



Educational Tours

VICTORY IN EUROPE



The 75th Anniversary



VE Day 75: Amsterdam, Normandy & Paris

May 2, 2020 – May 10, 2020

There can never be just one side, or one story, in war. This tour will help you look through all of the different lenses of the Second World War by approaching cities and sites from the perspectives of the Allies, civilians, the resistance, and the Axis. Sometimes it's hard to understand the difficult decisions people were forced to make during wartime, but realizing the context in which they made them will give you a clearer comprehension of the Second World War, and Canada's place in the world.

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.



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 entire nation of Amsterdam participates 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: Bastogne region

In Belgium, Bastogne was occupied by German forces in 1944 and was a key site during the Battle of the Bulge—the last major German offensive campaign on the Western Front. [At the Bastogne War Museum, you'll participate in a workshop that will highlight civilian and military experiences during the Second World War,](#) and get an in-depth look at the Battle of the Bulge through theatrical audiovisuals and memorabilia. From there, you'll visit one of the key sites of the battle, Bois-Jacques.

Day 6: Normandy

Travel to Normandy.

Day 7: Normandy | Paris

On June 6, 1944, Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy, launching the campaign that eventually liberated mainland Europe from the Nazis. [At the Juno Beach Centre, take part in immersive activities and unique experiences exclusive to EF travellers.](#) Programming will encourage exploration of Juno Park and give travellers a more in-depth understanding of the site's history. Pay your respects at the Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery and the American Cemetery at Colleville. Afterwards, you're on your way to Paris.

Day 8: Paris

Paris was taken by German soldiers in 1940, and its people lived under the Nazi regime until the French uprising and liberation in 1944. Today, Paris is known as the City of Light—a fashion, art, and culinary capital of the world. Get to know Parisian history, from the Louvre to the *École Militaire*, during an expertly guided tour. Enjoy more self-guided exploration of Paris, or visit Versailles.

Day 9: Depart for home

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

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



Entrances: Anne Frank House; Bastogne War Museum; Bois-Jacques; Juno Beach 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, the Bastogne War Museum, and the Juno Beach Centre.



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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