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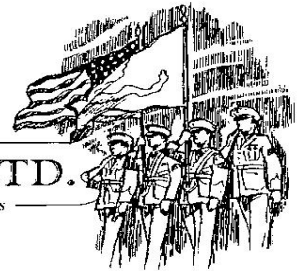
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## American Expeditionary Force Pershing's Doughboys Tour with Michael Hanlon Preliminary Itinerary and Cost for Our August 7 to 17, 2018 Tour

### A Message from Tour Director Mike Hanlon:

More than any other trip I have planned for Valor Tours, we are working to include all the sites of personal interest for the participants in our 2018 Pershing's Doughboys Tour. Our journey together, of course, will include a comprehensive study of all the major American battlefields on the Western Front. You will see step-by-step how the battles unfolded, where the toughest fighting was, where legends like the Lost Battalion and the Devil Dogs at Belleau Wood were born, and all the magnificent monuments and memorials to our nation's sacrifices that are beautifully maintained to this day.

On top of that, however, this trip is a chance for families to remember and honor their heritage. If your loved one went over the top, we will take you to that very spot and let you walk in their footsteps. If you have someone buried overseas we will help you with a wreath laying..

The key to fitting all these special stops into our itinerary is to give me all the information you have on your relative as early as you can. I've been researching the AEF for a quarter century and I've helped dozens of travelers like yourself find the place that are meaningful to the. Please take a look at our general program below. As I learn the specific interests of our group, it will be adjusted a bit, but I've allowed enough flexibility and time to visit just about any place an American fought in France and Flanders.

I hope you will be able to join us. Contact me for a consultation at: [greatwar@earthlink.net](mailto:greatwar@earthlink.net)



**Tues: 7 Aug**

Arrive Paris – Welcome Dinner. Overnight Golden Tulip Hotel, CDG Paris.

**Weds: 8 Aug**

AEF Battlefields: Cantigny, Hamel, Chipilly Ridge, Serre, Mont Kemmel. Heritage Sites: Flanders Fields Museum, Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony. Overnight: Hotel Novotel Ieper Centrum Flanders Fields.

**Thurs: 9 Aug**

AEF Battlefields: Flanders Campaign, St. Quentin Canal, II Corps Final Advance. Heritage Sites: US Flanders Fields & Somme Cemeteries, Blérancourt French-American Friendship Museum. Overnight: Best Western Plus, Hotel Des Francs, Soissons.

**Fri: 10 Aug**

AEF Battlefields: Belleau Wood, Vaux, Château-Thierry, Soissons. In-Depth: The U.S. Marines Take Belleau Wood Heritage Sites: US Aisne-Marne Cemetery, Hill 204 Memorial, Churches at Belleau & Château-Thierry. Overnight: BW, Soissons.

**Sat: 11 Aug**

AEF Battlefields: The Second Battle of the Marne In-Depth: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Division's Rock of the Marne, the Rainbow Division at Croix Rouge Farm and the Ourcq River. Heritage Sites: US Oise-Aisne Cemetery, Landowski's Second Battle of the Marne Memorial. Overnight: BW, Soissons.

**Sun: 12 Aug**

AEF Battlefields: Fismes, Navarin Farm, Blanc Mont, Sechault, Argonne Forest Flank. In-Depth: Forgotten Victory at Blanc Mont, the Buffalo Soldiers & Harlem Hellfighters and the Lost Battalion. Overnight: Les Jardins du Mess, Verdun.

**Mon: 13 Aug**

AEF Battlefields: The St. Mihiel Salient — Early Combat, First Army Offensive, Second Army Offensive. In-Depth: The Invaluable Yankee Division, George Patton Leads America's First Tank Attack, and the Limited Trench Warfare Experience of the AEF. Heritage: Montsec Memorial, US St. Mihiel Cemetery. Overnight: LJMess, Verdun.

**Tues: 14 Aug**

AEF Battlefields: The Meuse-Argonne Offensive — Opening Attack, Fighting for the Heights In-Depth: The Fight for Montfaucon; Sgt. York's Big Day, Success along the Meuse. Heritage: Capt. Truman's War, Montfaucon Memorial, US Romagne Cemetery. Overnight: LJMess, Verdun.

**Weds: 15 Aug**

AEF Battlefields: The Meuse-Argonne Offensive — Capturing the Meuse Heights, Attack of 1 November. In-Depth: The Breakthrough to Sedan Heritage: Henry Gunther—Last to Fall, Memorial; 1916 Verdun—Memorial and Ossuary. Overnight: LJMess, Verdun.

**Thurs: 16 Aug**

AEF Sites: First Army Hq., Souilly, Air Service Field at Remicourt, Selection Site of America's Unknown Soldier, Chalons Champagne Luncheon at Epernay. Heritage: Musée de la Grande Guerre at Meaux. Farewell dinner buffet at Golden Tulip Hotel.

**Fri: 17 Aug**

Check out after breakfast. Tour ends.

Itinerary subject to change.

**Tour cost \$3750.00 per person, twin share. Single supplement \$600.00.**

**Includes ten nights hotel accommodations at hotels listed (or similar), portorage at hotels, breakfast daily, welcome and farewell dinners at CDG Paris hotel, three lunches, private deluxe coach from August 7 to 17, entrance fees, local guides, tour book, local taxes, emergency travel insurance coverage.**

Not included: Air fare, passport fees, tipping to driver and local guides, cancellation insurance coverage, airport departure taxes, alcoholic beverages with meals included, meals not indicated in above and items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls, etc.

**Based on Foreign Currency Exchange Rates in Effect, September 2016**





Our experienced Western Front tour leader Michael Hanlon is a former U.S. Air Force Weather and Operations Officer and a manager of large projects for both corporate and governmental clients. He is the author of "About the Great War: An Introduction to the Most Momentous Event of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. and has appeared on the History Channel as a commentator on the First World War's events and secrets. He is also the editor of the award winning "Doughboy Center" website and produces a number publications including "Over the Top" Magazine, the online newsletter, the "St. Mihiel Trip-Wire," and the daily blog "Roads to the Great War. He is a partner with the United States World War I Centennial Commemoration Commission.

For more information on WWI, previous tours to France, Belgium, Turkey and Italy recommended reading list, and to communicate with Michael Hanlon by email directly [greatwar@earthlink.net](mailto:greatwar@earthlink.net) or refer to [www.worldwar1.com](http://www.worldwar1.com)

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Phone (days) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we wish to reserve \_\_\_ spaces on a \_\_\_ twin share basis (two persons to a hotel room), or \_\_\_ single basis (I am traveling alone and do not wish to share). \_\_\_ Smoking, or \_\_\_ Non smoking.

Enclosed is my/our check for the deposit in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$600 per person), or please charge my credit card  
\_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_

WWI places of special interest to me/us: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we need assistance with air arrangements from \_\_\_\_\_ to Paris to coincide with the tour.

I/we would like \_\_\_\_\_ extra nights at the CDG Hotel prior to tour commencement and/or \_\_\_\_\_ extra night at CDG Hotel at end of tour. (This does not have to be decided now)

Next of kin (name/phone) \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

I/we have read and understand the terms set forth in this brochure

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature* *Date*

Special needs: