



**MORRIS MURDOCK
ESCORTED TOURS**



Join **BEST SELLING** author **Jerry Borrowman** as we tour of England, France, Belgium and Germany as we honor those who fought for our freedoms and take this masters course in World War II History.

World Wars II involved the greatest military conflicts in human history, pitting the Great Democracies against hereditary monarchies and vicious dictatorships. 75 years ago a defining moment in the great struggle occurred on the beaches of Normandy in when Allied forces landed on D-Day.

In this anniversary year, we wish to pay tribute to the heroic efforts of the "greatest generation" who fought to restore freedom and democracy. We will follow in the footsteps of American G.I.s who traveled first to England, then across the Channel to France, through Belgium, then into the heart of Germany: Berlin. Along the way you will hear from expert local guides who will bring history alive. You will also be accompanied on the trip by award winning author, Jerry Borrowman, whose sixteen published books tell the stories of the heroes, both recognized and ordinary, who made this possible. Why not learn this fascinating history first hand in the places it occurred. It is your chance to add your voice of gratitude to the men and women who fought for the freedom we cherish today.

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D-DAY + WORLD WAR II EUROPEAN DISCOVERY TOUR

WITH AUTHOR JERRY BORROWMAN

11 days from **\$2,299** pp/dbl

May 10-20, 2019

LAND ONLY PRICING

Days 1/2: Fri & Sat, May 10-11, 2019 Home Cities - London

Today we depart the US for London where our tour begins. Upon arrival we'll meet at the airport and start our journey with a panorama bus tour of the city. We will get acquainted with many of London's iconic sights. Afterwards, we head to our hotel for a welcome reception dinner. (Meals: D)

Day 3: Sunday, May 12, 2019 London

Today we visit the superlative Imperial War Museum, founded in 1920 to document the sacrifices of Britain and the Empire in WWI. Its collections now include unparalleled archives from World War II, as well. From there we move on to the Churchill Cabinet War Rooms. Closed to the public for over 35 years, we will see the maps and communications devices that connected the War Cabinet to their military forces all over the world. See the handgun Churchill carried so he could personally shoot any German invaders, if they made it to London. This afternoon is at your leisure. (Meals: B)

Day 4: Monday, May 13, 2019 London - Portsmouth - Caen

Enjoy the countryside as we head to the southern port of Portsmouth. This is home to Lord Horatio Nelson's *HMS Victory*, the world's most famous sailing ship from which Nelson led England to its greatest victory in the Battle of Trafalgar, only to lose his life to a sniper's bullet. On June 6, 1944, Allied forces crossed the English Channel to launch the largest seaborne assault in human history. We too will cross the Channel by boat, just three weeks shy of the 75th Anniversary of that momentous event. (Meals: B)

Day 5: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 Normandy

D-Day was a cacophony of noise and fire in 1944. Today it is a place of reverence, where visitors tend to speak in hushed tones as they experience first-hand the beaches and towns involved during the German artillery and infantry fight to repulse the British and American invaders. Staring down the cliffs from Point du-Hoc where American troops suffered the greatest casualties is a sobering experience and you'll think you can hear the sounds of battle still echoing across the water and up the formidable bluffs. The French city of Caen saw some of the most intense fighting of WWII. Today, the Memorial de' Caen provides outstanding exhibits to show exactly how the Allies successfully prosecuted the invasion of France. (Meals: B)



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Tour Includes:

- Deluxe motor coach transportation
- Licensed Local guides & an experienced Tour Directors
- 9 nights accommodations in deluxe hotels
- Sightseeing as outlined on the itinerary
- Breakfast daily and 2 group dinner
- Entrance fees to itinerary sites & museums
- Vox Audio system headsets throughout tour
- Document package

Price does not include:

- Airfare from your home city to London and return from Berlin. Air based on availability call for pricing in May 2018
- Private sightseeing not included on itinerary
- Tour gratuities
- Items of a personal nature (e.g. phone calls, room service, internet, etc.)
- Travel insurance (plans start at \$35)
- Meals not included in tour outline

Optional Pricing:

- Single Supplement/Private Room
- Ask about our Single/Share Program **

Payment Terms

- \$500.00 down payment NOW confirms your spot
- Final Payment is due February 8, 2019
- This tour is based on a minimum of 30 and a maximum of 50 passengers
- Terms: morrismurdock.com/terms

A minimum number of 30 passengers is needed for the advertised tour price. If enrollment falls under an additional supplement may apply if tour is operated

Day 6: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 Rouen - Paris

It is in Rouen that Germany formally signed the unconditional surrender that ended the hostilities of WWII. This afternoon we'll visit the Rouen Cathedral which was built on the site of a church dating back to invasions by the Vikings, and is considered one of the most historic structures in Europe. Seven bombs dropped by British aircraft damaged the building in World War II. Today it stands as a testament to the resilience of the French who labored under German occupation. We will complete our travel today when we arrive into the City of Lights, Paris to check into our hotel. (Meals: B)

Day 7: Thursday, May 16, 2019 Paris

Today we'll learn the story of the heroic sacrifice of German General Dietrich von Choltitz, who refused to follow Hitler's orders to destroy all the significant landmarks of Paris as Allied troops drew near. It's because of von Choltitz, we can see the sites of the Eiffel Tower & the Sacre Coeur Basilica. You'll see the Place de la Concorde (*Plaza of Reconciliation*) the Louvre Museum in the historic Palace of Tuileries, and the inimitable Arc de Triomphe on the most famous boulevard in the world, the Champs-Elysees. No visit to Paris is complete without a visit to the Notre Dame, "Our Lady of Paris," constructed in 1163. (Meals: B)

Day 8: Friday, May 17, 2019 Paris-Bastogne

We bid *au revoir* to Paris and say hello to Bastogne, Belgium. Here in the Ardennes forests the Nazis made their last desperate attempt to slow the Allied advance in the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944. Today we will visit the beautiful Bastogne War Memorial, that features the names of all fifty of the United States in tribute to the sacrifices made here. (Meals: B)

Day 9: Saturday, May 18, 2019 Bastogne - Cologne - Berlin

Our travels continue to Cologne, Germany, situated on the banks of the Rhine River. Dating back to Roman Times, we will see magnificent Roman tiles from the First Century A.D. It served a prominent role in the Middle Ages as one of the sites of the Hanseatic League. Because of its location on the border between France and Germany, it was a perpetual focus of war from Napoleon through WWII which the residents forced the residents to switch citizenship several times from French to German, and back again.

We'll enjoy a tour of the city including the Cologne Cathedral. The site of intense fighting between the Allies and German Panzers, the Cathedral suffered severe damage in WWII. Once inside, you will be made privilege to a special memorial dedicated to the American troops who prevented the cathedral's complete destruction. We'll then see the hollowed site where 5,329 American soldiers are interred at the Ardennes American Cemetery - deeded to the US by a grateful French nation. We complete our travel in the city of Berlin to check into our hotel and rest for the full day. (Meals: B)

Day 10: Sunday, May 19, 2019 Berlin

The "City of Bears", Berlin is the ancient capital of the German Duchy of Brandenburg-Prussia. The city was virtually destroyed in the last days of WWII, so many of the buildings are of the post-modern 1950's style of architecture. But, not wishing to lose all their history, the industrious Germans built exactly replicas of their most important ancient buildings, including universities and the Reichstag, home of the German Parliament. We'll also pass the Charlottenburg Palace, Imperial Germany's answer to England's Buckingham Palace and the French Palace of Versailles. The Brandenburg Gate served as the ancient entrance into the walled city of Berlin and in '45 it became the symbol of the divided Germany. We'll then see Checkpoint Charlie, the official place of crossing between East and West. Finally we'll visit the famous boulevard where old meet new, east meets west, the Kurfursterdamm mall. Here is the perfect place to stroll and enjoy our final hours in Europe before we enjoy a farewell meal together to talk about the tour and share stories and laughter with your group. (Meals: B,D)

Day 11: Monday, May 20, 2019 Berlin - International flight home

This morning we'll transfer back to the airport filled with love and gratitude for our freedoms and those who fought and died for them. These memories and friendships made will be a treasure and to last a lifetime. (Meals: B)