



***Historia Expeditions***  
**Medal of Honor Tours: WWI and the Meuse Argonne**  
**July 17-23, 2022**  
**Price: \$3995 per person (double occupancy)**

The Great War, fought between 1914 and 1918, is called the war to end all wars. And for good reason. Dynasties were destroyed, new political boundaries were created and tens of millions of people lost their lives. As important, the United States ascended for the first time to the role of world leader. Hundreds of thousands of American soldiers, “doughboys,” were transported to the Western Front in France in the spring of 1918 where battles were fought, lives were lost and heroes were made. Some returned home, while others remain in their final resting place among their comrades. Their stories are both important and memorable.

This 7-day expedition will visit sites associated with some of America's greatest heroes from World War One, our Medal of Honor recipients, including Alvin C. York, Bernie Atkinson, Calvin War, Milo Lemert, Buck Karnes, and Edward Talley, all Tennesseans. Along the way, you will receive in-depth analysis by our expert guides and historians as we visit battlefields and memorial sites associated with some of America’s most famous engagements, such as Belleau Wood, Chateau-Thierry, and the Meuse-Argonne, along with places where a who’s who of significant historic American characters fought and died, including Eddie Rickenbacker, Quinton Roosevelt, John Pershing, George S. Patton, George C. Marshall, and poet Joyce Kilmer just to name a few.

**Tour Includes:**

- Professional Great War battlefield historians, translator and tour operator.
- Signed copy of Michael Kelly’s “Hero of the Argonne” and articles from our other tour guides. Also, printed and online tour maps, archival photographs, primary source documents and secondary source materials.
- 3 or 4-star hotel accommodations.
- Rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, baggage service (where available) and service charges.

- First class air-conditioned motor coach with bathroom
- Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner once tour begins (except alcoholic beverages)
- Opening welcome reception
- Entrance fees to museums and other attractions.

**Rooms:** Tour consists of 4 nights at the Hotel le Tulipier, Rue Saint-Jacques, 1 night in Paris at the Nomad Hotel Roissy, and 2 nights in Amiens at the Moxy. Tour price is based on double occupancy.

**Tour Does Not Include:**

- Airfare
- Transfers between Paris airport and airport hotel in Paris or Transfer from Amiens to Paris at the conclusion of the tour (some guests may be going to other places).
- Trip cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance.
- Wines, liquors, a la carte orders, room service, valet/laundry charges; and meals and other items not specifically mentioned as included.
- Tips or gratuities.

### **Flights:**

Flights are not included in tour costs. When purchasing airline tickets remember that Day 1 is the day you arrive, so schedule your flight accordingly. Before you purchase your airline tickets, please contact us to confirm the recommended time of arrival. Also remember that Historia Expeditions accepts no liability for the purchase of non-refundable airline tickets. We do recommend travel insurance.

### **What to Expect:**

This tour will be a combination of riding (tour bus) and walking. Please bring comfortable clothing and shoes for the walking portion. There will be at least two longer off-road hikes: approx. two-miles round trip.

The weather in July in France will be mostly warm and dry during the day with an average temperature of 82 degrees. It can, however, get cool at night, possibly dipping into the low 50s. So, bring a jacket, preferably one that is water resistant in case it rains (you never know).

### **Reservations and Payment Schedule**

- To reserve your tour space on the tour, complete the registration form and return via mail it, along with the appropriate deposit(s), to Historia Expeditions 934 Currey Rd., Nashville, TN, 37217.
- A deposit of \$500 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. November 30, 2021, due date.
- Balance is due 90+ days prior to start of the tour.

### **Cancellation and Refunds**

A written cancellation is required to process a refund. Mailed, faxed and e-mailed cancellations shall be accepted as written notice (not phone calls, text messages or voicemail). Cancellations received 120 days or more prior to tour departure: \$100 cancellation fee. Cancellations received 89-60 days prior to departure: forfeiture of \$500 deposit. Cancellations received 59-31 days prior to departure will be charged 50% of the tour cost. No refunds will be issued inside of 30 days of tour start. No refunds for missed meals, hotel nights or museum entrance fees.

Cancellation of tour by Historia Expeditions: **Full Refund.**

Historia Expeditions reserves the right to decline any person as a participant on a tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the tour operator to be in the best interests of the health, safety or general welfare of the tour group or the individual participant. In such a case, a refund equal to the actual cost of the unused services is the limit of Historia Expeditions' responsibility.

Historia Expeditions is not responsible for any costs incurred due to travel delays, flight cancellations, or sickness. Historia Expedition's is not responsible for penalties incurred from the purchase of nonrefundable airline tickets. Should events beyond the control of Historia Expeditions necessitate the cancellation of the program while on tour, a full refund of land costs will be calculated based on the cost of services used up to the time of the group's return. Also note that motor coaches are non-smoking.

### **Changes/Modifications to Itinerary**

While every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned, the program is subject to modification and/or change by Historia Expeditions. Please be aware that tour arrangements are scheduled up to a year in advance, and unforeseen conditions may arise that make changes necessary.

### **A Note About Cost/Currency Fluctuation**

All tour prices are in U. S. dollars and per person, based on double occupancy, unless otherwise noted. Prices are subject to adjustment in the event of international currency fluctuations, fuel increases or any unexpected increase in tour costs, state or local taxes and/or local tariffs.

### **Travel Insurance**

Historia Expeditions recommends the purchase of travel insurance to cover refunds for last minute cancellation and for emergency medical coverage. Some U. S. medical policies do not cover expenses overseas.

**Passports and Visas:** Valid passports are required for all tour participants. Failure to acquire a valid passport may jeopardize your participation in and the forfeiture of part or all of your tour cost.

## **Medal of Honor Tours: WWI and the Meuse Argonne**

**Sunday, July 17 to Saturday July 23, 2022**

A Day Bespoke & All-Inclusive Tour of France

### **Day One: Sunday 17th**

Guests fly into Charles de Gaulle airport Paris and stay overnight at the Nomad Hotel Roissy

### **Day Two: Monday 18th**

We embark on our coach after breakfast and begin our drive to the Meuse-Argonne area. During this period there will be an introduction into the role of the U.S. in WW1. Our first visit will be to Belleau Wood, a name well known for sacrifice in 1918. We call at Lucy le Bocage, a small village, one of only two where water was available to the American soldiers. We will walk the route of the attack in that area and see the 'Tree of Death', the point where the attack started. In Belleau Wood we can see the remnants of fox holes and shell holes. There are various pieces of artillery and a splendid memorial to the US Marines. We continue to the Aisne/Marne American Cemetery where we will pay our respects. The American Memorial on Hill 204 overlooks the town of Chateau-Thierry.

Continuing our journey, our coach will take us to the American Oise/Aisne cemetery. It is here where the poet Joyce Kilmer is buried (Trees). Just a short distance away lies the little hamlet of Chamery. We will walk to the original grave site of Quentin Roosevelt, son of the American President who was shot down in 1918. His remains were later exhumed and taken to the US cemetery at Omaha Beach, Normandy to rest next to his brother. We will pay our respects at his memorial.

We then drive to our hotel for the first of our 4 nights at the Vienne le Chateau. We will have a champagne reception on the balcony before dinner. This hotel has an indoor swimming pool so bring your swimwear.

### **Day Three: Tuesday 19th**

Depart the hotel after breakfast for the city of Reims, famous for its beautiful Cathedral of Notre Dame. Construction began in 1211 and was besieged with problems; the Hundred Years War; a plague in 1348; and a roof fire in 1481. It has appeared in its present form since 1516. Artist Marc Chagall created three beautiful stained glass panels in the mid 1970s. These windows are in the apse of the cathedral, behind the main altar. We will spend a little free time here including lunch before we drive on to the Champagne town of Epernay. We have arranged a visit to a Champagne House.

### **Day Four: Wednesday 20th**

An early start this morning after breakfast. We visit the town of Verdun where in WW1 it was besieged for 10 months by the Germans who intended to 'Bleed France White,' by the heavy concentration of fire and the ferocity of their attack. The stubborn resistance by the French

paid off and the town was never taken. 'Ils ne passeront pas'; 'They Shall Not Pass,' became the byword in Verdun.

We will visit the underground tunnels in the Citadel that were used to take refuge from the incessant artillery fire and which had over five miles of tunnels housing troops, civilians, and a hospital. We will have a short walk around the town before we drive out past the Sleeping Lion Monument, designed by Andre Maginot. Our first stop will be the deserted village of Fleury. One of several French villages that was abandoned when the German attack started in February 1916. We will visit Fort Douamont; built by the French in the 1880s. it was easily taken by the Germans because the French tactics had changed after the German success with the Von Schlieffen Plan in 1914 and it was only manned by a skeleton staff. The French spent the next few months trying to take it back. Our last call in this area will be to the Verdun Memorial to those who died defending Verdun. Through the basement windows there is an Ossuary where the bones of both German and French are scattered, discovered on the battlefield and whose identities are unknown.

We drive on to the St. Mihiel Salient. The first real engagement of the war carried out by the American Expeditionary Force (AEF). We will include the following visits: follow the route of the American attack using maps and other information; Mont Sec American Memorial where we can see the ground all around from this high point; we will see the bridge where George S. Patton met Douglas MacArthur during the battle. It was the first and last time ever the two would meet. We will visit the American Cemetery at Thiaucourt before taking the drive back to our hotel.

We meet on the balcony before dinner and hold a briefing regarding the visits on Thursday. Maps of the 'Lost Battalion' positions and the story of Sergeant Alvin C. York, a Medal of Honor recipient. Dinner will be served in the hotel.

### **Day Five: Thursday 21st**

After breakfast we drive out of the village past the huge French cemetery and on to Charlevaux Mill. It was here where the story of the 'Lost Battalion' unfolded. We will stand on the road where we can look down the steep slopes where the Americans dug their foxholes. For five days they resisted persistent fire and surrender, at the end of which they were relieved. We see the recent Memorial to them which features the carrier pigeon 'Cher Ami' who delivered a message giving the location of the Battalion. It suffered terrible injuries in so doing. Her stuffed body lies in the Smithsonian.

We will see the German cemetery at Apremont in a forest glade before arriving at the sleepy village of Chatel Chehery. This is where the story of Sergeant Alvin C. York starts. We will walk in the footsteps of the patrol that he was part of on the morning of 8 October 1918. A word of caution. The ground can be difficult with mud and undergrowth. Please ensure you can undertake this journey, the effort is well worthwhile, you will stand at the real spot where York's fight took place, elevating him into the annals of American military history. You will require sturdy, water-proof footwear. Lunch today will be a picnic.

We will continue our journey, the visits during the afternoon will consist of the American memorial at Montfaucon and the ruins of the medieval village; Cunel memorial to the 9th Infantry; and the largest US military burial ground in Europe at Romagne, the Meuse-Argonne cemetery.

Dinner at the hotel. Remember to pack, tomorrow we continue our journey north towards Amiens.

### **Day Six: Friday 22nd**

Driving north we will concentrate our visits to the area around Bellicourt. It was here in September 1918, the US 27th & 30th Divisions attacked the Hindenburg Line in company with Australian forces. We will see the Tennessee Memorial and the Hindenburg Line at the St. Quentin canal and the US Cemetery at Bony. We will look at the actions of Tennessee Medal of Honor winners, Corporal Buck Karnes and Pvt. Calvin Ward around Estrees, Vaux le Pretre and Montbrehain. Sgt. Milo Lemert, Co. G, 119th Infantry Regiment, 30th Division, was posthumously awarded the MOH for actions around Bellicourt on 29th September 1918. In the same regiment, Sgt. Bernie Adkinson was awarded the MOH on the same day for his bravery in charging a German machine gun nest. And finally, MOH recipient Sgt. Edward Talley saw action near Ponchaux, France, just a mile away.

We check into our hotel in Amiens for our two-night stay. Dinner will be served in the hotel.

### **Day Seven: Saturday 23rd**

After breakfast we take the coach and drive the short distance to Le Hamel. We will follow the actions of the Australian and American forces in the Battle of Le Hamel, 4th July 1918. The Australian Army, for the first time under the command of an Australian, General John Monash took all the objectives in 93 minutes. We will pay our respects at the Australian Memorial and visit the impressive Monash Visitor Center. (Smartphone download required for the exhibits.)

Our last visit will be to the village of Bertangles and the cemetery where the Red Baron was initially buried. We return to our hotel where the coach will leave us. You will have some free time in Amiens this afternoon giving you the opportunity to visit the Cathedral and do last minute souvenir hunting.

Our farewell dinner this evening will be at a restaurant in the city.

### **Day Eight: Sunday 24th**

After breakfast we will bid our final farewells in Amiens. Arrangements can be made for destinations in Paris.

**Notes:**

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- Does not cover travel to and from Paris before the tour starts or after it concludes (essentially airfare, but we do drop you at the airport after the tour unless you have other plans).
- An All-Inclusive Tour [excluding alcoholic or specialty drinks]
- Price includes all accommodation in at least 3-Star hotels.
- Breakfasts, lunches and dinners [excluding alcoholic or specialty drinks]
- Museum/Attraction entrance fees
- The use of a luxury coach with toilet facilities.
- Experienced Guides
- Personal files including handouts and battle maps



**Reims**



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To reserve a space on either tour, complete and sign the Registration Form and the Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer and return with your deposit of \$500 per person to: Historia Expeditions, 934 Currey Rd., Nashville, Tennessee, 37217. For credit cards, please see below. *(Note: Each individual participant must sign a separate Registration Form and Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer)*

### July 2022 Tour

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

### Rooms:

Double Occupancy (other traveler: \_\_\_\_\_)

### Credit Card Information:

*There is a 3% service charge on all credit card payments (\$515 deposit).*

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The undersigned has read carefully the Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer set forth above, the schedule of activities for this tour, as well as the terms and conditions of application and participation as set forth in the tour brochure(s) and recognizes and accepts any risk associated with the tour and the conditions, including the refund policy, set forth in the tour brochure(s). The undersigned further acknowledges that there are many risks and uncertainties inherent in any travel tour, including but not limited to the hazards of various modes of transportation, forces of nature, acts or omissions of foreign governments, terrorism, war or insurrection, theft, illness, and damage to person or property due to the negligent acts or omissions of tour staff or others. In consideration of, and as part payment for, the right to participate in the tour, the undersigned, on behalf of himself, his dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, agrees to release Historia from liability for personal injury, death, property damage or loss suffered by any person regarding this tour, even if caused by the negligence (but not the reckless, willful, or fraudulent conduct) of tour staff or other related persons or entities. In addition, by registering for this tour, the applicant certifies that he is mentally and physically capable of full participation in this tour.

By registering for a tour with Historia, the participant agrees to the Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer and the Terms and Conditions herein.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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