

75 PERSONAL
LIFE CHANGING
WAR STORIES



**BRABANT
REMEMBERS**



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WW2 TOURS & PACKAGES IN BRABANT



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✖ BRABANT REMEMBERS - 75 PERSONAL LIFE CHANGING WAR STORIES

WW2 provided Brabant with a countless number of stories. Both anxious and hopeful moments have found their place in history. Small, personal recollections provide a complete picture of the war.

Brabant Remembers – 75 personal life changing war stories

The campaign Brabant Remembers is all about these stories; recollections that changed individual lives for ever. We will bring the stories to life through their locations, as though they were an actual witness of the war, and make them familiar by retelling them in a contemporary way. In this way we can keep and share our wartime stories, both large and small, for the next generations. Visiting Brabant you will find many opportunities for your tour groups to engage in remembrance tourism. Brabant Remembers, in conjunction

with its partners and Battlefield Discovery, offers multiple WW2-tours and packages. Ranging from military operations such as Market Garden and Battle of the Scheldt to exploring city war time experiences and stories of prosecution, deportation and resistance activities. You are bound to find the tours that suit your target group here in Brabant.

In this brochure you will find our highlighted tours. Please visit our website for more tours or contact us for possibilities on bespoke tours for you.

All prices are based on tour groups as from 25 people. For smaller group and/or bespoke itineraries, please contact us for a specific price for your group.

For more information about Brabant Remembers and the stories, please visit www.brabantremembers.com

EXPERT GUIDES BY BATTLEFIELD DISCOVERY

In cooperation with Brabant Remembers, Battlefield Discovery coordinates the network of local expert guides and provides tourpackages. *Battlefield Discovery* is a company focused on World War Two research and battlefield tour guiding. Run by *Edwin Popken*, military historian and guide, Battlefield Discovery develops and offers tours for the commercial and consumer market. Therefore Battlefield Discovery is the best party to host and guide your tour in Brabant.



Edwin Popken

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS IN 2019-2020

Please visit our website for the full and regularly updated agenda.

4-5: National Remembrance day 2019 and 2020

Throughout the Netherlands on multiple locations people commemorate WW2.

5-5: Liberation day 2019 and 2020

Throughout the Netherlands on multiple locations people celebrate their freedom.

November: Glow Light festival

Eindhoven November 2019

14-09 till 22-09: Operation Market Garden 2019

Re-enactment route Operation Market Garden with more than 400 vehicles.

- 14-09: Route South - from Leopoldsburg (Belgium) to Veghel (Brabant, the Netherlands)
- 15-09 till 21-09: Visit the Basecamp in Veghel or the smaller Cider White in Grave
- 22-09: Route North - Departure from Basecamp towards Gelderland

26-10: Battle of the Scheldt 2019

Route with WW2 vehicles from the province of Zeeland to Bergen op Zoom, followed by a (military) parade.

> Full agenda on www.brabantremembers.com



Vincent - Nuenen



City of Eindhoven



City of Den Bosch



City of Heusden

BRABANT LEISURE HIGHLIGHTS

Homeland of Vincent Van Gogh, the founders of Dutch Design, and blessed with cities full of character, prize-winning theme parks and exciting events, Brabant has a lot to offer and is increasingly being discovered by international tourists. This makes perfect sense, because there is plenty of good accommodation in Brabant with favourable terms. Moreover, Brabant has quick and excellent connections to Amsterdam, Antwerp and Brussels. This makes Brabant the ideal starting point for trips out to the metropolitan areas in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. **Come and discover Brabant!**

Visit our website for more Brabantse Leisure Highlights: trade.visitbrabant.com



WW2 TOURS AND PACKAGES IN BRABANT

#1 Operation Market Garden: Hell's Highway - One day tour by coach

The largest airborne operation the world had ever seen, an audacious plan, and desperate fighting to get to Arnhem. Famously known for the battle at Arnhem, many of the reasons why British 30 Corps failed to get to Arnhem in time lie in the fighting in Brabant. This tour explores the advance of British 30 Corps and the battles fought by US 101st Airborne Division to keep 'Hell's Highway' open.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Joe's bridge
- German defenses south of Eindhoven
- Son bridge
- Joe Mann and Robert Cole
- Fighting around St Oedenrode

POSSIBLE ADD-ONS

- Visit to Museum Wings of Liberation
- Visit to Paulushoef Farm on former Dropzone C
- Expansion and detailing up to a two day tour
- Touring bus

INCLUSIVE

- Expert step-on battlefield tour guide
- Tour booklet with background information and maps
- Lunch
- Admission Eerde Windmill

British 30 Corps at Landerd



Prices € 33,50 p.p.
*prices from, VAT included

#2 Battle at Overloon - One day tour by coach

After Operation Market Garden, German presence in a salient on the west bank of the river Maas posed a threat to Montgomery's plans to advance east from Nijmegen into Germany. Montgomery ordered this salient to be cleared, resulting in the Battle at Overloon. The fighting around this village, dubbed 'little Caen' by British 3rd Infantry Division, became fierce and prolonged as the Germans struggled to retain their positions. This tour takes you to the places where the Allies and Germans clashed in this fierce battle fought in heavy autumn rains.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Vortum-Mullem
- Hatert Castle
- Dogshaped Woods
- Commonwealth War Cemetery Overloon

POSSIBLE ADD-ONS

- Visit to War Museum Overloon
- Visit to German Military Cemetery IJsselstein
- Touring Bus

INCLUSIVE

- Expert step-on battlefield tour guide
- Tour booklet with background information and maps
- Lunch

British infantry enter Overloon



Prices € 32,50 p.p.
*prices from, VAT included

#3 Bergen op Zoom - One day tour by coach

On 4 September 1944 the British Army liberates Antwerp and its harbours. But with the Germans still firmly entrenched on both sides of the Scheldt estuary, the harbour was useless. Launching a large scale British Canadian offensive to evict the Germans, the Battle of the Scheldt raged until 8 November 1944. This tour takes you to the places in the Bergen op Zoom area where Canadian troops saw heavy action cutting off the Beveland peninsula.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Putte
- Woensdrecht
- Black Friday; the fight for the railway line
- Bergen op Zoom; Lincoln and Welland bridge and Zoomdam

POSSIBLE ADD-ONS

- Visit to British and/or Canadian Cemetery
- One or two day extension to the Zeeland parts of Battle of the Scheldt

INCLUSIVE

- Expert step-on battlefield tour guide
- Tour booklet with background information and maps
- Lunch

Canadian troops enter Bergen op Zoom



Prices € 32,50 p.p.
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#4 Occupation and liberation of 's Hertogenbosch or Eindhoven - Three hours city walking tour

Get a taste of what it was like to live in a Dutch town during World War Two. While walking through the city, you will visit several places related to either the occupation or liberation. You will hear the stories of what the people back then experienced, as well as the stories of soldiers participating in the liberation of the city. Backed up with photographs, maps and visible traces of that period, you will gain an exclusive insight in what life was like in the 1940-1945 era.

HIGHLIGHTS EINDHOVEN

- Stolpersteine; prosecution and deportation of Dutch Jews
- The Eindhoven bridges captured by US 506 Parachute Infantry Regiment
- Allied and German bombings of Eindhoven

HIGHLIGHTS 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH

- Buildings used by Dutch resistance
- Stolpersteine; prosecution and deportation of Dutch Jews
- Battle for 's Hertogenbosch by 53rd Welsh Division

POSSIBLE ADD-ONS

- Visit to former concentration camp site National Monument Camp Vught
- Visit to Museum Wings of Liberation at Best

INCLUSIVE

- Expert battlefield tour guide
- Tour booklet with background information and maps
- Coffee/tea and cake

US paratrooper in Eindhoven



Prices € 17,50 p.p.
*prices from, VAT included

#5 Biesbosch Line Crossers - Three hours boat tour

The Biesbosch area is one of the largest freshwater tidal wetlands in Northwest Europe. During World War Two this large maze of rivers, creeks and islands was used from autumn 1944 till the end of the war. The area was used for clandestine traffic of men and information between the liberated and still occupied part of the Netherlands. This tour takes you on a unique boat trip through the Biesbosch. During the tour you will hear the stories of the dangerous cat and mouse game played between Germans and Dutch resistance workers in cooperation with British intelligence units, and see some traces of the war.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Introductory presentation
- Boat trip through the Biesbosch creeks
- Story of Group Albrecht

HIGHLIGHTS

- Remnants of hiding places
- The Helsluis incident
- The escape of Brigadier General Hackett

INCLUSIVE

- Expert step-on battlefield tour guide
- Tour booklet with background information and maps
- Coffee/tea and cake
- Boat ride

Biesbosch line crossers



Bron: Biesbosch Museum

Prices € 31,50 p.p.
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CAMP VUGHT NATIONAL MEMORIAL

In 1943 Konzentrationslager Herzogenbusch was built in Vught - the only SS concentration camp outside Nazi Germany. The memorial centre tells of Camp Vught's beginnings and the national-socialist system. In just 18 months, more than 32.000 people were kept prisoner, mostly because they were Jewish or because they worked for the resistance.

www.nmkampvught.nl



WAR MUSEUM OVERLOON

The museum is located on the middle of the battlefield of the Overloon tank battle of 1944. It houses a large, comprehensive exhibition about the Netherlands during WW2 with more than 150 military vehicles. This makes Overloon the largest war museum in the Netherlands.

www.warmuseum.nl



WINGS OF LIBERATION MUSEUM

Operation Market Garden was one of the most important military events in the history of the Netherlands. Follow in the footsteps of the 101st Airborne Division heroes and relive the story that led to the liberation of the southern Netherlands at the Wings of Liberation Museum.

www.bevrijdendevleugels.com



GENERAL MACZEK MUSEUM BREDA

On the 29th of October 1944, Breda was liberated in a man-to-man fight by a Polish division commanded by General Maczek. As from 2019 the Story of the Poles will be told in the General Maczek Memorial.

www.maczekmuseum.nl



CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY & BRITISH WAR CEMETERY

The Battle of the Scheldt was one of the biggest military operations carried out during WW2. Canadian troops, and British and Polish troops under Canadian command, received orders to capture the Western Scheldt. Most of the fallen in both cemeteries lost their lives during this operation.

www.vvvbrabantsewal.nl



CITY OF EINDHOVEN (18 SEPTEMBER FOUNDATION)

Since 1945, Eindhoven has organised a number of historical, cultural and sportive events for its liberation every year. The main events take place on the 18th of september, the day Eindhoven was liberated from the German occupiers by the American 101st Airborne Division and the Second British army.

www.stichting18september.nl

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