# DDMT Battle of the Bulge Tour 10 Days

12 -21 December 2020



# 12/12/2020 Tuesday

#### Day One- Arrive in Paris ride to Reims

Our VIP Luxury Coach will be waiting for us, then ride to Reims tour start at the Surrender location where General Jodl of the OKW surrendered the German Forces to SHAEF command. Then on to our hotel for a local dinner and introductions and lecture of the tactical situation in 1944 from both the American and German viewpoints. As many of you will be tired because of the long flight we will take the time to relax. Reims Hotel night #1 (D,B)





# 12/13/2020 Wednesday

#### Day Two- ROAD TO THE FRONT - Parker's Crossroads /la Gleize/SPA

Ride to Spa using the same road as the 82nd Airborne in their deployment from Reims area (Sissone & Suippes). We will then tour Baraque de Fraiture 'Parker's Crossroads", (We will make a stop for a lunch in this area), La Gleize and the 44 Museum where we have good friends, which features an original King Tiger tank. Spa night #2 (L,D)





### 12/14/2020 Thursday

# Day Three- St. Vith - Kamfgruppe Peipper Route

We start the day with a visit at Elsenborn Ridge which became the "Little Roundtop", We will then ride to Lanzerath using the same approach as SS Obersturmbannführer Joachim Pieper we will ride to **St. Vith** and **Wallerode** that has its monument to a lone American officer of legend whom villagers say held off the Germans for weeks. Then on to **Bullingen, Baugnez** site of the famous **Malmedy** massacre, **on** our way back to Spa we will stop at **Stavelot** and Les **trois ponts.** Spa night #3 (B,L,D)





#### 12/15/2020 Friday

#### Day Four- US CEMETERY Henri Chapelle

The objective of this Day is to attend the US Cemetery at Henri Chapelle, and on our way we will not avoid stopping at M&M's Museum owned by Marcel and Mathilde, (she can't wait to see you again and ready for the a good soup). As we will be in the North of the battlefields, we will ride to the Famous Hurtgen Forest were hard struggles took place there from September 1944 to February 1945. We pay tribute to the 30,000 US soldiers who died in this Forest. Hurtgen is the longest single battle the U.S. Army has ever fought Spa night #4 (B,D)





12/16/2020 Saturday

# Day Five - Bastogne

We will start our day visit to Bastogne by visiting the barracks that served as Troy Middleton's headquarters at the start of the battle. These barracks eventually became the HQ and home to Anthony McAuliffe of the 101st Airborne. We will then visit the cave where he gave his infamous "NUTS!" answer to the German offer of surrender. We then venture to the Mardasson Memorial. After this, on our way back to the hotel we will then travel the 16-mile defensive ring around Bastogne and possibly stopping at legendary places such as Noville, Bourcy, Bizory, Longvilly, and Marvie.







We tour the location of "Easy Company" of the 101st by visiting their foxhole at the Bois Jacques just outside of town. We then visit the town and the many memorials, and, on this night, we attend a special church choir service in honor of our veterans. Much in the similar location where "Easy" company veterans finally were able to sleep indoors for the first time in weeks.

A special welcome by authorities is planed that day. Spa night #4 (B,LD)

#### 12/17/2020 Sunday

#### Day Six - Houffalize /Clervaux/Diekirch/Luxembourg City

The German salient in the Ardennes was eliminated when two American armies reestablished contact near Houffalize during the Battle of the Bulge. After this stop we will head Clervaux and head Diekirch to visit the location of the 5th Infantry Division crossing of the Sauer River on January 18. The rest of the afternoon will be spent at the excellent National Military Museum. Hotel Luxembourg night #6 (B,L,D)





# 12/18/2020 Monday

# Day Seven - Luxembourg City

We will spend the day visiting and participating in the many activities commemorating the 75th anniversary of the battle. Our day ends at the cemeteries of American and German forces. Hotel night #8 (B)





# 12/19/2020 Tuesday

# Day Eight - Luxembourg

We keep this day to relax, as free time to all participants, Luxembourg is also a nice to place for shopping...Hotel night #8(B,D)





### 12/20/2020 Wednesday

# Day Nine - Siegfried Line to Frankfurt

We will tour the German fortifications of the Siegfried Line at (we need to see about some of the famous Dragoons teeth that survives) as we drive on to Germany for a typical German lunch and dinner in old town Frankfurt... discussion results of the Battle of the Bulge and the legacy of America's greatest battle/campaign. Thank yous, "Good-Byes" and your DDMT "Discharge" gift. Hotel night #9(B,L)





#### 12/21/2020 Thursday

Day Ten

Depart Frankfurt Airport for home (B)

