



# Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration “The Trail of the Rainbow” European Tour 2020

July 19 - 30, 2020



- Join the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation on a 12-day journey that follows the 42<sup>nd</sup> “Rainbow” Infantry Division’s trail to victory in Europe during World War II.
- Our tour will visit Strasbourg, France; Nuremberg and Munich, Germany; and Salzburg, Austria: all places the Rainbow Division helped liberate in 1945!
- This tour is open to friends, family and former members of the Rainbow Division.
- For more information, contact Bob Epp at [Robertandrewapp@gmail.com](mailto:Robertandrewapp@gmail.com) or Pat Chaisson at [Patchais@aol.com](mailto:Patchais@aol.com) or 518-641-2731.

## While in Europe, you will:

- Walk the ground where 75 years ago the Rainbow Division fought for freedom against Nazi Germany.
- Participate in remembrance ceremonies and commemorative celebrations.
- Take guided tours of important historical sites and museums at Hatten, Nuremberg, the “Eagle’s Nest”, and Dachau.
- Visit the American Military Cemetery at Epinal, where many fallen Rainbow Division soldiers now rest for eternity.
- There’s free time every day for you to go sightseeing on your own, as well as a full day off in Nuremberg and another in Munich so you can enjoy some Bavarian hospitality!



Epinal American Military Cemetery and Memorial, France

The Eagle’s Nest:  
Obersalzberg, Germany



Salzburg, Austria: a UNESCO World Heritage Site

- Tour dates are 19 to 30 July, 2020, with space limited to the first 52 paying travelers. The cost per person is \$3,050.00 each for double occupancy and \$3,650.00 for single occupancy. This cost does not include airfare, some meals, and incidental expenses.
- A non refundable deposit of \$1,525.00 (double occupancy) or \$1,825.00 (single occupancy) is due to Fitness Travel France, Inc. by 31 December 2019 and will hold a seat for the first 52 participants. Final payment is due before 20 May 2020.
- Once 52 travelers have paid their deposit, those who wish to participate will be placed on a waiting list. If someone else withdraws, those on the waiting list will be added to the trip manifest in the order in which their deposit was received.
- You will need to make your own air travel arrangements.
- Contact Fitness Travel France, Inc. at 1-888-539-5520 or by email at: [lil@fitnesstravelfrance.com](mailto:lil@fitnesstravelfrance.com) to receive a registration form, terms & conditions, and liability waiver.



**PROPOSED ITINERARY**  
**RAINBOW DIVISION VETERANS FOUNDATION**  
**2020 EUROPE WWII TRIP**  
**AS OF 15 October 2019**

**19 JUL 2020: DAY ONE** – Depart CONUS. Spend overnight traveling to Zurich, Switzerland.

**20 JUL 2020: DAY TWO** – Arrive Zurich, meet at Rally Point (conference room at hotel near airport, to be determined), board bus, drive to Strasbourg, France and hotel. Remain Overnight (RON) Strasbourg. (No meals provided today. Light snack at the rally point.)

**21 JUL 2020: DAY THREE** – Visit Strasbourg area battle sites: Visit WWII casement & museum and receive battle brief in Hatten; we may also visit the Vito Bertoldo MOH site if confirmed. Then conduct ceremony remembering executed 42ID Soldiers at cemetery and receive battle brief in Sessenheim. Then visit WWII casement in Kilstedt, receive battle brief, and conduct dinner party at the La Coronne Hotel with the Hermann Family. RON in Strasbourg. (Breakfast, bag lunch and group dinner provided. Museum entries paid.)

**22 JUL 2020: DAY FOUR** – Bus to Epinal American Cemetery and Memorial in Dinoze, France to lay a wreath and place RDVF flags on 42ID graves. Have lunch on your own in town of Epinal and then tour shops and sites. RON in Strasbourg. (Breakfast provided, lunch and dinner out of pocket.)

**23 JUL 2020: DAY FIVE** – Depart Strasbourg and bus to either Ludwigswinkel or Dahn for battle overview and time to explore. Bag lunch en route, then bus to Wurzburg. Key task will be to arrive in Wurzburg NLT 3:00 PM in order to allow for maximum sightseeing in the city. RON in Wurzburg. (Breakfast and bag lunch provided; dinner in Wurzburg out of pocket.)

**24 JUL 2020: DAY SIX** – Visit Maine River crossing sites in the morning then depart Wurzburg and bus to Furth to visit key points (42ID bridge crossing & former City Hall) and lunch on your own. Then bus to Nuremberg and visit either the Nuremberg Trial Courts, Nazi Document Center, or Party Rally Grounds. RON in Nuremberg. (Breakfast and museum admission provided; lunch and dinner out of pocket.)

**25 JUL 2020: DAY SEVEN** – Free day in Nuremberg. (Breakfast included.)

**26 JUL 2020: DAY EIGHT** – Depart Nuremberg, drive to Berchtesgaden, Austria (Eagle's Nest en route) to Salzburg, Austria. RON in Salzburg. (Breakfast and Eagle's Nest admission included; lunch in Berchtesgaden and Salzburg out of pocket.)

**27 JUL 2020: DAY NINE** – Visit Salzburg sites to include Maj. Gen. Collins' Grave. RON in Salzburg. (Breakfast provided; lunch and dinner out of pocket.)

**28 JUL 2020: DAY TEN** – Drive to Munich (Visit Dachau and conduct ceremony en route). Bag Lunch. RON in Munich. (Breakfast, bag lunch and Dachau admission provided. Dinner in Munich out of pocket.)

**29 JUL 2020: DAY ELEVEN** – Free day in Munich. (Breakfast provided.)

**30 JUL 2020: DAY TWELVE** -- Depart. (Ground transportation to airport not included.)