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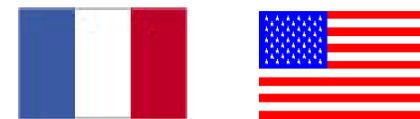


## The Great War Tour to the American Battlefields



### Tanks at Seicheprey (St. Mihiel Sector)

Tank attack depicted in the painting was personally led by Lt. Col. George S. Patton.



September 8 to 16, 2019

Escorted by Mike Grams



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**Mike Grams** will be taking over for Mike Hanlon, guiding our established WW1 tours to Europe. Mr. Grams, an American citizen, was born in Verdun where his Father was based; his Mother worked as a French translator from St.Mihiel. He has lived and travelled extensively throughout France, and speaks French fluently. He returned to the U.S. in 1972. Mike and his Wife are making plans to move back to France very soon. He has escorted many groups and individuals around France since retiring from the wine business.

“Come tour France with me, a native of Verdun and St.Mihiel, and see the AEF and France from a really different perspective. We will be staying at the Historic Chateau Hattonchatel, in the very heart of the St.Mihiel Salient! We will bring to life the battlegrounds you have read and heard about: Bealleau Wood, the Meuse-Argonne, Verdun, Seichprey, and so much more. This is the land of RinTinTin, Sgt. Stubby and Rags, where General Pershing, Patton, and MacArthur all squared off against Crown Prince Willhelm and General Max von Gallwitz, where Alvin York and Billy Mitchell made history. I promise you a tour to be remembered.”

Mike Grams



*We will spend five nights at the Hattonchatel Chateau, outside of Verdun.*

WWI 2019 tour with Mike Grams  
REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, Calif. 94965 U.S.A. Questions? Call 1-800-842-4504.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

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 and returning from Paris to coincide with tour package.

I/we would like \_\_\_\_\_ extra nights in Paris prior to tour commencement and/or \_\_\_\_\_ extra nights in Paris post tour near the Charles de Gaulle Airport Paris where the tour begins and ends.

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

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

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

Signature

Date

## **GENERAL INFORMATION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS**

Please complete the application form and return with a deposit of \$600 per person. Reservations cannot be held without a deposit. Personal check and all credit cards are accepted for payment. Make checks payable to Valor Tours, Ltd. and mail to 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, and CA 94965. Final payment is due June 1, 2019. All passengers on deposit will receive written confirmation, description of insurance coverage and a reading list. Final travel documents will be sent Priority Mail to fully paid participants two weeks prior to departure. Unused components of the tour are non-refundable. Cost based upon a minimum of 10 participants traveling together and current rates. Once deposit is received, current rates are guaranteed. Not recommended for children under the age of 12 years.

### **CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS**

All moneys are fully refundable for cancellations received up to June 1, 2019. Cancellations received between June 2 and August 1, 2019 subject to loss of deposit or \$600 per person. Cancellation received after August 1, 2019 or "no shows" are non refundable. Cancellation insurance coverage is available and must be paid with final payment in order for pre-existing conditions to be waived. Personal deviations and extensions to tour are subject to the same penalties. Payments made by check will be refunded by check and may take up to 30 days to process. Payments made by credit card must be credited back to the credit card used and may take up to 60 days to appear on your statement.

### **HEALTH & TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION**

A valid passport is required to travel to Europe. Visas and inoculations are not required, however we recommend getting Tetanus updated. Please check your passport to make sure it is valid at least six months beyond date of tour. Recommended reading list, description of travel cancellation insurance coverage and detailed itinerary sent to passengers on deposit only. Travel documents including ID badge, baggage tags, final instructions and maps will be sent to all fully paid passengers about two weeks prior to tour commencement. If you have any questions, call Valor Tours, Ltd. at 1-800-842-4504.

### **WHAT TO BRING**

Casual and comfortable travel clothes, comfortable walking shoes, brimmed hat, suntan lotion, wash clothe, bottle of Woolite, plenty of film, camera (water proof if possible), wind breaker, back pack, flask to carry water, binoculars. Leave expensive jewelry and high-heeled shoes at home. Carry medications, airline tickets, passport, cash and travelers checks on your person – do not pack in suitcase, as there are occasional delays. Travel light – one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please.

### **SINGLE TRAVELERS**

When a tour member asks Valor Tours to seek a suitable roommate, we will do the best we can to oblige and find a colleague with common interests and habits. Valor Tours cannot be held responsible for incompatibility or guarantee a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found, the single supplement would apply.

### **NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE COST**

Foreign airport departure taxes, meals not indicated in itineraries, passport fees, alcoholic beverages, phone calls, laundry, items of a personal nature, airfare to Europe and cancellation insurance coverage.

Valor Tours, Ltd. reserves the right to modify the itinerary should road conditions, traffic, unexpected detours or local conditions beyond our control so dictate. European coach driving laws will be observed at all times. The coach driver is limited to the amount of time he may spend at the wheel. Unused components are non-refundable. Itinerary subject to change.

## **Itinerary – subject to change**

### **September 8, Sunday (D)**

Independent arrivals into Paris. Hotel shuttle to Golden Tulip Hotel, CDG, Paris. Group dinner and briefing tonight at hotel (buffet).

### **September 9, Monday (B)**

After breakfast, check out and depart Paris for Hattonchatel with stops along the way at: Belleau Wood, including Monument on Hill 204 and Visitors Center, Belleau Wood Glade, Cemetery, 26th Division Church, Devil Dog Fountain, Torcy-en-Valois and in Chateau-Thierry - 3rd Division Monument and Town Square. Arrive at Hattonchatel Chateau.

### **September 10, Tuesday (B)**

After breakfast, visit Verdun- Douamont-Ossuary; Vestiges of the battlegrounds. Suggest lunch at L'abri des Pellerini (on own). Visit to the Verdun Memorial Museum- Fort Souville (casemate Pammard) Citadel tram tour. Return to Hattonchatel.

### **September 11, Wednesday (B)**

After breakfast, visit Meuse-Argonne area. Montfaucon Memorial, ABMC Cemetery Romagne sous Montfaucon. Suggest lunch at the 14-18 Museum Deli (on own). Vauquouis Hill and museum and tunnels. Sgt. York's battlefield and Lost Battalion area. Tranchee' de Chattoncourt - better known to us as the Mort-Homme area by Verdun. Suggest dinner at the Village Gaulois (on own). Return to Hattonchatel

### **September 12, Thursday (B)**

After breakfast, visit St.Mihiel Salient-Montsec Memorial-26<sup>th</sup> Division in Apremont la Foret -Bois Brule'-Tranchee des Bavarois walking trench tour. Suggest lunch in Rambucourt or Eauville (on own). Continue to Flirey (Monument) Bois le Pretre woods, Beaumont to Pont a Mousson. Suggest American style Diner at Route 54 (on own). Return to Hattonchatel.

### **September 13, Friday (B)**

After breakfast, visit St.Mihiel town itself. Possible commemorations will take place. St.Mihiel Military Museum, Marbotte Museum/restored Church or Museum of Sacred Art, St.Michel

Church, St.Etienne Church (Ligier-Richier Sculpture), Promenade des Capucins. Fort de Serguemines.  
Overnight Hattonchatel.

### **September 14, Saturday (B)**

After breakfast, check out of Hattonchatel and head for Seichprey. Complete tour of the town, German-American trenches, Regnieville, Thiaucourt Museum, ABMC Cemetery at St. Mihiel, then onto Reims. Holiday Inn Reims Center

### **September 15, Sunday (B, L, D)**

After breakfast at hotel, visit Reims Cathedral, Second Battle of the Marne Sites. Boxed picnic lunch today. Landowski memorial, Meux Museum & US Marne Memorial. End the day at Golden Tulip Hotel near CDG Paris. Farewell dinner at hotel (buffet).

### **September 16, Monday (B)**

After breakfast, check out of hotel. Free shuttle to airport. Tour ends.

Lunches and dinners listed as “on own” are suggestions of Mike Grams for places to dine, but passengers can do what ever they wish for these meals. Meals included in tour cost are indicated next to date: B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner.



*Preserved Trenches, St. Mihiel Salient*

Due to the absence of handicap and disability laws in Europe, any tour participant with disabilities must be accompanied by a companion who is fully responsible for assisting the disabled tour member at all times throughout the tour. Our tour coach does not have wheelchair lift and staff is not permitted to offer physical assistance.



### **Tour cost \$3,590 per person, twin share, land only – single supplement \$600**

Includes private coach transportation with driver from/to Paris throughout itinerary; services of tour director Mike Grams; 8 nights hotel accommodations in rooms with private facilities; breakfast daily; welcome and farewell dinners, and one picnic lunch; entrance fees and donations to museums/memorials; Local guides when needed; local taxes. Based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together. Airfare not included.

Unused components are non refundable. Valor Tours does not recommend that children under the age of 12 years participate on these tours. Changes, deviations, upgrades to your reservations within 45 days of departure may result in additional costs and administration charges.

Not included in tour cost: Trans-Atlantic air fare; tips to driver and guides; items of a personal nature such as alcoholic beverages, laundry, passports fees, phone calls; Meals not indicated in itinerary as included; travel/cancellation insurance coverage.