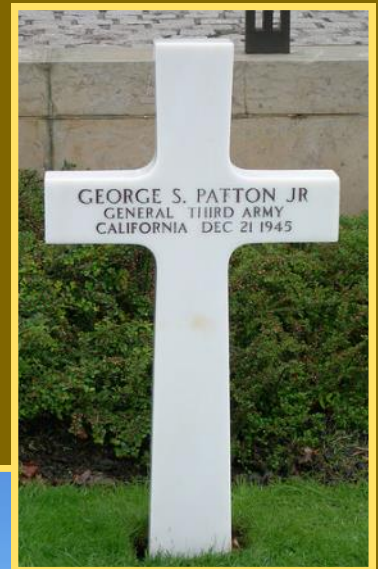


# 77th Anniversaries of the Battle of the Bulge & the Hurtgen Forest

4 — 13 December 2021

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USMC(Ret)

See the  
Battle of the  
Bulge in 2021!



GEORGE S. PATTON JR  
GENERAL THIRD ARMY  
CALIFORNIA DEC 21 1945



Left: A King Tiger  
II #213 from  
Kampfgruppe  
Peiper LSSAH at  
La Gleize, Belgium  
Right: Siegfried  
Line anti-tank  
Dragons Teeth!



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## MHT's 8-Night Battle of the Bulge Tour

*Early on the misty winter morning of 16 December 1944, over 200,000 German troops and nearly 1,000 tanks launched Adolf Hitler's last bid to reverse the ebb in his fortunes that had begun when Allied troops landed in France on D-Day. Seeking to drive to the English Channel coast and split the Allied armies as they had done in May 1940, the Germans struck in the Ardennes Forest, a seventy-five-mile stretch of the front characterized by dense woods and few roads, held by four inexperienced and battle-worn American*

*divisions. The courage and fortitude of the American Soldier was tested against great adversity. The battle that ensued is known historically as **The Battle of the Bulge**. Join MHT as we take you back for the 77th Anniversary of the fierce battles in the Hurtgen Forest & the "Bulge!"*

*Executed with near-complete surprise against a weakly defended section of the Allied line was achieved during heavy overcast weather, which grounded the Allies' overwhelmingly superior air forces. Fierce resistance, particularly around the key town of Bastogne, and terrain favoring the defenders threw the German timetable behind schedule. Allied reinforcements, including General George Patton's Third Army, and improving weather conditions, which permitted air attacks on German forces and supply lines, sealed the failure of the offensive.*

*In the wake of the defeat, many experienced German units were left severely depleted of men and equipment as survivors retreated to the defenses of the Siegfried Line. For the Americans, with about 610,000 men committed and some 89,000 casualties, including 19,000 killed, the Battle of the Bulge was the largest and bloodiest battle that they fought in World War II.*

*Join MHT to walk the Battlefields of the Ardennes from the heroic stand at Lanzerath Ridge,*



*to the senseless atrocity at Malmedy, to the woods above Foy made famous by the "Band of Brothers." Don't miss this chance to be at the center of these two epic battle in the Hurtgen & Ardennes Forests.*

**Tour Price: \$ 3,395**

(Based on Double Occupancy)

**Single Room Supplement: \$ 595**

### Tour Price Includes:

4—Star Hotel Accommodations in Brussels  
& 3—Star Hotel Accommodations near Bastogne

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Deluxe motorcoach with onboard restroom

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Meals as indicated in itinerary

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Historical trip information packet, containing maps & other tour information.

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Admission fees to all sites, museums and special attractions listed

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Services of experienced Tour Leader and English-speaking local guides.

Get your own or Book Optional MHT  
Airfare: Round-trip economy or business  
class airfare from your hometown to  
Brussels price quoted upon registration!





## Daily Itinerary

### **Day 1 - Sat 4 Dec - Departure.**

Overnight flight to Brussels National Airport.

### **Day 2 Sun 5 Dec - Brussels.**



Arrival and transfer to our hotel to meet the group. **Hotel: Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel**

### **Day 3 - Mon 6 Dec – Hurtgen Forest.**

This morning, we depart

Brussels on a leisurely drive to Aachen. Today we explore the longest and fiercest battle on German soil between U.S. Army & the German Wehrmacht. Over 60,000 combatants fell in this tangled dense forest battlefield. We visit the 1944 Hurtgen Forest Museum. We arrive in Bastogne in late afternoon and check into our hotel near McAuliffe Square in the center of the city. Lunch on your own along the way. **Meals: B/-/-; Hotel: ibis Styles Arlon Porte du Luxembourg**

### **Day 4 - Tue 7 Dec– Bastogne.**

MHT is most fortunate to have as your local guide, Henri Mignon, a retired artillery officer of the Belgian Army. His family used to live in a small village north of Bastogne, in an area re-occupied by the German SS during the



Battle of the Bulge. Though only 8 years old, he clearly recalls the hardships of the fighting and especially the day when his father was killed by an artillery round while getting the family water from the farm well. We start at the McAuliffe Square with its famous Sherman tank. From there we visit important sites in and around Bastogne: the Bastogne Historical Center, the

mous in "Band of Brothers"), the German Cemetery in Recogne, Fort Boguess where the encirclement was broken by the 4th Armored Division and much more.

**Meals: B/-/-; Hotel: ibis Styles Arlon Porte du Luxembourg**

### **Day 5 - Wed 8 Dec May - Bastogne.**

Today, Henri will have special access

to the Belgium military base from where BGEN McAuliffe sent his famous reply, "NUTS!" to the German surrender demand. We have a long trip across the battlefield and visit many of the sites made famous in the battle: including the 82d Airborne Division sector,

the withdrawal of the 7th Armored Division and the "Siegfried Line" with its signature "Dragon

Teeth." From the German border we follow the attack route of "Kampfgruppe Peiper", spearhead of the entire German attack plan, including the site of the infamous "Malmedy Massacre". We continue through Trois-Ponts, scene of a valiant stand by the U.S. Engineer troops in their attempts to stop Peiper. In La Gleize you will be able to examine one of only 11 German "King" Tiger II tanks remaining in the world as well as a German Panther tank. On our way back to Bastogne, we stop in Houffalize, junction point of the 1st and 3d U.S. Armies in the counter-attack, on 16 January 1945.

Lunch on your own in Malmedy. **Meals: B/-/- Hotel: ibis Styles Arlon Porte du Luxembourg**



"foxholes" of the "Easy Company" 516th P.I.R. of the 101st Airborne in the *Bois Jacques* (made fa-





**Day 6 – Thurs 9 Dec - Gen Patton.** This morning, we drive to Hamm, Luxembourg, where we pause to pay our respects to the fallen, including the gravesite of General George S. Patton Jr. We continue to Diekirch to visit the National Military History Museum. On our way back we stop in Ettelbruck, Luxemburg to visit the Patton Museum. Lunch on your own in Diekirch. **Meals: B/-/-; Hotel: ibis Styles Arlon Porte du Luxembourg**

**Day 7 – Fri 10 Dec - Skyline Drive.** Today, you will see “Skyline Drive,” discuss the 2d Panzer Division’s



axis of attack and the defense by the 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and visit the site of the action of the 10th Armored Division’s Combat

**Team Cherry. Meals: B/-/-; Hotel: ibis Styles Arlon Porte du Luxembourg**

**Day 8 & 9 – Sat 11 & Sun 12 Dec – Bastogne Ceremonies.**

We spend both days attending the ceremonies to honor those who fought in the Bulge. Saturday Night our Bulge Farewell Dinner Sunday afternoon we head to Brussels. **Meals: B/-/D**

**(Sat); Hotel: (Sat) ibis Styles Arlon Porte du Luxembourg (Sun) Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel**

**Day 10 Mon 13 Dec—Departure.** Today we depart the hotel for Brussels Airport for our mid-morning flight to the USA.



**Come on, don't be "NUTS" and miss the Battle of the Bulge Tour in 2021!**



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