



Educational Tours



The 75th Anniversary

VICTORY IN EUROPE

VE Day 75: Belgium, the Netherlands & Germany

May 1, 2020 – May 10, 2020

When we read about the Second World War, we often read about the decision-makers—Churchill, Hitler, Roosevelt. But students and young people all over Europe were risking their lives to protest the Third Reich. On this tour, learn about Sophie & Hans Scholl, students at the University of Munich, who spread anti-Nazi messages of peace through their group, White Rose. In Amsterdam, visit the Anne Frank house and see where she penned her famous diary—one that gave the world a unique look at the lives of Jews during the Second World War. And throughout your time in Europe, find inspiration in the passion and persistence of young people who made it possible for this generation to continue making a difference.

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 Brussels

Board your overnight flight to Brussels.

Day 2: Arrive in Brussels

Touch down in Brussels, a prominent centre of international politics and home to the European Union and NATO headquarters. During a walking tour, you'll pass by the buildings of the European Union, encircled by a row of colourful flags representing the member countries. Continue into the heart of medieval Brussels to see why Victor Hugo dubbed the Grand-Place "the most beautiful square in the world." Walk by the ornate façades of the eclectic Guild Houses, a row of tiered buildings that stand shoulder-to-shoulder. Learn more about the world's favourite indulgence at the Chocolate Museum.

Day 3: Bergen op Zoom | Amsterdam region

Travel to the Scheldt and take a sightseeing tour of Bergen op Zoom. [In the former Canadian Headquarters during the Battle of the Scheldt, a pivotal event leading to the liberation of the Netherlands, students and cadets will have the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with the local community on an installation to commemorate Canada's relationship with the Dutch people.](#)

Day 4: Amsterdam region

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 Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, join fellow Canadians and the local community in memorializing those who fell during the Second World War.](#) Visit the National Liberation Museum and participate in the Silent March.

Day 5: Wageningen | Amsterdam region

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 6: Amsterdam

Spend the day 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. Please note that in order to protect the integrity of the space, the Anne Frank House has decided to limit the number of visits per day and entrance will be subject to availability. Should this be the case, a replacement activity will be offered.

Day 7: Cologne | Heidelberg

On your way to Heidelberg, stop in Cologne for a walking tour. This 2,000 year old city is a landmark of High Gothic architecture. Take in views of the river and marvel at the arches and spires of the Cologne Cathedral. Visit the Documentation Centre—Cologne's former Gestapo headquarters.

Day 8: Heidelberg | Munich

Take an expertly guided tour of Heidelberg and visit the ruins of Heidelberg Castle. Then, visit Studentenkärzer, a former students' prison where students were detained for minor transgressions (often of a political nature). The walls are covered with preserved graffiti and paintings done by students while biding their time until their release. Travel to Munich.

Day 9: Munich

On your expert-led tour of Munich, you'll see the Olympic Stadium and the Residenz, the former home of the Wittelsbach dukes of Bavaria. Then, in Marienplatz, you'll see the neo-Gothic New City Hall with its famous Glockenspiel. See the White Rose Monument, commemorating a group of student rebels who practiced non-violent resistance against the Third Reich. Look for the bronze replicas of White Rose leaflets scattered across the sidewalk. Then, visit Dachau, a Second World War Nazi concentration camp built in 1933 and liberated by the Allies in 1945. It now serves as a memorial museum.

Day 10: 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: 3 sightseeing tour led by expert, licensed, local guides; 2 walking tours



Entrances: Chocolate Museum; National Liberation Museum; Wageningen Documentation Centre; Anne Frank House; Heidelberg Castle; Studentenkärzer; White Rose Monument; Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site



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 Bergen op Zoom.



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carriers; upgraded hotel accommodations; comfortable motor coach; European breakfast and dinner daily

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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

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