Remembering World War II

FROM ALDBOURNE TO ZELL AM SEE

September 8 to 23, 2019

a program of the stanford alumni association
The year 2019 marks the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion, and I’m proud to present this new program developed in partnership with The National WWII Museum. You’ll be mesmerized by the sites we visit as we loosely trace the path of Easy Company, made famous by the book and HBO miniseries, Band of Brothers, from its training location in England to the sites of some of the last battles of Europe, in Austria. This memorable itinerary is packed with battle sites, memorials, cemeteries, museums, lectures and personal meetings with locals. With faculty leader James Sheehan, ’58, join us on this in-depth look at some of the most storied battle zones and locations of some of the defining moments and pivotal battles of the Second World War.

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

**WALK** along Omaha Beach and tour Pointe du Hoc, where Army Rangers scaled imposing 100-foot cliffs on D-Day.

**EXPLORE** the very foxholes dug by members of Easy Company in the Bois Jacques at the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium.

**TAKE IN** the spectacular views of the Alps from the Eagle’s Nest, Hitler’s mountaintop Nazi meeting place that was captured by Allied forces in 1945.

COVER: UTAH BEACH LANDING MEMORIAL, FRANCE

JOHN FROST BRIDGE, ARNHEM, NETHERLANDS
"Jim] is now one of Stanford’s faculty leaders whom I will actively seek out for trips. His lectures were outstanding and he was one of the most available and friendly leaders with whom I have traveled."

BRIAN MCKENNA, ’74, GREAT WAR CENTENARY, 2018

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JAMES SHEEHAN, ’58, is the Dickason Professor in the Humanities and a professor emeritus of history at Stanford University. His research focuses on 19th- and 20th-century European history, specifically on the relationship between ideas and social and economic conditions in modern Europe. His most recent book, Where Have All the Soldiers Gone, examines the decline of military institutions in Europe since 1945. He is now writing a book about the rise of European states in the modern era. About this program, Jim writes: “Like the Civil War, the Second World War had a powerful impact on the way Americans viewed themselves and their place in the world. This trip will help us understand the war itself and the way the war shaped the following decades.”

— Professor emeritus, department of history, and senior fellow, by courtesy, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University
— Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching and Walter J. Gores Award for Excellence in Teaching—both Stanford University, 1993
— Guggenheim Fellow, 2000–2001
— Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
— BA, history, 1958, Stanford University
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CLERVAUX CASTLE, CLERVAUX, LUXEMBOURG
Itinerary

SUNDAY & MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 & 9
DEPART U.S. / LONDON, ENGLAND / ALDBOURNE
Upon arrival in London on overnight flights from the U.S., head west of the city toward the training areas of Easy Company (2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army), immortalized by the book and HBO TV series, Band of Brothers. We’ll trace Easy Company’s movements from England to Austria during our trip. After arriving at our hotel in Aldbourne, gather for a welcome reception and dinner. DONNINGTON VALLEY HOTEL & SPA (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
ALDBOURNE
Explore Aldbourne, the village that welcomed Easy Company more than 75 years ago, on a walking tour that includes a visit to the Aldbourne Heritage Center. Enjoy lunch at a local pub, then return to our hotel for an afternoon and evening at leisure. DONNINGTON VALLEY HOTEL & SPA (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
ALDBOURNE / PORTSMOUTH / OUISTREHAM, FRANCE / BAYEUX
Depart Aldbourne for Portsmouth, where we visit the newly refurbished D-Day Story Museum and enjoy a pub lunch before taking a ferry across the English Channel to Normandy and continuing to our hotel in Bayeux. HOTEL LION D’OR (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
BAYEUX / SAINTE-MÈRE-ÉGLISE / SAINTE-MARIE-DU-MONT / UTHER BEACH
Depart for the small town of Sainte-Mère-Église to visit the church made famous by the film, The Longest Day, and the Airborne Museum before an exclusive tour of Brécourt Manor, site of Easy Company’s heroic action on June 6, 1944. After lunch, take a driving tour of Sainte-Marie-du-Mont before heading to Marmion Farm, where Easy Company paratroopers were photographed holding a captured Nazi flag on D-Day. End the day at Utah Beach for a tour of the landing sites and a visit to the Utah Beach Museum. HOTEL LION D’OR (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
BAYEUX / BEUZEVILLE-AU-PLAIN / CARENTAN
This morning visit Beuzeville-au-Plain to view the monument depicting Lt. Thomas Meehan’s downed C-47. This afternoon, hear more about Easy Company at the crucial town of Carentan, which linked the Utah and Omaha Beach forces. Stop at the Dead Man’s Corner Museum and visit the church at Angoville-au-Plain, ending our day with a special dinner at Château Brouay, a historical manor home with one of the oldest Calvados distilleries in the region. HOTEL LION D’OR (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
BAYEUX / POINTE DU HOC / OMAHA BEACH
Explore the area around Omaha Beach during our final day in Normandy. Tour Pointe du Hoc, where Army Rangers had to scale imposing 100-foot cliffs, and walk along Omaha Beach. Then visit the Normandy American Cemetery, where more than 9,000 Americans are laid to rest. Enjoy free time to explore Bayeux and have dinner at one of its many charming restaurants. HOTEL LION D’OR (B,L)
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

BAYEUX / AMIENS / EINDHOVEN, THE NETHERLANDS
Depart Normandy this morning by motor coach for the Netherlands. While en route, listen to exclusive oral histories of Easy Company men from the collection of The National World War II Museum in New Orleans. Stop for lunch in Amiens as we make our way to Eindhoven. PULLMAN HOTEL EINDHOVEN (B,D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

EINDHOVEN / NIJMEGEN / ARNHEM
Explore the American areas of Operation Market Garden, the failed Allied attempt to cross the Rhine River in September 1944, and learn how Easy Company helped rescue more than 100 British airborne troops stuck behind enemy lines across the Rhine during Operation Pegasus. Later, visit Arnhem and its famous “bridge too far” before returning to Eindhoven for an evening at leisure. PULLMAN HOTEL EINDHOVEN (B,L)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

EINDHOVEN / CLERVIAUX, LUXEMBOURG
This morning, go on an optional tour of Eindhoven, which includes visits to the Joe Mann and Robert Cole memorials. This afternoon, tour the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, visiting the gravesites of several members of Easy Company. Cross into Luxembourg and continue to our hotel in the medieval market town of Clervaux, a key location in the Battle of the Bulge. HOTEL INTERNATIONAL CLERVIAUX (B,D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

CLERVIAUX / DASBURG, GERMANY
Visit Dasburg in Germany, where the Germans crossed into Luxembourg via the Our River, then return to Clervaux, where we hear the role the battle-weary 28th Infantry Division played in helping to ensure that Bastogne could be reinforced by the 101st Division. Spend the rest of the day at leisure in Clervaux, enjoying this beautiful village nestled in the mountains of northern Luxembourg. HOTEL INTERNATIONAL CLERVIAUX (B)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

CLERVIAUX, LUXEMBOURG / BASTOGNE, BELGIUM
Visit the Mardasson Memorial near Bastogne this morning, honoring American soldiers wounded or killed during the Battle of the Bulge. This afternoon, we can opt to climb into the very foxholes dug by Easy Company in the Bois Jacques and take a tour of the Bastogne Barracks, where General Tony McAuliffe of the 101st gave his famous reply of “NUTS!” to the Germans’ request that the Americans surrender. Our day ends with a tour of the Bastogne War Museum. HOTEL INTERNATIONAL CLERVIAUX (B,D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

CLERVIAUX, LUXEMBOURG / HAMM / HAGUENAU, FRANCE / ETTLINGEN, GERMANY
Visit the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial in Hamm this morning, with the opportunity to view the graves of Easy Company soldiers and General George S. Patton. Stop
for lunch in Haguenau, then walk the “last patrol” of Easy Company, where the “band of brothers” held fast against Operation Nordwind for more than a month. Visit the MM Park Museum, a new museum near Strasbourg with an impressive collection of tanks and other large artifacts of the era. Spend tonight in the German town of Ettingen. **GRAND HOTEL ERBPRINZ (B,L)**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

**ETTLINGEN / DACHAU / ZELL AM SEE, AUSTRIA**

Depart this morning for Dachau. Located 10 miles northwest of Munich, the Dachau Concentration Camp was established in 1933 to hold political prisoners, but through the 1930s the camp grew to hold Jews, Roma, Slavs and other groups deemed unworthy by the Nazis. The camp was liberated on April 29, 1945, by American troops, who were horrified by the conditions they found. Following our sobering visit to Dachau, head for Zell am See in the Bavarian Alps. **GRAND HOTEL ZELL AM SEE (B,L)**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

**ZELL AM SEE / BERTHESGADEN, GERMANY**

Today we head to Berchtesgaden in Germany to take in the spectacular views from Eagle’s Nest, Hitler’s mountaintop Nazi meeting place built in 1937–38 and captured by Allied forces in May 1945. In nearby Obersalzberg, visit the former headquarters and bunkers of the SS at the Hotel Zum Türken and survey the ruins of Berghof, Hitler’s mountain chalet. Back in Zell am See, visit locales where Easy Company was stationed after V-E Day, then enjoy a farewell reception tonight. **GRAND HOTEL ZELL AM SEE (B,L,D)**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

**ZELL AM SEE, AUSTRIA / MUNICH, GERMANY / U.S.**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport in Munich for flights home. **(B)**

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**Optional Pre-trip Extension**

**SEPTEMBER 6 TO 9**

**CHURCHILL’S LONDON**

Spend a day and a half exploring WWII-related sites in London. Tour the Churchill War Rooms, get the lay of the land on a short panoramic tour of London and go on a guided tour of the Imperial War Museum. Finish with an exclusive, private tour of St. Paul’s Cathedral, including the Crypt and a performance of Evensong.

Additional details and pricing for the extension will be provided to confirmed participants.
Trip Information

**Dates**
September 8 to 23, 2019 (16 days)

**Size**
45 participants (single accommodations limited—please call for availability)

**Cost**
* $8,995 per person, double occupancy
  * $10,995 per person, single occupancy

**Included**
- 14 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- 14 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 8 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Beer, wine and soft drinks with included group lunches and dinners
- Gratuities to guides and drivers for all group activities
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Private in-first-class motor coach transportation
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

**Not Included**
- International and U.S. domestic airfare
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Trip-cancellation/interruption
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

**Air Arrangements**
You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you information with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

**What to Expect**
We consider this to be a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Most days include a full schedule of excursions, lectures and special events and involve one to three miles of walking in cities, at museums and at sites and cemeteries, sometimes on uneven surfaces, cobblestone streets, wet terrain or sand. Daily activities involve standing for extended periods of time during tours of museums, battle sites and cemeteries. Guided tours may require climbing up and down several flights of stairs, sometimes without handrails. The properties featured on this tour are quaint, historic boutique hotels. Room sizes, décor and bathroom configuration may differ within the same property. Not all hotels have elevators; ground floor rooms can be requested but are not guaranteed. Group meals feature two to three courses with a set menu and, as such, dietary restrictions must be made prior to departure. The majority of travel is done by motor coach, with the longest drive lasting approximately seven hours (including stops). Some sites do not allow the motor coaches to pull directly in front; thus requiring a short walk to reach the entrance. Participants must be physically fit, in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

**Deposit & Final Payment**
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space for this program. An additional $200-per-person deposit is required to hold space for the optional pre-trip extension. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?remembering2019 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

**Cancellations & Refunds**
Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

**Insurance**
Stanford Travel/Study provides insurance to all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling in this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

**Eligibility**
We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. A person traveling as a guest paid for by a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford/go/asto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

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“This was the most intellectually and emotionally engaging trip I have ever been on.”

JANE ADAMS, REMEMBERING WORLD WARS I AND II, 2013