

# Your Holiday Itinerary

## 9-Day Break

- **Day 1 – Local departure by coach then to Holland for an overnight stay**
- **Day 2 – Ruhr Valley and Rheinberg** En route to our overnight stay in Jena we visit the Möhne Dam, in the Ruhr Valley, which was heroically breached by the Lancasters of 617 Squadron in 1943. We also visit the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery at Rheinberg. **B**
- **Day 3 – Colditz** We visit the castle and museum at Colditz (entrance and guided tour extra). Hear the story of the ‘Red Fox’, Mike Sinclair, killed on an escape attempt, and also Douglas Bader, plus many more. Then on to Dresden for some free time and a two-night stay. **B**
- **Day 4 – The Dresden Raids and Swiss Saxony** Uncover the tumultuous history of the great city of Dresden. During the war it suffered almost complete destruction, but has since been painstakingly restored to its former glory. On our optional excursion to the Swiss Saxony area you will come across the Bastai, a spectacular rock formation towering 194 metres above the Elbe River. **B**
- **Day 5 – Zagan** We cross the border to visit Zagan, the Polish camp from where ‘The Great Escape’ was planned, then travel on to Berlin for a two-night stay. **B**
- **Day 6 – Battle for Berlin** At the Berlin War Cemetery, we pause for reflection at the graves of many RAF crews shot down over the city. We also see the remains of the Anhalter Bahnhof. An equally poignant reminder of the war is the Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche (memorial church), a ruin amongst the wealth of the Ku-Damm shopping area. Join us on our optional Berlin by Night tour, where we visit the Checkpoint Charlie Museum. **B**
- **Day 7 – We cross Germany into Holland for an overnight stay in the Arnhem area.** **B**
- **Day 8 – Arnhem** To Arnhem, which was the site of the famous and controversial ‘Operation Market Garden’. We then visit the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery at Reichswald. Later, we visit Bergen-op-Zoom Cemetery. Afterwards, we travel to Steenburgen to see the famous Dambuster Memorial and the graves of Wing Commander Guy Gibson VC and Jim Warwick. Then travel to our hotel in Belgium for an overnight stay. **B**
- **Day 9 – To Calais and return home.** **B**

**Included Meals: B=Breakfast**

**Please Note: Entrance fees to museums and places of interest are at extra cost**

## Tour Includes

- **Travel by executive coach**
- **8 nights' accommodation with continental breakfast**
- **Specialist Battlefields Guide**

- **Battlefield visits and excursions as described**

## **Luxury Service**

Upgrade to Luxury service and enjoy these extras

- **Travel by luxury coach which includes:**
- **Extra legroom for your added comfort**
- **Comfortable rear lounge to relax and chat**
- **FREE personal headphones with a choice of music & DVDs**

**Porterage in all hotels**

**Smaller, more personal group**

## **Your hotels**

**You will stay overnight in Holland at the NH Konigshof or similar, in Veldhoven, near Eindhoven, followed by one-night at the 4-star Best Western in Jena, then two nights at the 3-star Ramada Resident Hotel in Dresden or similar.**

**You will then spend two nights at the 3-star H2 Berlin Alexanderplatz or similar, overnight at the 4-star Golden Tulip in Arnhem-Velp, or similar and finally overnight at a city-style hotel in Belgium.**