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SOLDIERS AND SPIES TOUR
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A seven-day, six-night tour of France, focused on Alex Kershaw’s New York Times best-selling books The Bedford Boys and Avenue of Spies.

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“The tour was excellent, food was great, and hotels were very nice. Having Alex Kershaw made the entire trip!”
– Kristin S.

“Alex did a splendid job. Courteous, enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and engaged. I could not hope for more. I appreciated the balance of a larger scope of history with the human stories interwoven.”
– Rebecca R.
Follow the stories of sacrifice and heroism

The National WWII Museum embarks on an exclusive seven-day tour of France, visiting sites from Alex Kershaw’s *New York Times* best-sellers *The Bedford Boys* and *Avenue of Spies*, with the author himself serving as featured historian. Guests get an up-close view of the beaches of Normandy, while hearing stories of sacrifice about the “Bedford Boys” who came ashore with Company A, 116th Regiment, 29th Infantry Division during the first wave at Omaha Beach on D-Day. Tour members also roam the breathtaking streets of Paris with Kershaw, who provides depth and context to the espionage that occurred there more than 70 years ago. Avenue Foch, one of the most upscale and elite streets in all of occupied Europe, was home to *Avenue of Spies* protagonist Dr. Sumner Jackson and his family. Their address at Number 11 was both a meeting place for the French Resistance and a drop site for crucial information. High-ranking Nazis took up residence nearby, putting the Jacksons in constant danger. Kershaw’s stories will bring to life the Jackson family’s courage at a time when “Never had so many psychopaths and sadists been based on one street in Paris.”

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Howdy, Ags!

It is a great pleasure to invite you to join the Soldiers and Spies tour. This unique and truly immersive experience takes you back in time to many of the extraordinary places featured in the books of Alex Kershaw, *New York Times* best-selling author and World War II historian. With Kershaw as your host, you will explore France from the landing site of the “Bedford Boys,” to the grand avenues of the “City of Lights.”

One of the most inspiring journeys you can make, it honors the soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Alex Kershaw makes the stories of these men truly personal and memorable—and celebrates the joyous liberation of one of the most beautiful and romantic city on the planet. On this tour, you will follow in the footsteps of the first wave of Americans to land in Normandy, paying respects where 19 young men from one small town fought and died, while visiting other key D-Day sites such as Sainte-Mère-Église and Utah Beach. After leaving Normandy, explore one of the most sinister yet exclusive streets in all of occupied Europe, then sample the eternal delights of the charming city of Paris.

In a fashion that has come to be expected by The National WWII Museum educational travel programs, you will stay in grand hotels, experience French hospitality at its most authentic and charming, enjoy great wine and cuisine at the most exclusive restaurants, and of course savor the stories of heroism and sacrifice that will stay with you long after you’ve sipped your last glass of champagne.

I’m very excited about this exceptional new tour which offers a wonderfully inspiring and deeply moving expedition into history.

Sincerely,

**Jennifer Bohac**

Jennifer Bohac, ’87, Ph.D.
Director, Travel Programs
The Association of Former Students
MUSEUM HISTORIAN
Larry Decuers

After serving in the US Army’s 101st Airborne Division as an infantryman, Larry Decuers joined The National WWII Museum as a curator in 2008. Specializing in infantry weapons, uniforms, and equipment of World War II, Larry brings this vast knowledge on our Normandy and Battle of the Bulge tours. Since joining the Museum, he has curated exhibits on the Battle of Midway, the Eastern Front, and the Air War in Europe. Larry has led multiple tours to Europe, and has led hundreds of tours through The National WWII Museum’s artifacts and armament collection, providing an in-depth perspective of what the soldiers carried and how it affected outcomes on the battlefield.

FEATURED HISTORIAN & BEST-SELLING AUTHOR
Alex Kershaw


Tour Inclusions

- Full-time access to author Alex Kershaw, who will personally guide guests through the locations that inspired his best-selling books *Avenue of Spies* and *The Bedford Boys*
- Full-time access to a curator Larry Decuers with The National WWII Museum offering additional historical insights and exclusive Museum archival materials
- Presentations from the Museum’s digital collections, including a collection of video oral histories and digital artifacts curated exclusively for the *Soldiers and Spies* tour
- Special access to sites not offered on other tours, including Kershaw’s selections of France’s most fascinating WWII sites
- VIP events with the opportunity to meet people who were eyewitnesses to the history of WWII-era France, including the D-Day invasions, life in occupied Paris, and the daring efforts of the French Resistance
- Full-time logistical Tour Manager & Expert local battlefield guides
- Roundtrip Airport Transfers (when arriving and departing on scheduled group tour dates)
- Five-star boutique hotel accommodation in Normandy
- Four-star luxury accommodation in the heart of Paris
- Private, first-class, air conditioned motor coach transportation
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- Included gratuities to guides, drivers, porters and servers
- 6 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches and 4 Dinners
- Free flow beer, wine, and soft drinks with included lunches and dinner
- Document wallet, personalized luggage tags, and customized name badge
- Personal journal and pen to document your journey
- Autographed copy of *Avenue of Spies: A True Story of Terror, Espionage, and One American Family’s Heroic Resistance in Nazi-Occupied Paris*
- Keepsake travel guide including maps, photographs, and historical information from the Museum’s collections
The leafy Avenue de Foch, one of the most exclusive residential streets in Nazi-occupied France, was Paris’s hotbed of daring spies, murderous secret police, amoral informers, and Vichy collaborators. So when American physician Sumner Jackson, who lived with his wife and young son Phillip at Number 11, found himself drawn into the Liberation network of the French Resistance, he knew the stakes were impossibly high. Just down the road at Number 31 was the “mad sadist” Theodor Dannecker, an Eichmann protégé charged with deporting French Jews to concentration camps. And Number 84 housed the Parisian headquarters of the Gestapo, run by the most effective spy hunter in Nazi Germany.

From his office at the American Hospital, itself an epicenter of Allied and Axis intrigue, Jackson smuggled fallen Allied fighter pilots safely out of France, a job complicated by the hospital director’s close collaborationist ties. After witnessing the brutal round-up of his Jewish friends, Jackson invited Liberation to officially operate out of his home at Number 11—but the noose soon began to tighten. When his secret life was discovered by his Nazi neighbors, he and his family were forced to undertake a journey into the dark heart of the war-torn continent from which there was little chance of return.

June 6, 1944: Nineteen boys from Bedford, Virginia—population just 3,000 in 1944—died in the first bloody minutes of D-Day. They were part of Company A of the 116th Regiment of the 29th Infantry Division, and the first wave of American soldiers to hit the beaches in Normandy. Later in the campaign, three more boys from this small Virginia town died of gunshot wounds.

Twenty-two sons of Bedford lost—it is a story one cannot easily forget and one that the families of Bedford will never forget. The Bedford Boys is the true and intimate story of these men and the friends and families they left behind.

Based on extensive interviews with survivors and relatives, as well as diaries and letters, Kershaw’s book focuses on several remarkable individuals and families to tell one of the most poignant stories of World War II—the story of one small American town that went to war and died on Omaha Beach.
THROUGH THEIR EYES

Remembering Bedford and the Veterans of D-Day

The 116th Infantry’s Company A was a select 200-man unit chosen from among 15,000 GIs in the US Army’s 29th Division to spearhead the most dangerous and critical American assault of the entire war. Nineteen of these soldiers hailed from Bedford, Virginia and died in the first bloody minutes of D-Day.

“Sleep in your trousers, shirt and gas mask. Breakfast–2:30am. Departure–4am. Hit water–4:30am” –Sergeant Frank Draper, Jr.

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Sergeant

Wallace R. Carter
Private First Class

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Private First Class

Earl L. Parker
Sergeant

Elmere P. Wright
Sergeant

Clifton G. Lee
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John F. Reynolds
Private First Class

John D. Clifton
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John L. Wilkes
Master Sergeant

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Sergeant

Bedford T. Hoback
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Private First Class

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Sergeant

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Andrew J. Coleman
Private First Class

John B. Schenk
Sergeant

Taylor N. Fellers
Captain

Leslie C. Abbott
Sergeant

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ITINERARY DAY 1

Paris Arrival & Transfer to Bayeux

May 11th - After individual arrivals into Paris, guests meet the tour manager at Charles de Gaulle Airport before heading directly to Normandy. After arriving in Bayeux and checking into the Hotel Villa Lara, the group enjoys an optional walking tour of the historic medieval city before dinner. The walk includes stops at Cathédrale de Bayeux and the Musée de la Tapisserie de Bayeux, home of the “Bayeux Tapestry” that portrays William the Conqueror’s victory at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. A welcome dinner at Le Lion d’Or Restaurant, where famous photographer Robert Capa and reporter Ernie Pyle ate and first celebrated the success of D-Day, ends the first day of the journey. Overnight at Hotel Villa Lara (D)

“Now that it is over it seems to me a pure miracle that we ever took the beach at all. For some of our units it was easy, but in this special sector where I am now our troops faced such odds that our getting ashore was like my whipping Joe Louis down to a pulp.

In this column I want to tell you what the opening of the second front in this one sector entailed, so that you can know and appreciate and forever be humbly grateful to those both dead and alive who did it for you.”

–Ernie Pyle, “A Pure Miracle,” June 12, 1944
ITINERARY DAY 2

Sainte-Mère-Église & Utah Beach

May 12th - Following breakfast at the hotel, touring focuses on the combined efforts of various airborne assaults that took place on June 6, 1944. The first stop is La Fière, where members of the 82nd Airborne fought off four days of attacks from German troops trying to retake this strategic bridge. Guests hear the stories of Bob Murphy and Johnny Marr in their own words, from The National WWII Museum’s oral-history collection. The next stop is Sainte-Mère-Église, where paratroopers landed during the pre-dawn hours of D-Day. After touring the Musée Airborne and visiting the church made famous in the film *The Longest Day*, guests enjoy time on their own before continuing to Brécourt Manor, where Dick Winters and his men from “Easy Company” made their famous assault on the German guns portrayed in the book and miniseries *Band of Brothers*. Today’s final visit is to the Utah Beach Museum, where the story of Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., and the men who landed on Utah Beach will be told. This outstanding museum is nestled in the sand dunes and seagrass that once held German defensive positions. Dinner this evening is enjoyed at a quaint Bayeux restaurant.

Overnight at Hotel Villa Lara (B, D)
May 13th - The morning tour begins at Omaha Beach, where the landing craft transporting the Bedford Boys came ashore. While standing on the very section of “Dog Green” sector of Omaha Beach, Kershaw will recount the horror that awaited them at H-Hour on D-Day and their fate, bringing these men and their histories to life. En route to the next destination, listen to the oral history of Dr. Harold “Hal” Baumgarten, who trained with Company A and landed immediately after them. Visits to other sites along Vierville-sur-Mer and at St. Laurent-sur-Mer follow, providing a close-up view of the intricate German defense system and giving a sense of the overwhelming odds the American soldiers faced on D-Day. After a special lunch, the tour continues to Pointe du Hoc, a strategic point that overlooks the surrounding coastline. The 2nd Ranger Battalion successfully scaled the cliffs to neutralize this heavily fortified German position. Guests learn about the desperate battle that took place between the unified 2nd and 5th Rangers fighting against multiple German counterattacks before returning to Bayeux for an evening at leisure. Overnight at Hotel Villa Lara (B, L)
ITINERARY DAY 4

Operation Cobra & Bedford’s Final Fate in Normandy

May 14th - After breakfast, the tour follows the American advance of the summer of 1944 by heading to St. Lo, a stronghold and transportation hub through which the German army could move men and equipment to block the progress. It was in this area, in efforts to wrest the city from the Germans’ control, that the final two Bedford Boys in Normandy were killed in action. The next stop is at the museum at Le Chapelle de la Madeleine, where guests hear about those who experienced the bombardment in the Battle of St. Lo. After time for lunch and independent exploration, return to the coast at the Normandy American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer. The group joins Kershaw to pay respects at the graves of the Bedford Boys, nine of whom are among the 9,387 Americans buried in the soil that they helped to liberate. After free time to reflect and participate in a wreath laying memorial service, the group returns to Bayeux for a private “Farewell to Normandy” dinner at the extraordinary Chateau de Brouay, where guests will sample the region’s classic fare and its finest Calvados, an apple brandy at this storied Normandy chateau.

Overnight at Hotel Villa Lara (B, D)
May 15th - This morning begins with breakfast at the hotel before enjoying a scenic drive to Paris for a full day following Kershaw’s Avenue of Spies. Upon arrival, guests visit Napoleon’s tomb at Les Invalides before touring the “Nazi Triangle,” the upscale area where the Gestapo occupied several offices, including the leafy Avenue Foch, which was one of the most exclusive residential streets in Nazi-occupied France. During the tour, Kershaw brings to life the tales of intrigue, deception, and danger that took place at various addresses along the avenue, beginning with American physician Sumner Jackson, the protagonist in Avenue of Spies. Jackson lived with his wife and young son Phillip at Number 11, performing dangerous deeds for the French Resistance right under the Nazis’ noses. Down the street at Number 72, Kershaw recounts Colonel Helmut Knochen’s orchestration of the crushing of Resistance forces from this imposing white villa. Across the street at Number 31, Captain Theodor Dannecker and Lieutenant Colonel Adolf Eichmann spent much of June 1942 planning the Grand Rafle—the Great Roundup—of July 16-17, in which German forces took more than 13,000 Jews to a velodrome, before sending them to death camps. Continuing to Number 84, Kershaw relays the stories of horror that took place as brutal Gestapo operatives tortured their “enemies,” including legendary British Special Operations Executive agents Violette Szabo, “The White Rabbit,” and “Madeleine,” in efforts to keep their sinister regime in power. This afternoon, after checking into the Westin Paris Vendôme, guests enjoy an evening at leisure in Paris.

Overnight at The Westin Paris Vendôme (B, L)
ITINERARY DAY 6

The Liberation of Paris

May 16th - The morning tour of Paris begins after breakfast and includes the sites with a focus on the occupation and liberation of the city more than 70 years ago. Guests follow in the footsteps of the Führer, visiting several of the landmarks that Hitler admired during his victory tour in June 1940, which proved to be his one and only visit to the “City of Lights.” In addition to the Opera, Notre Dame, and the Pantheon, the tour includes a stop at the Hotel de Ville, where liberating American troops fought fiercely in August 1944, and Hotel Meurice, where the high drama of the German surrender played out, as portrayed in the movie Is Paris Burning? After free time for lunch, the last day in Paris fittingly ends at Père Lachaise, the famous cemetery where guests pay respects to French Resistance heroes and the victims of Nazi rule, many of whom, like Dr. Jackson and his family, were deported to concentration camps. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner with a very special guest who lived through Nazi occupation.

Overnight at The Westin Paris Vendôme (B, D)
May 17th - After breakfast at the hotel, guests are transferred to the Charles de Gaulle Airport. Alternatively, guests who participate in the Versailles post-tour extension program set out to tour this magnificent palace. (B)

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Optional Two-Day Post-Tour Extension Program

Our post-tour extension program spends the day at the Palace of Versailles on the outskirts of Paris. It was the site where the world’s statesmen signed the ill-fated peace treaty ending World War I. The defeated Germans ultimately rejected the harsh provisions of the pact, setting the stage for another world war. Guests visit the famous Galerie des Glaces (Hall of Mirrors), the actual site of the treaty signing, and tour the royal apartments, which still look much as they did when Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette fled before an outraged mob in 1789. The tour then returns to Paris for an evening at leisure in preparation for the return journey home the next day. (B/L)
BAYEUX

Hotel Villa Lara

The only five-star boutique hotel in the region, the Villa Lara is centrally located and offers a breathtaking view of the Cathédrale de Bayeux within a short stroll of the Musée de la Tapisserie de Bayeux and the Musée Mémorial de la Bataille de Normandie. The elegant rooms are equipped with free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, and tea and coffee-making facilities.

PARIS

Westin Paris Vendôme

This luxury property offers the best of the “City of Lights” at its doorstep. In addition to magnificent views of the city from the hotel, the hotel is moments away from the Louvre Museum, Tuileries Garden, the Eiffel Tower, and many of Paris’ other beloved sites. The upscale rooms offer plush furnishings, flat-screen TVs, and access to complimentary Wi-Fi in public areas.
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