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BRITISH AIRBORNE

2018 COMMEMORATIVE TOURS & 2019 75TH ANNIVERSARY TOURS



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INTRODUCTION

'We have been on many memorable Airborne tours with Tours International. Excellent five-star treatment.'

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Tours International has been working with the British Airborne since 1982 and has proudly brought many Airborne veterans, their families and World War II enthusiasts back to the towns, villages and countryside where the Airborne landed. We have over 40 years' experience in the travel industry and an extensive military tour background, with unique expertise in anniversary and commemorative tours. Our wide experience of battlefields and World War II guarantees a truly amazing and imaginative insight and our detailed knowledge of the British Airborne landing sites and campaigns promises an exceptionally memorable tour. In addition to the itineraries included here, if you have any special requests or would like to make any extra visits, please let us know and we will do our best to arrange these for you.

REDUCED PRICES FOR AIRBORNE VETERANS AND WIDOWS:

The reduced price for British World War II Airborne veterans returning to the theatre in which they fought is subsidised by the Airborne Forces Security Fund. The following combinations qualify for the reduced per person price:

Veteran & spouse = 2 people

Veteran & carer = 2 people

Veteran, spouse & carer = 3 people

Widow(er) & carer = 2 people

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Discount for booking on our website: there is a £10 per person discount if you book and pay on our website at <http://www.tours-international.com/british-airborne>.
- We only have a limited number of single rooms available.
- To secure the bookings, veterans/widows and carers are required to pay £100 per person deposit, which will be refunded at the end of the tour.
- Booking conditions will be sent with the confirmation invoice.
- Parachute Regimental Association: if you have 10 or more members planning to book, contact us to discuss arranging a local departure from your branch.

CONTACT US:

To book and for more information please contact Tours International on:

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Hotton Cemetery from the sky © O.Lefèvre-Tourisme Management



13th Parachute stone
in front of Bure church

We depart London early morning for our ferry crossing to Calais, followed by a drive through the picturesque French and Belgian countryside on our way to the Ardennes. Day 2 and we retrace the route of the 6th Airborne from Dinant to Bure, where we attend a memorial service and reception with the locals and witness the renaming of the village square to 'Place du Major Jack Watson MC'. Our last stop of the day is Bande with its memorial to the 34 local men executed by the SS. Day 3 we tour the British sector, including the British cemetery at Hotton where we attend a memorial service, Celles, Foy-Notre Dame and the other local cemeteries where individual paras are buried. The following day we head back to Calais, with a stop for free time and shopping.



Jack Watson, 1945
(and right) © Amanda Hawkins



Ardennes hotel © Mike Collins

Prices per person	Veteran/widow & carer	Person	Single room supplement	
			Veteran/widow	Person
Tour: Ardennes Tour No: AR18				
23 to 26 Mar 2018	Free	£480	Free	£90

Included in the price: 3 nights bed and breakfast in 4* Ardennes hotel; 3 dinners with wine; 2 lunches with wine; ferry, coach and the services of a tour director.

NORMANDY: 04-08 JUNE 2018

5 DAYS



Merville bunker © Louise Hawkins



Le 47ème Brasserie

Morning departure from London for Portsmouth, for our ferry crossing to Normandy. Day 2 and we spend the morning in Le Mesnil Bavent for a memorial service and visit to the Memorial Pegasus Museum. After lunch with wine we head to Breville and the Merville Battery for memorial services. Visit Ranville on Day 3 for a special ceremony with the Mayor at the 13th Parachute

Battalion Memorial, followed by Mass at Ranville Church and the commemorative service in the Airborne Cemetery. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Normandy on Day 4, before lunch with wine and then afterwards a visit to Putot-en-Auge for a Remembrance Service. Day 5, morning departure from our hotel for our return sailing, arriving back in London late afternoon.



Coach and team.



Ranville Cemetery
© Louise Hawkins

Prices per person	Veteran/widow & carer	Person	Single room supplement	
			Veteran/widow	Person
Tour: Normandy Tour No: DD18				
04 to 08 Jun 2018	Free	£680	Free	£240

Included in the price: 4 nights bed and breakfast in 4* Normandy hotel; 4 dinners with wine; 3 lunches with wine; ferry, coach and the services of a tour director.

ARNHEM: 20-23 SEPTEMBER 2018

4 DAYS



Ceremony in Arnhem © julieraison.co.uk

'Always a pleasant and memorable trip... well organised and friendly.'

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Poppy @ Louise Hawkins



Morning departure from London. We visit Ginkel Heath and the Museum. Tafelberg, the Old Church and the Lonsdale Force area. Attend a memorial and wreath-laying ceremony at Arnhem Airborne Monument and wreath-laying ceremony at the John Frost Bridge, before a special celebration hosted by dignitaries

where we will be entertained by a local band. Watch a parachute drop at Ginkel Heath (weather permitting). Participate in wreath-laying ceremonies at Ginkel Heath and the Polish Monument. Finish the tour with a memorial service at the Airborne Cemetery.



Flyover at Arnhem © Mike Collins



Arnhem © Mike Collins

Prices per person	Veteran/widow & carer	Person	Single room supplement	
			Veteran/widow	Person
Tour: Arnhem Tour No: MG18				
20 to 23 Sep 2018	Free	£480	Free	£90

Included in the price: 3 nights bed and breakfast in 4* Arnhem hotel; 3 dinners with wine; ferry, coach and the services of a tour director.

NORMANDY 75TH ANNIVERSARY: 04-08 JUNE 2019

4 DAYS

We will be attending special 75th Anniversary events and ceremonies – details still to be confirmed and unlikely to be available until end of 2018.

The itinerary will be similar to the 2018 Normandy tour but will include attendance at all the main British Airborne commemorative events.



Arromanches Beach © Calvados Tourisme



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Prices per person	Veteran/widow & carer	Person	Single room supplement	
			Veteran/widow	Person
Tour: Normandy Tour No: DD19				
04 to 08 June 2019	Free	£700	Free	£240

Included in the price: 4 nights bed and breakfast in 4* Normandy hotel; 4 dinners with wine; 3 lunches with wine; ferry, coach and the services of a tour director.

ARNHEM 75TH ANNIVERSARY: 19–22 SEPTEMBER 2019

4 DAYS

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The itinerary will be similar to the 2018 Arnhem tour but will include attendance at all the main British Airborne commemorative events.



2019 – more 75th Anniversary tours available!

- Operation Dragoon
South of France (August 2019)
- Monte Casino
Italy (April 2019)

Please contact *Tours International* if you would like more information.

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			Veteran/widow	Person
Tour: Arnhem Tour No: MG19				
19 to 22 Sep 2019	Free	£480	Free	£90

Included in the price: 3 nights bed and breakfast in 4* Arnhem hotel; 3 dinners; ferry, coach and the services of a tour director.



CARERS, ASSISTANCE DURING THE TOUR AND WHEELCHAIRS:

If you would like a carer to assist you during the tour, we can arrange this for you. We have long-standing relationships with relatives and friends of veterans who would be very happy to help you on the tour and who we have complete confidence in. Please let us know if you would like further information or have specific requirements and we will recommend a carer who we feel best meets your needs. If required, we can also arrange for a wheelchair to be available for you throughout the tour.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL INSURANCE:

It is a condition of booking that you are adequately insured for any of our holidays. Prior to departure we will request that you provide to us details of your insurers, your policy number and the emergency contact number as stated on your policy. Since 1st January 2009, the sale of travel insurance connected to holidays or related travel has been regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. As we do not hold the necessary authorisation, we are unable to offer or advise on travel insurance related matters. With your confirmation/invoice we will send you a leaflet from our preferred Insurance Brokers which will give you information on how to purchase Travel Insurance from them. Towergate Chapman Stevens are Travel Insurance Specialists in the Coaching Industry.

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