history was made. We will travel over 400 miles to reach a thorough appreciation of this moment in history.



Battle of the Bulge In-Depth tour – September 2024

REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965

Questions? Call 1-800-842-4504

Enclosed is my/our deposit in the amount of _____ (\$600 per person, per tour) in the form of a check _____, or credit card:

Exp _____ Sec Code _____

For accommodations based on a ___ twin share basis or ___ single occupancy:

___ I am traveling alone and wish to share with another tour member, ___ Smoking ___ Non smoking

or

___ I am traveling alone and do not wish to share and will pay the single supplement.

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ state _____ Zip _____

Phone (days) _____

Email: (if any) _____

Veteran of WWII, family member, history buff: _____

___ I/we require assistance with air fare/arrangements from _____ To Europe to coincide with tour.

I/we require _____ additional nights pre-tour

I/we require _____ additional night post-tour.

Facilities for the disabled are non-existent. Please let us know if you have any disabilities that may prevent you from climbing on and off aircraft, buses or walking. I/we have read and understand the terms and conditions as set forth in this brochure.

Signature _____

Date _____

Reservations and Final Payment

Reservations can only be held with a deposit of \$600 per person per tour, accompanied by the Application form. Valor Tours Ltd. accepts checks and credit cards. Once received a confirmation/invoice, reading list and travel insurance information will be sent to you. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure unless otherwise stated on confirmation. Reservations will be accepted on a first come – first served basis. Valor Tours, Ltd. does not recommend that children under the age of 12 participate on this tour. Passport required. Visas are not required. As of May 2023 we are not sure if proof of vaccine for Covid will be required, but we doubt it.

Cancellations and Changes

If Valor Tours, Ltd. receives cancellation more than 90 days prior to departure your deposit is fully refundable. Cancellations received between 89 to 30 days prior to commencement of tour subject to loss of deposit. Cancellation within 30 days or ‘no shows’ are non refundable. Refunds may take up to 30 days to process. Cancellation charges also apply to additional travel arrangements such as airfare. Travel medical emergency, baggage loss/delay and cancellation insurance coverage is available upon request.

Baggage allowance

We recommend one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please. Portage for one bag per person is included in the tour cost; however there may be times when you will be responsible for your baggage, so it is to the benefit of the passenger to travel light. Passengers are responsible for carry-on bags, purses, camera bags, briefcases, etc. No responsibility is accepted for loss or damage to baggage, or any of the passenger’s belongings.

Disabilities

Any personal disability requiring special attention should be reported to Valor Tours at the time of reservation. Valor Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour participants, but is not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants and other independent suppliers. Motor coach companies and other carrier employees may not physically lift participants or assist them on or off conveyances. A qualified companion must accompany persons requiring such assistance. Be advised that foreign countries do not have the disabled and handicapped laws that Americans enjoy here at home.

Single travelers

Single occupancy of hotel rooms is an additional cost over and above the tour cost. If you would like to avoid this expense, you may share with another single traveler. Valor Tours will make every attempt to find you a suitable roommate of the same age and gender, however Valor Tours, Ltd. cannot be held responsible for incompatibility, nor can they guarantee a roommate should one not be available. In that case, the single supplement will apply.

Travel insurance

Emergency, medical, baggage and cancellation insurance coverage with Travelex is available upon request. A description of coverage will be sent to each participant with confirmation.

Itinerary – subject to change

Thursday September 5 (D)

Arrival Luxembourg City. Welcome dinner and introductions. Overnight Hotel Cravat (where General Bradley stayed) in Luxembourg.

Friday September 6 (B)

Depart for Echternach (most southern city considered in the “Bulge”) to tour areas along the Saar River to Heosdorf Plateau and Wallendorf to see GI tree carvings, German Westwall, bunkers and sites of infantry action. On to Diekirch for lunch and visit to the museum. Then onto Clervaux, site of 28th Infantry action. Overnight Hotel International, Clervaux.

Saturday September 7 (B)

Depart Clervaux for St. Vith to see the tower. From St. Vith we drive through Poteau to see the crossroads named “Dante’s Inferno”. Then to Losheim to follow Peiper’s advance going through the Losheim Gap, Lanzerath, Krinkelt, Rocherath, Elsenborn. Visit Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial. Eupen for two nights at the Hotel Ambassador.

Sunday September 8 (B)

Leave for Hurtgen Forest with our local historian guide; visit to Monschau (northern most city considered in the “Bulge”) and extensive visit to the Hurtgen Forest. Have dinner in Monschau, and then back to Eupen. Overnight at The Ambassador.

Monday September 9 (B)

Depart Eupen to continue the Peiper route to Stavelot, Trois-Ponts, La Gleize (museum stop), Cheneaux and Werbornont. On the way to Bastogne stop in “Parkers Crossroads”, Manhay and Houffalize to see the tanks and memorials. Reaching Bastogne, check into the Hotel Melba in Bastogne for two nights.

Tuesday September 10 (B)

All day touring 101st Airborne battle engagement sites with local guide, ending with a visit to the Bastogne War Museum.

Wednesday September 11 (B)

Depart Bastogne and follow the path of the 2nd Panzers. The roads will take us to Samree, Dochamps, Hotton, La Roche, Verdenne, Marche, stopping at the Memorials and action sites. Rochefort to Celles (farthest Panzer penetration). Leave for Dinant on the Meuse and the Citadel (great views). Stop at location of The Rock that symbolizes farthest German recon advance in the Bulge offense. Check into Ibis City Centre in Dinant.

Thursday September 12 (B, D)

From Dinant to St. Hubert to see plaques dedicated to French paratroopers, U.S. 87th Inf. Division and one dedicated to Ernest Hemingway who stayed in St. Hubert in December 1944. Onto Luxembourg City for a lunch stop and visit to the American Cemetery and Patton’s Grave in Hamm. Stop at Bock Casemates castle and scenic area. Farewell Dinner and overnight Hotel Cravat in Luxembourg.

Friday September 13 (B)

After breakfast, check out of hotel and transfer to airport. Tour ends.

TOUR COST \$3,550.00 PER PERSON, BASED ON TWIN SHARE. SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$800 EXTRA.

Tour cost includes: Services of Bob Kozlowski as tour leader/historian; 8 night's hotel accommodations at three and four star hotel, room's ensuite; breakfast daily; welcome and farewell dinners with coffee/tea/water; private air conditioned coach transport/driver; all entrance fees; portage at hotels; local taxes; local guides when necessary.

Does not include passport fees; alcoholic beverages with meals; items of a personal nature such as phone calls, laundry; tips to driver; air fare; cancellation insurance. Based on a minimum of 10 full fare passengers travelling together and maximum of 14 passengers, and currency values in effect as of May 2023.



Left: The Sherman tank of the 11th US Armored Division "Thunderbolt" was completely renovated and is a major monument in Bastogne. Right: Patton's Grave in Luxembourg.



2017 Battle of the Bulge In-Depth group. Tour leader Kozlowski far right.

Itinerary and cost subject to change. Revisions can be made to accommodate the needs of participating Veterans and family members. Valor Tours reserves the right to substitute any hotel with a hotel of similar or better quality. Tour costs based on minimum of 10 participants and maximum of 14 participants. If number of participant's falls below 10 passengers, modifications may be made to itinerary, hotels and/or components of tour.

This tour qualifies for the Early Booking/Payment Policy.

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery & Memorial