

ITALIA 1945 - 2020

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*Pre-Reunion Tour
Normandy & Paris
June 9 – 13, 2020*

*10TH Mountain WWII Tour
June 13 – 28, 2020*



*Florence &
The Hill Towns
June 13 – 22, 2020*

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FLIGHT INFORMATION AND PRICING

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ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE SCHEDULING

Tour	Arrive	Depart
Pre-Tour & Hill Towns	Paris Airport June 9	Florence Airport, June 22
Pre-Tour & Main	Paris Airport, June 9	Munich Airport, June 28
Florence & The Hill Towns	June 13	June 22
- Hill Towns arrival and departure should be at Florence Airport or Florence Rail Station		
Main Tour	Florence Airport, June 13	Munich Airport, June 28

**We strongly recommend you make your flight reservations as early as possible.*

PRE-REUNION NORMANDY PROGRAM

June 9 – 13, 2020 ~ 3-nights Normandy, 1-night Paris

A special Pre-Reunion Tour Program to Normandy has been arranged. The package begins at Paris CDG Airport on your arrival, and includes your transfer to Normandy, 4-nights first class hotel accommodations, sightseeing program at Omaha and Utah Beaches, and Paris sightseeing tour. Leaving Normandy, you will enjoy a Paris city tour before checking in to your hotel for overnight. The price includes breakfast each day at the hotels, service and taxes, and the first evening a welcome to Normandy dinner featuring local specialties and wine.

FLORENCE & THE HILL TOWNS – JUNE 13 – 22, 2020

For the 2020 trip, we are offering 10th Mountain Descendants, National Association members, and friends who do not have the time to take the Main Tour, the option to take a shorter trip and participate in just the Florence and Hill Towns program. You will meet with the 10th Mountain WWII Tour on June 13 in Florence and be with the group through breakfast on June 21, after which you will be transferred to Florence where we'll enjoy our farewell dinner before departing on June 22.

Pre-Tour Itinerary

Tuesday, June 9 – PARIS / BAYEUX

On arrival at Paris CDG Airport, we'll travel into Normandy and the historic city of Bayeux, the first town to be liberated by the Allies and fortunate to escape war damage. The medieval city of Bayeux boasts a rich architectural heritage. Beside the cathedral in the Romanesque and Gothic styles, Bayeux retains beautifully preserved timber-framed houses, mansions flanked with towers, vast town houses and elegant private residences. While in Bayeux we'll visit the famous Bayeux Tapestry. This unique masterpiece of wool embroidery on linen is a pictorial account of the events leading up to the military invasion of England and the expedition led by William the Conqueror. **(D)**

Wednesday, June 10 – Thursday, June 11 – NORMANDY

For the next two days we'll set out from Bayeux each morning. We'll explore the American landing sectors of the D-Day beaches of World War II, Utah and Omaha where in the early hours of June 6, 1944 forces began landing on the shores of Normandy. Day one will focus on the Utah Beach sector where we will visit both the landing beach as well as Pointe du Hoc, and the inland, airborne drop zones. We'll visit Sainte-Mere-Eglise, to view an exhibition dedicated to the night that American paratroopers dropped from the sky. Day two will similarly focus on the Omaha beach sector where U.S. forces suffered their highest casualties, and made famous in countless movies. We will also visit Arromanches, overlooking Gold Beach where the remains of one of the Mulberry Harbours can still be seen to this day, as well as many other locations in Normandy. We'll visit the Cambe German Cemetery and the American Cemetery at Colleville Sur Mer. One of the fourteen permanent American World War II cemeteries constructed on foreign soil, this 173-acre cemetery marks the final resting place for over 9,000 American soldiers who died during the Battle of Normandy. **(B,L)**

Friday, June 12 – BAYEUX / PARIS

Today we depart the Normandy region and travel back to Paris, where on arrival we'll enjoy an afternoon sightseeing drive featuring highlights of the city, including the Eiffel Tower, Champs-Élysées, Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe and Place de la Concorde, before checking in to our hotel. **(B)**

Saturday, June 13 – PARIS / FLORENCE

Depending upon flight times, there will be leisure time in Paris before we transfer to Paris CDG Airport for the short afternoon flight to Florence, Italy. On arrival we will drive into the city to join travelers on the Main Tour. **(B)**

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

The Normandy/Paris Pre-Tour Price is Based on a Minimum of 25 Travelers and Includes:

- * Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with English speaking Tour Escort
- * Accommodations at first-class, traditional hotels including breakfast each morning, services and taxes
- * Lunches and dinners as shown in the itinerary, indicated by the Meal Codes
- * Luggage handling for one suitcase per person at hotels
- * Sightseeing according to the itinerary including applicable entrance fees
- * Flight from Paris, France to Florence, Italy on June 13
- * Taxes for included services; transportation, hotel accommodations and included meals

The Tour Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as passport fees; laundry and cleaning; telephone calls; optional tours and excursions; television and/or refrigerator in hotel rooms; luggage handling at airports; personal travel protection; meals other than those stated above; beverages and drinks with meals other than breakfasts; wine with meals unless otherwise indicated; gratuities to Tour Escorts and coach drivers and local guides at the suggested amounts of €4 / \$5 per person per day for the Tour Escort, €3 / \$4 per person per day for the coach driver, and €2 / \$3 per person per day for local guides.

The Main Tour

Saturday, June 13 – FLORENCE

On arrival at Florence Airport, after you have cleared customs and passport control, you will be met by an InterTrav Representative who will direct you to your transportation for the transfer into the city and to the hotel. There will be a hospitality desk at the hotel for informational purposes and to help with any plans you would like to make for the remainder of the day and into the evening.

Sunday, June 14 – FLORENCE (San Marcello/Prunetta Excursion or Tuscany Excursion)

You have the choice today to visit the pre-battle sites near the San Marcello/Prunetta area or visit Siena & San Gimignano or explore Florence on your own. For the passionate lovers of 10th history the San Marcello/Prunetta Excursion will not want to be missed. Prior to the Riva Ridge/Mt. Belvedere Offensive most of our 10th soldiers were bivouacked in places like San Marcello, Prunetta, Campo Tizzoro, and Cutigliano. The locals are very excited that we will be coming to their villages and the day will sure to be memorable! Complete details of this excursion will be available at a later date when arrangements have been finalized. The stunning city of Siena is one of Europe's best preserved medieval cities. We'll enjoy a guided tour taking in the fan-shaped square, the Piazza del Campo and its towering Campanile, the Torre del Mangia. Passing through Tuscany's lush countryside, we'll visit the beautiful medieval hilltop town of San Gimignano, remaining almost unchanged over the centuries and famed for its distinctive skyline boasting 14 imposing towers dating to the 13th century. For travelers who prefer, you can spend the day in the renaissance city of Florence, considered by some to be an outdoor museum. Should you decide to stay in Florence, there will be the opportunity to take part in a guided walking tour of the city. Highlights include the famous Duomo, the Ponte Vecchio, spanning the waters of the River Arno, and the main square of Piazza della Signoria. This evening we'll enjoy a wine tasting and Tuscan style "Welcome Dinner." **(B,D)**

Monday, June 15 – FLORENCE / HILL TOWNS

This morning we drive into the countryside for a Memorial Service at the American Cemetery and Memorial, located in Tavarnuzze, 8 miles south of Florence in a beautiful Tuscan setting of rolling hills. Maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission, the cemetery was established for members of the Armed Forces killed in the northern Italy campaign. Among the 4,402 American soldiers buried here, 326 of them are of the 10th Mountain Division. After the service, we'll have lunch, and then we leave Florence driving to the Hill Towns. **(B,L,S)**

Tuesday, June 16 – Saturday, June 20 – HILL TOWNS

These days are spent in the Hill Towns for the 10th Mountain program. Celebrations and village festivals over the five days will take place atop Mt. Belvedere and at Querciola, Vidiciatico, Lizzano-in-Belvedere, Gaggio Montano, Iola and Castel d'Aiano. During your stay you will have the opportunity to participate in an authentic Italian cooking class. Space is limited and is on an optional basis at additional cost, dependent upon the interest of our group. Also depending on the interest of the group an excursion to Pisa and Lucca may be available. Complete details of the 10th Mountain Hill Towns program will be available at a later date when arrangements have been finalized.

Sunday, June 21 – HILL TOWNS / LAKE GARDA

We say “arrivederci” to the Hill Towns and drive on the Autostrada into the Po Valley, crossing the Po River near the site where the first Fifth Army soldiers began to cross the river in their pursuit of the retreating German army. Then we’ll head for Lake Garda and Riva Del Garda where we will spend the next two nights. Depending on the interest of the travelers and the size of our group, we will schedule a visit to the Memorial Museum in Bologna. The museum houses close to 50 military vehicles of historical interest and a five-scene diorama depicting WWII events along the Gothic Line including the Riva Ridge/Mt. Belvedere Offensive. Time permitting brief stops at the Bomperto bridge and the PO river, both significant places in the 10th’s push through the PO valley. **(B,L)**

For travelers on the Hill Towns tour, after breakfast you will depart for Florence, we’re you’ll enjoy a Farewell dinner of Italian specialties before departing June 22 for the States. **(B,D)**

Monday, June 22 – LAKE GARDA

This morning we’ll drive to nearby Torbole, a site of the final battles in this region, for a Memorial Service. Wreaths will be placed at General Darby’s Monument and into Lake Garda in memory of the many men lost during the conflict in the Italian Alps, the road tunnels and on the lake. We’ll board a boat at the dock in Torbole, place a wreath where the DUKW went down, go by the east side of the lake where the tunnels are located, and go by Limone before disembarking at the dock in Riva. Following lunch a WWII excursion will be available. Included will be visits to a WWII air raid shelter and a brief walk to the monument near Nago dedicated to the 10th soldiers who were among the last KIA in Italy. The afternoon is free to enjoy the afternoon strolling the town of Riva or enjoying our beautiful lakefront hotel. **(B,D)**

Tuesday, June 23 – LAKE GARDA / BOVEC (Venice)

We depart Lake Garda this morning, and our first stop is Venice, a treasure trove of art and architecture rising up out of the waters of the Venetian Lagoon. We’ll enjoy a private walking tour showing us the highlights of the city; the Rialto Bridge, the Campanile, the Byzantine-like Basilica of St. Mark, the Doges’s Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. After free time we’ll travel across northern Italy and cross the border into Slovenia and the Alpine resort of Bovec. **(B,D)**

Wednesday, June 24 – BOVEC

Today we will visit the Julian alps where troopers of the 10th Mountain Division were stationed as peacekeepers during the early summer of 1945. We will tour the area around Bovec (Plezzo in 1945) and visit the areas where elements of the division were bivouacked including Cave de Predil, Tarvisio, Mt Mangart and Lake Fusine. We will spend time with our Slovenian friends and hear much more about the Division’s time in this area. **(B,D)**

Thursday, June 25 – BOVEC / SALZBURG (Grossglockner High Alpine Road)

This morning we travel through the spectacular Julian Alps into Austria to begin our journey over the Grossglockner High Alpine Road and enter the impressive world of the mountains that will take us through some of the world's most spectacular scenery on our way to the summit, Kaiser Franz Josef Haus. Here we'll have time for lunch and to view the Pasterze Glacier and the peak of the Grossglockner. Within a few kilometers we'll travel "half-way around the world" crossing all climatic and vegetation zones between Austria and the Arctic. Leaving the High Alps we'll descend to the lovely resort of Zell am See and then through the scenic Saalach Valley to Salzburg, the city made famous by the movie "The Sound of Music" and one of Europe's most special towns. **(B,D)**

Friday, June 26 – SALZBURG

After breakfast you can relax or attend services at nearby St. Peter's Church before we take a pleasant stroll with our local guide through the city's historic center. We'll see the exquisite Mirabell Gardens, the great Festival Hall, St. Peter's Churchyard, the monumental Domplatz, Mozart's birthplace, and the charming Getreidegasse.

This afternoon is free in Salzburg to enjoy the sightseeing of the wonderful old town; or perhaps to take a cog wheel train trip to the magnificent castle overlooking the city and distant Alps. **(B)**

Saturday, June 27 – SALZBURG / MUNICH (Hitler's Eagle's Nest)

Today we depart Salzburg and travel to picturesque Berchtesgaden where we'll see the historical town center boasting decorated facades, churches and a Royal Palace. Next we'll continue to nearby Obersalzburg for a breathtaking bus journey up the Kehlstein Road, followed by a brass elevator ride up through the rock into Kehlsteinhaus, Eagle's Nest as named by the Allied Forces. Then we leave the Alps behind us and travel over the Autobahn to the Bavarian capital of Munich. Cheerful and vivacious, boasting magnificent architecture from Bavaria's royal past, Munich is also the center of the Bavarian zest for life, which we'll experience firsthand with our farewell dinner at Munich's famous Hofbrauhaus. **(B,D)**

Sunday, June 28 – MUNICH / USA

After breakfast this morning, your tour escort will be on hand to coordinate transportation to Munich Airport for your return flight home. **(B)**

*** * * Welcome Home * * ***

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The deadline for reservations is Monday, February 3, 2020. Reservations received after this date are on a "space-available" basis only.

The Main Tour Price Includes:

- * Airport transfers at Florence and Munich
- * Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with air conditioning and restroom
- * Services of an English-speaking Tour Escort with each motor coach
- * Accommodations in twin or single room with private bath or shower, including services and taxes
- * Buffet breakfast at hotels each morning
- * Sightseeing as listed in the tour itinerary
- * Welcome dinner with wine tasting – June 14
- * Lunch after the Memorial Service outside Florence – June 15
- * Snack on arrival in Hill Towns – June 15
- * Meals in the Hill Towns according to the program.
- * Farewell Dinner at the Hofbrauhaus June 27
- * Wine or soft drinks with included lunches and dinners
- * Luggage handling for **one suitcase per person** at all European hotels
- * Taxes for included tour services, i.e., transportation, hotel accommodations and meals

The Main Tour Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as passport fees; laundry and cleaning; telephone calls; optional tours and excursions; television and/or refrigerator in hotel rooms; luggage handling at airports; personal travel protection; meals other than those stated above; beverages and drinks with meals other than breakfasts; gratuities to Tour Escorts and coach drivers and local guides at the suggested amounts of €4 / \$5 per person per day for the Tour Escort, €3 / \$4 per person per day for the coach driver, and €2 / \$3 per person per day for local guides.

Tour Prices Per Person

	<u>Share basis</u>	<u>Single basis</u>
<u>Pre-Tour, Florence & Hill Towns</u> – June 9 - 22	\$2,965	\$3,580
<u>Pre & Main Tour</u> – June 9 - 28	\$4,445	\$5,040
<u>Florence & Hill Towns</u> – June 13 - 22	\$1,985	\$2,170
<u>Main Tour</u> – June 13 - 28	\$3,480	\$3,800

TRAVEL PROTECTION: You have the option to purchase Travel Protection at the time you sign-up for the tour. Plans help protect you and your travel investment and help provide coverage for unexpected circumstances. The premium for the plan is non-refundable after the 14-day free look period and rates are based on trip cost. Group plans require a minimum participation of 10 travelers. For a complete description of coverage and to see all the covered reasons for cancellation, please call 1-800-624-8338 or e-mail Mary at mary@intertravcorp.com.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PREMIUMS

<u>Trip Cost</u>	<u>Premium/Per Person</u>
\$1,501- 2,000	\$115
\$2,001- 2,500	\$145
\$2,501- 3,000	\$172
\$3,001- 3,500	\$194
\$3,501- 4,000	\$242
\$4,001- 4,500	\$276
\$4,501- 5,000	\$319
\$5,001- 5,500	\$353

TO ASSIST YOU IN YOUR TRAVEL PLANS AND ON TOUR...

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: All travelers must have a passport that is valid for six months after the return date of your tour. If your passport is other than a United States passport, you must advise us in writing with your Registration Form, as other travel documentation may be required. No visas are required for the tour.

VACCINATIONS: No shots or vaccinations are necessary for the tour.

LAND TRANSPORTATION: All motor coach transportation will be air-conditioned and non-smoking.

TOUR PRICES: All prices shown for the Pre-Tour, Reunion Tour, Hill Towns Experience Tour, and Extension Tour are guaranteed.

RESERVATIONS: The deadline for tour reservations is Monday, February 3, 2020. Reservations received after February 3 are on a "space available" basis. Changes can be made on your choice of tour or tours until Monday, February 3, 2020. After February 3, there will be a \$100 per person charge for any changes made in your choice of the tours offered, and changes are also on "space available" basis.

AIRLINE TRAVEL ARRANGED BY INTERTRAV: We strongly suggest you make your airline reservations as soon as possible. Any requests for special airline seating arrangements must be made in writing. These are then passed on to the airline. However, we regret that we have no control over the assignment of airline seats, and we cannot guarantee or be responsible in the event that your request is not honored by the airline. (We recommend reconfirming any special seating requests at the time you check-in for your flights.)

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservation deposit payments are accepted with personal or bank checks. The final payment for the tour can be made by credit card or check. **YOU WILL BE INVOICED FOR THE BALANCE OF PAYMENT THAT WILL BE DUE ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2020.**

SPECIAL REQUESTS AND/OR REQUIREMENTS: InterTrav Corporation makes every attempt to provide the most comfortable, convenient and pleasure-related trip possible. However, to do so it is essential that you advise us of your special desires and needs in writing. If these can be successfully fulfilled, they will be done. If it is not possible, we will advise you. When sending in your Reservation Application please include, in writing, any special desired or required needs. **All special requests must be received by Monday, March 11, 2020.**

TOUR ITINERARY: All tour itineraries are subject to change for planning and operational purposes from the printed tour programs shown in the brochure. Should changes occur, travelers will be advised in writing.

SPECIAL NOTE: Please keep in mind that our ability to offer side trips will be dictated by the number of buses we have to work with. This is an unknown until we know the number of people making the trip, therefore the details of the shorter side trips may change once we know the number of buses.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Detailed tour itineraries, hotels names, addresses and telephone numbers, and all information that you require for the tour will be mailed to you two weeks prior to the trip departure date.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. The tour price also includes a contingency fund for the following items: invited dinner guests; trip books; pins; name badges; gifts to town mayors; and wreaths for the Memorial ceremonies.

CANCELLATION: If after making your initial deposit you find it necessary to cancel from the tour for any reason, there will be a charge of \$100 per person up to 90 days prior to departure. For cancellation between 89 and 60 days prior to departure, there will be a cancellation charge of \$300 per person. For cancellation within 59 days of departure, in addition to the \$300 per person charge, there may be additional cancellation charges from the airline, hotel(s) or ground service companies up to the full value of your tour cost. **IMPORTANT:** Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone, and must be sent in writing to: InterTrav Corporation, 203 State Avenue, St. Charles, Illinois 60174, sent by fax to 630/584-1573, or by e-mail to mary@intertravcorp.com.

Responsibility

THE 10th MOUNTAIN DIVISION DESCENDANTS, INC. and/or INTERTRAV CORPORATION, 203 State Avenue, St. Charles, Illinois 60174 and/or any travel agency and/or supplier of services pursuant to or in connection with this itinerary shall not be responsible or become liable for any delay incurred by any person in connection with any means of transportation; nor for any loss, damage or injury to person or property by reason of any event beyond the control of any agency or supplier, or occurring without the fault or negligence of such agency or supplier. The right is reserved to alter the dates of the tour; the tour routing; or to cancel the trip if a minimum number of bookings is not reached for either the air or land portion of this itinerary. The right is also reserved to substitute hotels for other hotels in available categories. Further, the right is reserved to decline to accept or to retain at any time any person as a participant on any tour or to cancel any tour. No refund will be made for voluntary absence from the tour unless arrangements are made at the time of booking. The schedules contained herein are subject to change without notice. All rates are based on current Tariff and Exchange rates in effect at the time of the printing of this itinerary and are subject to adjustment without prior notification in the event of changes therein or in changes in the number of participants on which the rates are based.