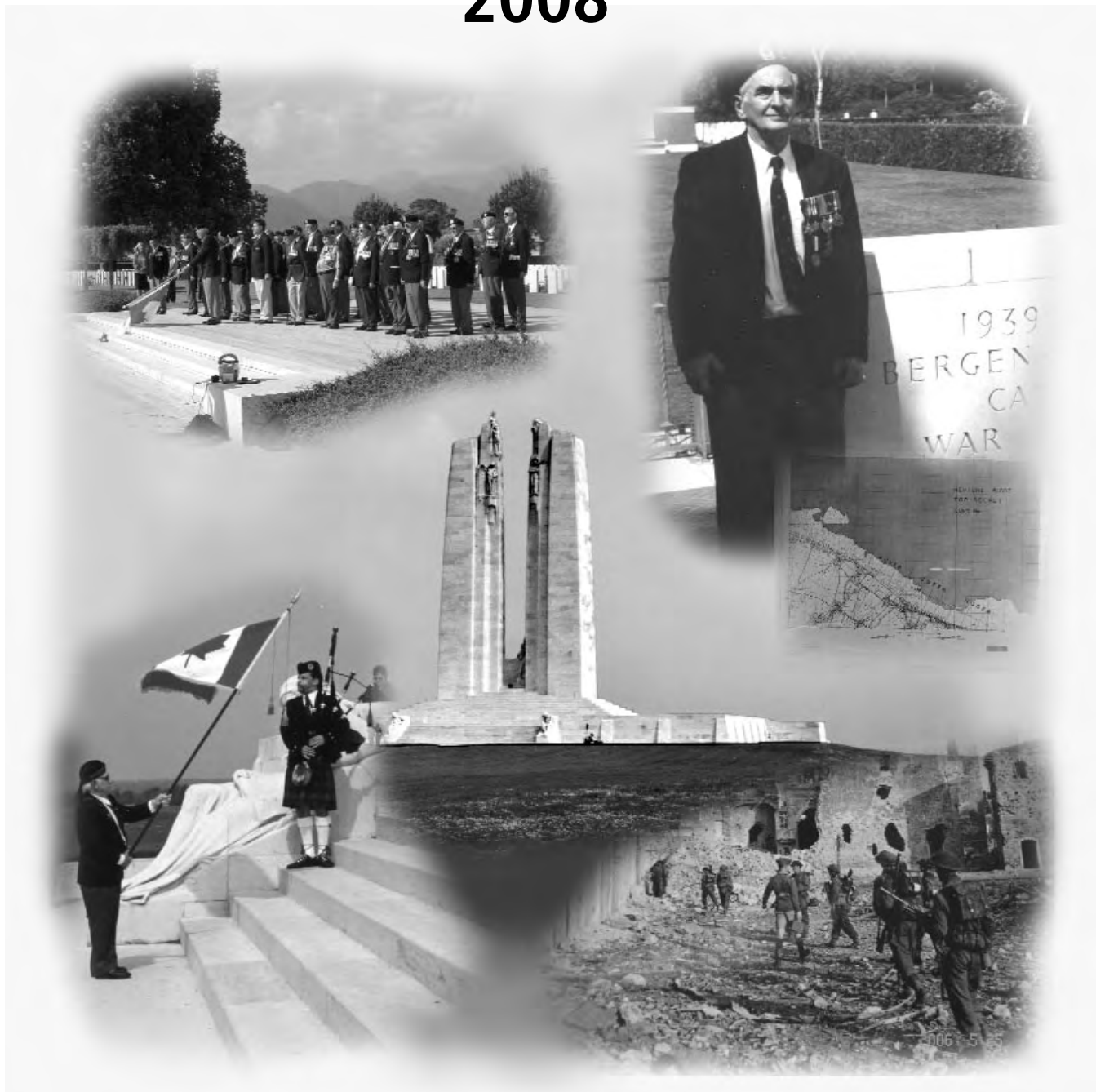


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HOLLAND, BELGIUM, FRANCE, ITALY (Including SICILY)

2008

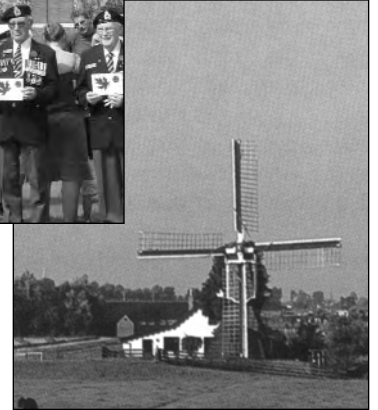


**SPECIAL
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NORTHWEST EUROPE REVISITED

HOLLAND, BELGIUM & FRANCE

TOUR A **Holland, Belgium & France** **April 20 - May 02, 2008 (13 days)**



Day 01

April 20, Sun: **CANADA – AMSTERDAM**
Departure from Canada for Amsterdam

Day 02

April 21, Mon: **ARRIVE AMSTERDAM**
After arrival – transfer to hotel and time to relax before dinner

Day 03

April 22, Tue: **AMSTERDAM – ARNHEM**
Morning city tour with canal boat cruise – after time for lunch departure for Arnhem and there visit to the Airborne Museum of Oosterbeek dedicated to the operation “Market Garden” – then check into hotel

Day 04

April 23, Wed: **ARNHEM – GROESBEEK – NIJMEGEN – ARNHEM**
On today’s agenda is our own private ceremony at Groesbeek Cemetery – afterwards we head to Nijmegen where there is time for lunch and we also visit the nearby Overloon Open Air Museum – we will also have time in Arnhem (and see the famous John Frost Bridge; made famous by Richard Attenborough’s “A Bridge Too Far”)

Day 05

April 24, Thu: **ARNHEM – HOLTEN – GRONINGEN – ARNHEM**
Today’s excursion brings us to the Canadian Cemetery at Holten where we participate at the Remembrance ceremony before we drive to Northern Holland – we stop in Groningen where there is time for lunch and to enjoy the town – then we continue our drive to the coast at Termunten and Delfzijl before returning to home base in time for dinner

Day 06

April 25, Fri: **ARNHEM – GERMANY – RHINE BOAT TRIP – ARNHEM**
This morning we drive to Germany and visit the Hochwald / Kleve area and will also visit Reichswald Forest Cemetery (the largest WWII Commonwealth cemetery – 708 of whom are Canadian airmen) – then you can enjoy the scenery and sit back during our boat trip on the Rhine River (between Millingen and Emmerich) on our way back to Holland then we return to our hotel for dinner

Day 07

April 26, Sat: **ARNHEM – BERGEN OP ZOOM – ANTWERP – IEPER**
We visit Bergen op Zoom and the Canadian Cemetery there – then south to Antwerp, important harbour and centre of the diamond industry – later in the afternoon we head to our next base camp Ieper – check in and dinner

Day 08

April 27, Sun: **IEPER**
Today we visit the battle scarred area of the surroundings of Ypres, site of WWI’s first gas attacks – you cannot turn your head in the Ypres area without seeing a war cemetery somewhere on the horizon, tribute to the horrors these parts saw – we visit Paschendale, Tyne Cot Cemetery (with 45,000 graves) as well as the German cemetery at Langemark with its 44,000 graves, St. Julian Canadian Monument with Vancouver Corner and John McCrae’s field station round off our visits before returning to Ypres – after dinner we participate at the traditional Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate

Day 09

April 28, Mon: IEPER – ADEGEM – LEOPOLD CANAL – IEPER

Today we dash north past Bruges to the Dutch border and visit the Leopold Canal / Scheldt area, enjoy lunch at the Canada Museum in Adegem and then travel back to Ieper later in the afternoon

Day 10

April 29, Tue: IEPER – VIMY – BEAUMONT HAMEL – REIMS

This morning we travel to Vimy, to visit Canada’s largest war memorial outside the country – then we travel to Beaumont Hamel, along the Somme, to visit the Newfoundland Memorial, later in the afternoon we head to the historic city of Reims – check in and dinner



Day 11

April 30, Wed: REIMS – VERDUN – REIMS

Morning drive to Verdun, site of WWI’s lengthiest battle with 700,000 casualties – we visit the museum, Fort Douaumont and the trench of the Bayonets – then we return to Reims and there is time to visit the Cathedral with Marc Chagall’s stained glass windows during a brief tour

Day 12

May 01, Thu: REIMS – PARIS

Departure for Paris – and upon arrival panoramic tour of the city with all the famous sites from Notre Dame to Eiffel Tower and Champs Elysees – then check in and dinner this evening

Day 13

May 02, Wed: PARIS - CANADA

This morning we travel to the airport of Paris for our flight home



Included:

- Air fare from Canada to Amsterdam and return from Paris
- Private bus and guide throughout
- Accommodation in superior tourist class hotels based on double occupancy
- Breakfast and dinner every day; 1 lunch in Adegem
- Sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary
- Porterage
- Taxes and service charges
- Insurance (IF CHOSEN)
- Departure taxes

Not Included:

- Lunches
- Insurance
- Departure taxes
- Tips for driver and guide

Cost per person: in Can \$ based on double occupancy

from Vancouver: \$3690.00 single supplement: \$550.00

from Toronto: \$3490.00

Calgary/Edmonton/Saskatoon/Regina/Winnipeg/Halifax \$3790

Montreal/ Ottawa \$3590

NORTHWEST EUROPE REVISITED

FRANCE

TOUR B ***Normandy*** ***April 29 - May 08, 2008 (10 days)***

Day 01

April 29, Tue: CANADA – PARIS
Departure from Canada for Paris

Day 02

April 30, Wed: ARRIVE PARIS
After arrival – transfer to hotel and time to relax before dinner

Day 03

May 01, Thu: PARIS
Morning panoramic tour of the city with all the famous sites from Notre Dame to Eiffel Tower and Champs Elysees – afternoon time to relax / or for additional visits - dinner

Day 04

May 02, Fri: PARIS - CAEN
Morning departure for Normandy and we bypass Caen to Omaha Beach for a visit to the American cemetery and to get a first glimpse of the landing areas – then we return to Caen – check in later in the afternoon and dinner

Day 05

May 03, Sat: CAEN
This morning we travel to Bayeux to visit the Bayeux Memorial Museum – then we drive via Arromanches and the Landing Beaches where one can still see parts of the Mulberry Harbour – there will be time for late lunch in scenic Courseulles – before we visit the Juno Memorial ... we then continue with a visit to Beny sur Mer Cemetery and then travel on along the Coast and then return to home base

Day 06

May 04, Sun: CAEN
This morning we visit the impressive Caen Peace Memorial, the greatest museum in Normandy and then there is time for lunch in Caen itself before we take a drive through the surrounding areas with Audrieu, Putot and the Carpiquet Airfield, stopping at Ardenne Abbey

Day 07

May 05, Mon: CAEN
We start the day with a drive to Verrieres Ridge before our visit to Bretteville sur Laize Cemetery – driving down the Falaise Gap we head to the town of William the Conqueror (Falaise) – there is time for lunch there before returning via Trun and St. Lambert (Major Currie, VC) to the Caen area

Day 08

May 06, Tue: CAEN - HONFLEUR - DIEPPE
In the morning we might visit one of the Abbeys in Caen, then depart and we stop for lunch and time to visit the picturesque seaside resort Honfleur (from where Samuel de Champlain set off for the New World) – in the afternoon we continue on to Dieppe - check in and dinner



Day 09

May 07, Wed: DIEPPE – PARIS

Today we take a close look at the town and its surrounding areas that hold so many sad memories for Canadians – we visit the cemetery, Pourville (South Saskatchewan Regiment) and Puys (Royal Regiment of Canada) – we also have time to enjoy the town of Dieppe in the afternoon – then we head back towards Paris – overnight in the Paris area

Day 10

May 08, Thu: PARIS – CANADA

Transfer to the airport for flight home

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- Accommodation in superior tourist class hotels based on double occupancy
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Cost per person: in Can \$ based on double occupancy
from Vancouver: \$3090.00 single supplement: \$420.00
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 Calgary/Edmonton/Saskatoon/Regina/Winnipeg/Halifax \$3190
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TOUR C (combination Tour A & B)
Holland, Belgium & France
April 20 - May 08, 2008 (19 days)



Cost per person: in Can \$ based on double occupancy
from Vancouver: \$4890.00 single supplement: \$880.00
from Toronto: \$4690.00
 Calgary/Edmonton/Saskatoon/Regina/Winnipeg/Halifax \$4990
 Montreal/ Ottawa \$4790

ITALIAN CAMPAIGN and CASSINO REVISITED (& SICILY EXTENSION) May 07 – 19/23, 2008 (13/17 days)

Cemeteries we visit

**MONTECASSINO – MORO RIVER – MONTECCHIO – GRADARA – CORIANO RIDGE –
VILLANOVA – CESSENA – RAVENNA**

Day 01

May 07, Wed: CANADA – ROME

Departure from Canada for Europe

Day 02

May 08, Thu: ARRIVAL ROME – CASSINO

After arrival in Rome – transfer to Cassino; check into our hotel and dinner

Day 03

May 09, Fri: CASSINO

Today we visit Rome's most famous war monument at the Piazza Venezia, in the center of Rome, dedicated to their former king, Vittorio Emanuele – we will also see the Eternal City's famous sites as we visit the Vatican with St. Peter's Basilica, pass by the Colosseum, Forum Romanum, Piazza Navona and other famous monuments

Day 04

May 10, Sat: CASSINO

All day in Cassino with commemoration at Cassino

Commonwealth Cemetery, visit to the Cassino Museum and also sites along the Gari and Melfa Rivers – this day offers a chance to meet with the locals of Cassino, at the foot of the famous Montecassino

Day 05

May 11, Sun: CASSINO

This morning we travel south to Pompei, passing Mt. Vesuvius and tour the incredible excavation site – return to Cassino in the afternoon and we take a tour through some of the battlefields of the area, to see remnants of the battle for the Siegfried and Hitler Lines

Day 06

May 12, Mon: CASSINO – ORTONA

In the morning we travel up to Montecassino Abbey and you have time to enjoy the spectacular view from above, visit the Abbey or walk to the Polish Cemetery – we then travel inland and across the country to the Adriatic – check in and dinner at Ortona

Day 07

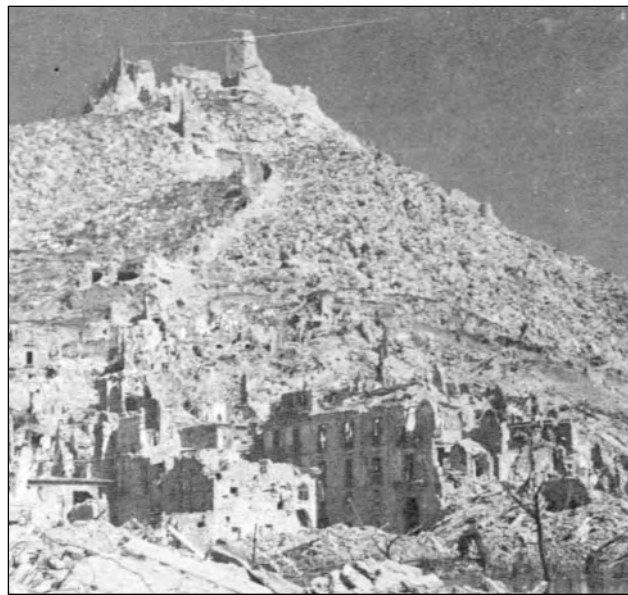
May 13, Tue: ORTONA

We start with a visit to Ortona, the Peace Museum and time to explore the streets which saw that horrific house to house fighting – after time for lunch we have a brief ceremony at Moro River War Cemetery and then we pass by Casa Berardi and Sterling Castle en route back to our hotel

Day 08

May 14, Wed: ORTONA – RIMINI

After breakfast we take off north and we visit Gradara Cemetery before we "climb" up to the mountain Republic of San Marino, the world's oldest Republic! Time for lunch there and then in the afternoon we travel to the nearby Adriatic Coast and check in at Rimini



Day 09

May 15, Thu: RIMINI

Today we visit Montecchio Cemetery and Hill 204 at Tavullia and we will also pay tribute to Canadian soldiers as we travel to Corriano Ridge Cemetery – driving along the San Fortunato Ridge we will get a good glimpse at the hills and ridges of the area as we pass through small villages and agricultural lands en route back to Rimini, the largest seaside resort along the Adriatic Coast

Day 10

May 16, Fri: RIMINI

Today we travel Cessena Cemetery as well as Ravenna Cemetery – a stop in the historic city of Ravenna is also on our plan - afternoon return to Rimini

Day 11

May 17, Sat: RIMINI

Today we travel to Villanova Cemetery – we will get an idea of the geography of the area as we drive through the region which is dominated by rivers (part of the Po River water system) and fields – we will also visit with the local Italian community at Villanova during a special get-together - later in the afternoon we return to Rimini

Day 12

May 18, Sun: RIMINI - VENICE

After breakfast we depart for Venice where we take a watertaxi into the city centre and enjoy the area around Piazza San Marco and the Basilica - afterwards we check into the hotel and have our farewell dinner

Day 13

May 19, Mon: VENICE – CANADA

This morning transfer to the airport for our flight home where we arrive the same day

Included:

- Air fare Canada - Rome; Venice - Canada
- Private bus and guide throughout
- Accommodation in superior tourist class hotels based on double occupancy
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- Special visits and commemorations, sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary
- Portorage & local taxes and service charges

Not Included:

- Lunches
- Insurance
- Departure taxes
- Tips driver and guide



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from Toronto: \$3090.00

Calgary/Edmonton/Saskatoon/Regina/Winnipeg/Halifax \$3390

Montreal/ Ottawa \$3190

SICILY EXTENSION

Day 13

May 19, Mon: **VENICE – CATANIA / ACIREALE**

Transfer to the airport for the flight to Sicily this morning. After arriving we travel inland and visit the villages of Adrano, Regalbuto and Leonforte, all towns taken by Canadians after brief but heavy resistance from Germans of the Hermann Goering Division – before heading back to the Coast where we settle into the resort town of Acireale, near Catania

Day 14

May 20, Tue: **CATANIA / ACIREALE**

Morning departure for the South Eastern part of Sicily – visit the memorials of the 1st Canadian Division at Pachino and at Ispica where the Canadians' involvement in Italy started on July 10, 1943 (it took 38 days to conquer Sicily as a preparation to the invasion of Italy) – we then return to Siracusa for a brief tour of the town before returning to Acireale for dinner

Day 15

May 21, Wed: **CATANIA / ACIREALE**

Morning tour to Taormina, Sicily's most beautiful town – after time for lunch we drive up to Mt. Etna Volcano; return to Acireale for a free afternoon

Day 16

May 22, Thu: **CATANIA / ACIREALE – VENICE**

Today we have time to relax and enjoy the seaside resort and maybe take a brief boat trip – in the late afternoon we travel to Catania airport for our flight back to Venice – we overnight in Mestre/airport area

Day 17

May 23, Fri: **VENICE – CANADA**

Transfer to the airport for our flight back to Canada

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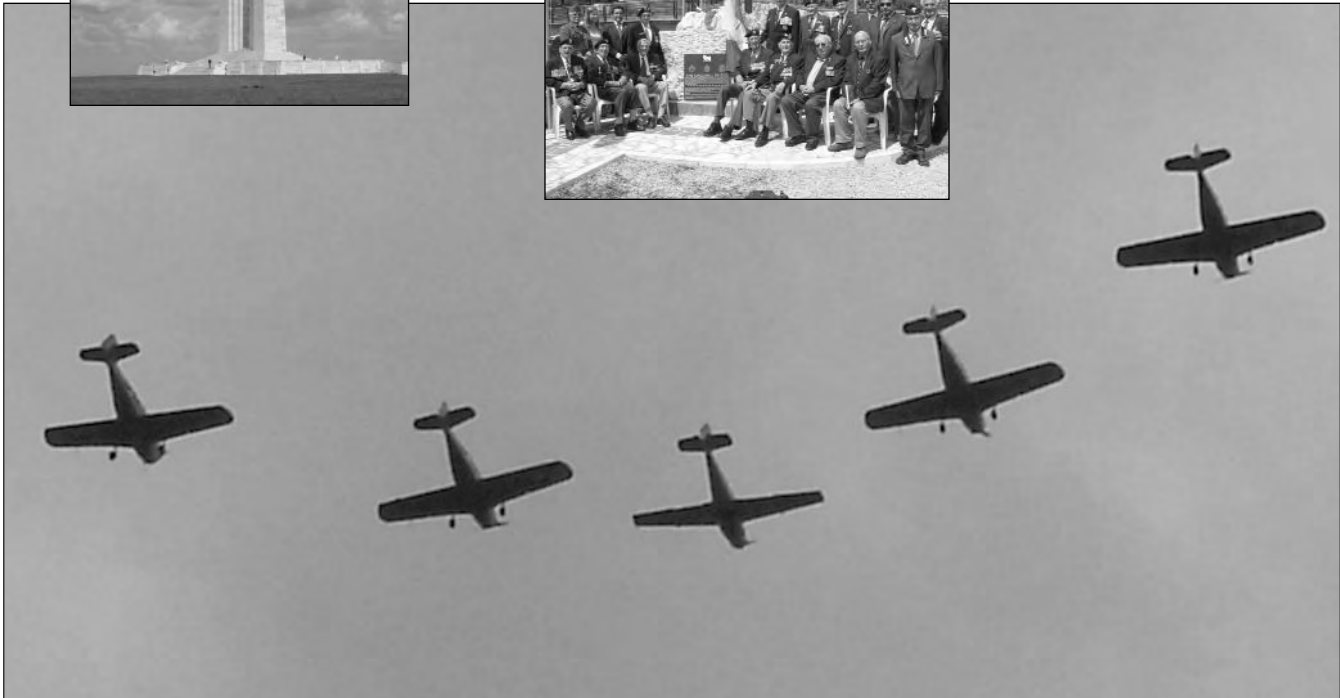
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INSURANCE PREMIUMS

CANADIAN WAR HISTORY & VETERANS TOURS 2008

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| • Tour A: HOLLAND, BELGIUM, FRANCE | (April 20 – May 02, 2008) – 13 days |
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| • ITALIAN CAMPAIGN | (May 07 - 19, 2008) – 13 days |
| • ITALIAN CAMPAIGN & SICILY | (May 07 - 23, 2008) – 17 days |

The following are the main areas of coverage - for the full details (and we advise you to read them carefully) refer to the brochure that you will receive after booking.

The **KEY POINTS** in regards to insurance: that you are in good health. Please note that **PRE EXISTING CONDITIONS are not covered**. Do check with us if you have any questions in regards to these points!

The following 2 are the packages we offer for this particular trip – if you have any questions ... feel free to call us.

THE ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGE

RATE PER PERSON:	TO AGE 60	61 – 65	66 – 70	71 - 76	77 +
Tour A: Holland, Belgium, France	\$ 165	\$ 195	\$ 210	\$ 295	\$ 339
Tour B: France	\$ 137	\$ 168	\$ 191	\$ 283	\$ 317
Tour C: combination of Tour A & B	\$ 246	\$ 292	\$ 323	\$ 462	\$ 590
Italian Campaign	\$ 137	\$ 168	\$ 191	\$ 283	\$ 317
Italian Campaign & Sicily	\$ 204	\$ 249	\$ 283	\$ 395	\$ 510

The following are part of the ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGE offered:

- CANCELLATION AND INTERRUPTION
- EMERGENCY MEDICAL (\$2 Million limit)
- FLIGHT ACCIDENT
- TRAVEL ACCIDENT
- BAGGAGE & PERSONAL EFFECTS



If you wish you can also choose the CANCELLATION AND INTERRUPTION insurance alone – that plan is suitable if you have sufficient medical coverage already!

CANCELLATION & INTERRUPTION INSURANCE		
RATE PER PERSON:	TO AGE 70	71 +
Tour A: Holland, Belgium, France	\$ 215	\$ 253
Tour B: France	\$ 169	\$ 201
Tour C: combination of Tour A & B	\$ 311	\$ 354
Italian Campaign	\$ 169	\$ 201
Italian Campaign & Sicily	\$ 255	\$ 297

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RESERVATION FORM

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Please mark with an 'X' which tour you chose, fill out form below and mail it with your deposit of \$400.00 and Insurance payment. (Insurance is optional but strongly recommended)

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms): 1) _____ 2) _____

Name (First/Last): _____

Please full first name as shown in passport! (e.g.: William, not Bill) – add in bracket first name you want to go by for NAME TAG

Passport # (specify IF NOT CANADIAN): _____

Date of Birth: _____ (day/month/year) _____ (day/month/year)

ADDRESS:

Street: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ (home) (____) _____ (work)

NEXT OF KIN TO BE CONTACTED: _____ ph: _____

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ACCOMMODATION: Single _____ Double _____ - Sharing with _____

SEATING PREFERENCE ON AIRCRAFT: Window _____ Aisle _____

Special Dietary Meal Request (on flight!): _____

For Veterans only – please fill in Regiment you were associated with: _____

INSURANCE: (see insurance sheet) – then indicate below your choice or decline

All Inclusive or trip cancellation insurance can only be purchased at time of deposit.

Accepted: [] _____ (specify All Inclusive or Cancellation)

Declined: [] \$ _____ (specify amount of premium - see sheet)

Make cheques payable to:

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For VISA /MASTERCARD PAYMENTS: Card Number _____ Expiry date: _____

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P.S.: If you choose to pay by CREDIT CARD a 3% charge will apply to the amount charged!

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN THE BROCHURE.

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TOUR PRICES:

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