



Educational Tours



The 75th Anniversary

VICTORY IN EUROPE



VE Day 75: Amsterdam & Germany

May 2, 2020 – May 10, 2020 (May 13 with extension)

The Second World War eventually came to an end, and the lives and nations it tore apart were left to pick up the pieces. In Germany and the Netherlands, you'll gain a better understanding of the impact war has on a country and its people, and the implications that can have at a local and global level. Learn more about the atrocities committed during the war, crimes that had until then never been defined, and how this changed international peace-keeping efforts. Consider the events from multiple perspectives, and get insight into what led a nation down this dark path—and how we can all work to create a brighter future.

Victory in Europe

May 5, 1945—Nazi forces finally surrender, and Canadian and Allied troops liberate the Netherlands after months of battling to push out the Nazis.

More than seven decades later, the connection forged between Canadians and the Dutch has stayed strong. In May 2020, students and cadets can experience firsthand present-day Dutch culture, and discover for themselves how the unique histories and contributions of the Allied forces continue to influence modern European life and our world today.



What to expect on a Historic Event Tour

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

Students and cadets become part of history and carry on the legacy of past generations during once-in-a-lifetime commemoration ceremonies and exclusive EF-led events with thousands of fellow Canadians.

CONNECTIONS

Whether it's researching the life of a local soldier, honouring a hometown Regiment, or connecting with international students before tour, travellers engage with the community at home and abroad.

REFLECTION

Participate in group reflection through activities designed to engage travellers and reflect on the experience. Every itinerary is customizable to create a personalized and profound experience for your group.

BUILDING PERSPECTIVE

By exploring significant sites, visiting the graves of Canadian soldiers, or taking part in special ceremonies, travellers develop a richer understanding of historic events and how they impact the present.



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What you'll experience on your tour

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Day 1: Fly to Amsterdam

Board your overnight flight to Amsterdam.

Day 2: Arrive in Amsterdam

Touch down in Amsterdam, a city where 1,200 bridges crisscross 160 canals to make it one of Europe's most charming capitals. Enjoy a walking tour of the city where you'll see the *Westerkerk* (West Church), where Rembrandt is buried. You'll also visit Dam Square, which is home to *Koninklijk Paleis* (the Royal Palace), before seeing the Flower Market and Jewish Quarter. Then, visit the Anne Frank House, where the young girl hid with her family from 1942 to 1944. This is also the site where she penned her poignant diary, which has been translated into dozens of languages worldwide.

Day 3: Amsterdam

Every May 4, the people of the Netherlands participate in a two-minute moment of silence for Remembrance Day. [At the VE Day remembrance ceremony at the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, join fellow Canadians and the local community in memorializing those who fell during the Second World War.](#)

Day 4: Wageningen | Amsterdam

Travel to Wageningen, a historic town along the Rhine river. Here, you'll commemorate Liberation Day—when the Dutch celebrate the end of Nazi occupation and honour freedom, democracy, and human rights. [While you're here, you'll be participating in EF-enhanced events surrounding the celebrations.](#)

Day 5: Amsterdam | The Hague

From Amsterdam, travel to The Hague. Get acquainted with The Hague and learn why it's the "City of International Peace and Justice." Explore the Humanity House, a museum established by the Red Cross to increase awareness of humanitarian issues. There you'll learn about the consequences of conflict, and have an opportunity to reflect on your own personal freedoms. [Then, take part in a series of interactive workshops that focus on peace and conflict in the 21st century, created with local experts and the community.](#)

Day 6: Berlin

Travel by train to Berlin. There, take a walking tour of the city to explore how it has been transformed since the end of the Second World War in 1945, and then again after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. Learn about the vital role the city now plays in the European Union and how it's become the vibrant capital of reunified Germany.

Day 7: Berlin

Take an expertly guided tour of Berlin. Visit the East Side Gallery, where artists have painted directly on a 1,316 metre-long remnant of the Berlin Wall. Then, take a photo stop at Checkpoint Charlie, the most famous crossing point between East Berlin and West Berlin during the Cold War. Located right in the centre of town, explore the Holocaust Memorial as you walk between the 2,711 concrete slabs. While you're there, gain insight into the meaning of the memorial and the powerful impact of the simple design. Afterwards, take a guided tour of Sachsenhausen concentration camp.

Day 8: Berlin

Enjoy a Tempelhof Garden bike tour and explore the new community green space that thrives in the abandoned, former airport of West Germany. Visit the DDR Museum, and experience what life was like in East Germany. Then, participate in a Cold War panel discussion.

Day 9: Depart for home

Say goodbye to your Tour Director at the airport and depart for home.

☛ THREE-DAY EXTENSION

Day 9: Nuremberg

Transfer to Nuremberg, and take a guided tour of the city that hosted the Nuremberg Trials—where the hearings of 22 major Nazi criminals were presided over by judges from the Allied powers.

Day 10: Nuremberg | Munich

At the Nuremberg Palace of Justice, visit Courtroom 600—where the Major War Criminals Trial was held. Then, visit the Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds and discover the "causes, coherence, and consequences of National Socialism." Travel to Munich.

Day 11: Munich

Take an expertly guided tour of Munich where you'll see sites such as the Olympic Stadium, the Residenz, and Marienplatz.

☛ Visit Neuschwanstein Castle.

Day 12: Depart for home

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Itinerary is subject to change. Accommodations and flight details to be announced approximately 14 days prior to departure.

EVERYTHING YOU GET



Full-time Tour Director



Sightseeing: 1 sightseeing tour led by an expert, licensed, local guide (2 *with extension*); 2 sightseeing tours led by your Tour Director; 1 walking tour



Entrances: Anne Frank House; Humanity House; Sachsenhausen concentration camp; Tempelhof Garden; DDR Museum; (*with extension: Courtroom 600; Documentation Centre*)



weShare: Our personalized learning experience engages travellers before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project.



EF-enhanced programming: Our expert Educational Programming team has designed enhanced programming opportunities at the [Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, Wageningen, and The Hague.](#)



Round-trip flights on major carriers; upgraded hotel accommodations; comfortable motor coach; European breakfast and dinner daily



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For over 50 years, EF has been working toward one global mission: *Opening the World Through Education*. Your teacher has partnered with EF because of our unmatched worldwide presence, our focus on affordability, and our commitment to providing experiences that teach critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and global competence.

AFFORDABLE

We always offer the guaranteed lowest prices so more students and cadets have the opportunity to travel and experience the world.

INSIGHTFUL

We believe in experiential learning at the most important sites. Your Tour Director is with you at every step, providing their own perspective and local tips.

SAFE

We're committed to your safety. With 500 schools and offices in over 50 countries, EF staff can react quickly and in person wherever you travel.

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