

ITALIA 1945 - 2022

Sponsored by the 10th Mountain Division Descendants, Inc.



*Pre-Reunion Tour
Normandy & Paris
May 31 – June 4, 2022*

*Florence &
The Hill Towns
June 4 – 13, 2022*



*10TH Mountain WWII Tour
June 4 – 20, 2022*

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Italia 1945-2020

Dear 10th Mountain Family and Friends,

On behalf of the 10th Mountain Division Descendants, Inc., we would like to re-invite you to attend the slightly delayed **Italia 1945-2020** trip. 2020 was to have been a special year as it was the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII. Our plan is to celebrate that anniversary in 2022 as we would have had COVID not forced us to postpone. We've arranged a pre-trip to Normandy to experience the invasion beaches and inland drop zones, as well a short visit to Paris. This will be followed by the main trip that will retrace the Division's combat and post-war route through Italy and beyond. We will visit Tuscany, including the American Cemetery and Memorial near Florence to pay respect to the 326 10th Mountain Division soldiers interred there. It is a sobering experience that reminds us of the sacrifices made for our freedom. We then move on to the Hill Towns, Po Valley, Lake Garda, Slovenia, Austria and finish in Munich. We've included the post-war sites in the Main Trip in recognition of the Division's complete role in Italy during the war. We recognize this may add time and expense that some may not want to incur. To accommodate everyone, there are options offered to structure a trip that suits their schedule. As always, Intertrav will work directly with anyone wishing to "bail out" at a specific juncture if necessary.

Many of you have been on one or several return trips, and we would love to have you join us again to commemorate this important anniversary. If you have never been on one of these trips, now is the time to take advantage of this amazing opportunity to travel the combat route of the 10th Mountain Division and follow in the footsteps of our soldiers from now 77 years ago. Many of the areas have changed very little. You will see homes where soldiers were bivouacked, or remnants of foxholes where your 10th Mountain soldier may have been. We will climb Mount Belvedere starting with a dedication of benches that have been donated by descendants and friends that will be placed along the trail up the mountain. You will take in the incredible view from the top across to Riva Ridge and overlooking the villages below. You will also participate in the dedication of the 75th Anniversary plaque that was commissioned for the trip.

As members of the 10th Mountain family, we can honor the legacy of our 10th Mountain Veterans by going on this amazing trip and keeping the special tradition of friendship with our Italian friends alive.

Please read the enclosed brochure for details of the itinerary and options. This trip is not to be missed and we look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully,

Italy Trip Committee

10th Mountain Division Descendants, Inc.

FLIGHT INFORMATION AND PRICING

Due to the diversity of our group and the consolidation of the airlines, airfare is not included, and prices shown in the brochure are for the Land Tour only. You are free to make your own flight arrangements using airline miles or points, or to work with your local travel agent. You can also call InterTrav at 630-377-5840 to obtain flight times and ticket prices from your choice of departure city. Flights from the USA to France and Italy are overnight. Please take this into consideration when making your flight arrangements.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE SCHEDULE

Tour	Arrive	Depart
Pre-Tour & Hill Towns	Paris CDG Airport, May 31	Bologna Airport, June 13
Pre-Tour & Main Tour	Paris CDG Airport, May 31	Munich Airport, June 20
Florence & The Hill Towns	Florence Airport, June 4	Bologna Airport, June 13
Main Tour	Florence Airport, June 4	Munich Airport, June 20

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

PRE-REUNION NORMANDY PROGRAM

May 31 – June 4, 2022 ~ 3-nights Normandy & 1-night Paris

A special Pre-Reunion Tour Program to Normandy has been arranged. The package begins at Paris' Charles de Gaulle (CDG) Airport on your arrival, and includes the transfer to Normandy, 4-nights first class hotel accommodations, sightseeing program at Omaha and Utah Beaches, and Paris sightseeing tour. The price includes a first evening welcome to Normandy dinner featuring local specialties and wine, breakfast each day at the hotels, lunch on June 1 & 2, economy class airfare from Paris to meet the group in Florence, and all taxes for the included ground services.

FLORENCE & THE HILL TOWNS

JUNE 4 – 13, 2022 ~ 2-nights Florence, 6-nights Hill Towns & 1-night Bologna

For the 2022 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 & The Hill Towns program. You will meet with the 10th Mountain WWII Tour on June 4 in Florence and be with the group through breakfast on June 13, after which you will be transferred to Bologna Airport.

PRE-REUNION TOUR ITINERARY

Tuesday, May 31 – PARIS / NORMANDY

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On arrival at Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport, we will meet our Tour Escort who will travel with us throughout the vacation, and then we'll travel to Normandy and the historic city of Bayeux, the first town to be liberated by the Allies and fortunate to escape war damage. Here we'll visit the Bayeux Museum to view 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. Following our visit, we travel to the Normandy coast and the fishing village of Port-en-Bessin. This little corner of Calvados was liberated in the few hours that followed the allied landings. The area suffered little damage from the fights that occurred during the Battle of Normandy, and to this day offers both modern day culture while preserving its heritage.

Wednesday, June 1 & Thursday, June 2 – NORMANDY

(B,L)

For the next two days we will 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'll 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'll 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.

Friday, June 3 – NORMANDY / PARIS

(B)

This morning we depart Normandy and return to Paris. On arrival this afternoon, we'll enjoy an introductory tour that will take us to the historic Place de le Concorde, one of Europe's most magnificent squares. From here, we travel past the Tuileries Gardens to view the 18th century Royal Palace, then along the eastern façade of the Louvre Museum, home to one of the most important art collections in the world. Next, we cross the Pont Neuf to the Ile de la Cite, to view Notre-Dame Cathedral, a superb example of French medieval architecture. Just when you think we've seen it all, we'll travel along the Champs-Elysees, the most famous avenue in the world, and stop at Place de l'Etoile to see the Arc de Triomphe, and the Palais de Chaillot for a panoramic view of the Eiffel Tower, before checking in at our hotel.

Saturday, June 4 – PARIS / FLORENCE

(B)

Dependent upon flight times, time at leisure will be set aside in Paris before we transfer to Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport for the short flight to Italy. On arrival, we'll drive into the city to join our fellow travelers on the Florence & The Hill Towns Tour.

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

The Pre-Reunion Normandy Program Includes:

- * Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with English speaking Tour Escort.
- * Accommodations in first-class hotels.
- * All meals as shown in the Day-by-Day Itinerary, indicated by the Meal Codes.
- * Sightseeing as detailed in the Day-by-Day Itinerary including applicable entrance fees.
- * Luggage handling and portage charges for one suitcase per person at the hotels.
- * Scheduled airline service from Paris, France to meet the group in Florence, Italy.
- * Taxes for included ground services, and airline taxes and fees on the intra-European flight.

The Pre-Reunion Normandy Program Tour Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as travel protection, passport fees and destination entry requirements; luggage handling at airports; gratuities to Tour Escort, Coach Driver(s), and local Guide(s) 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(s), and €2 / \$3 per person per day for local Guides.

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10TH MOUNTAIN WWII TOUR ITINERARY

Saturday, June 4 – FLORENCE

On arrival at Florence Airport, we will meet our Italian Tour Manager who will accompany us throughout the Florence & The Hill Towns vacation. Leaving the airport, a short drive will take us into the city of Florence. This afternoon, a Hospitality Desk will be available to travelers for informational purposes and to help with any plans you would like to make for the remainder of the day.

Sunday, June 5 – FLORENCE (San Marcello/Prunetta or Tuscany) (B,D)

You have the choice to visit the pre-battle sites near the San Marcello/Prunetta area, to visit Siena & San Gimignano, or to 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, and this option includes a guided tour taking in the fan-shaped Piazza del Campo and its towering Campanile, the Torre del Mangia. Then, passing through Tuscany's lush countryside, we 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 an opportunity to take part in a guided walking tour of the city. Highlights include the famous Duomo, the main square of Piazza della Signoria, and the Ponte Vecchio, spanning the waters of the River Arno. This evening we'll enjoy a wine tasting and Tuscan style "Welcome Dinner."

Monday, June 6 – FLORENCE / HILL TOWNS (B,L)

This morning we depart Florence and travel 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. Following the service, we'll enjoy lunch, and then we travel to the Hill Towns.

Tuesday, June 7 – Saturday, June 11 – 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 our stay we will have the opportunity to participate in an authentic Italian cooking class. Space is limited and is **optional** 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 12 – HILL TOWNS / Mt. Sole / BOLOGNA**(B,L,D)**

This morning we say “arrivederci” to the Hill Towns and travel to Mt. Sole before going to the Emilia-Romagna capital city of Bologna. Mt. Sole is a very special and sacred place for the Italian people. The massacre of Mt. Sole was a WWII war crime where over 770 civilians were killed by the Waffen SS and is the deadliest mass shooting in the history of Italy. Depending on the size of the group we will have lunch either at Mt. Sole or in Bologna. As we’ll soon find out, Bologna is a beautifully preserved medieval town of long, narrow streets lined with stunning terracotta brick and tile houses, ancient palazzo, and impressive churches. This afternoon we’ll enjoy an introduction to Bologna featuring the Piazza Maggiore, an airy, open square that has been the heart of Bologna for 2,500 years and is lined with the city’s most important buildings. Or, for those who prefer and depending on interest, 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. This evening we’ll enjoy a farewell dinner at Ristorante il Moro where for over twenty-five years the Barbarito family have been delighting patrons with authentic flavors of Bolognese gastronomy.

Monday, June 13 – BOLOGNA / LAKE GARDA**(B,L,D)**

For travelers on the Florence & The Hill Towns tour, this morning you will depart for Bologna Airport. For travelers continuing on the Main WWII Tour, we will depart Bologna and travel 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 where we’ll spend the next two evenings. Time permitting brief stops at the Bomporto bridge and the PO river, both significant places in the 10th’s push through the PO valley.

Tuesday, June 14 – LAKE GARDA**(B)**

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 del Garda or enjoying our beautiful lakefront hotel.

Wednesday, June 15 – LAKE GARDA / Venice / BOVEC**(B,D)**

This morning we depart Lake Garda and travel to Venice. As we will soon find out, Venice is singular among the world’s cities, situated on a broad lagoon and built over a sprawling archipelago of little islands, separated by more than 150 canals and 400 bridges. On our guided walking tour, we’ll see the Bridge of Sighs and the Piazza San Marco, a great marble saloon with covered galleries, famous cafes, and luxury shops. Here we’ll find the Campanile, a 325-foot-high bell tower that provides an unforgettable view of Venice and the remarkable Basilica San Marco. Following our tour, time at leisure will be set aside to explore Venice at your leisure. Then, we depart Venice and travel across northern Italy to Slovenia and the Alpine resort of Bovec.

Thursday, June 16 – BOVEC**(B,D)**

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'll 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'll also spend time with our Slovenian friends and hear much more about the Division's time in this area.

Friday, June 17 – BOVEC / Grossglockner High Alpine Road / SALZBURG**(B,D)**

This morning we depart Bovec and travel through the spectacular Julian Alps into Austria and begin our journey over the Grossglockner High Alpine Road 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 travel 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.

Saturday, June 18 – SALZBURG**(B)**

As we'll soon find out, Salzburg charm is apparent in the picturesque streets full of wrought-iron signs, noble architecture, and decorated fountains. This morning's guided walking tour will begin on the right bank of the Salzach River where we will see the grounds of Mirabell Palace and the Mozart Conservatoire before crossing into the Old Town. Here, we'll see the 15th century Altes Rathaus and take in the sites along the romantic Getreidgasse, home to Mozart's birthplace. Next, we'll view both the Collegiate Church and the Franciscan Church as we make our way to the Residence Square, home to the medieval bishops' residence. Our tour will come to an end following a visit to Salzburg Cathedral and 12th century Benedictine St. Peter's Abbey, seen frequently in the "Sound of Music". Following our tour, the afternoon is at leisure to explore Salzburg on your own.

Sunday, June 19 – SALZBURG / Berchtesgaden / MUNICH**(B,D)**

This morning we depart Salzburg and travel to the towering Alpine foothills of picturesque Berchtesgaden, Germany. We'll see the historical town center that boasts decorated facades, churches, and a Royal Palace. Then we'll continue to nearby Obersalzburg to board a postal bus for the breathtaking 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. Following our visit to Berchtesgaden, we leave the Alps and travel by 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 the famous Hofbrauhaus.

Monday, June 20 – MUNICH / USA**(B)**

After breakfast, our Tour Escort will be on hand to coordinate transportation to Munich Airport in preparation for your return flight home.

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

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- * Accommodations in first-class hotels representative of the destination.
- * All meals as shown in the Day-by-Day Itinerary.
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Tour Prices Per Person

	<u>Share basis</u>	<u>Single basis</u>
<u>Pre-Tour, Florence & The Hill Towns</u> May 31 – June 13, 2022	\$3,340	\$3,970
<u>Pre-Tour & 10th Mountain WWII Tour</u> May 31 – June 20, 2022	\$5,090	\$5,990
<u>Florence & The Hill Towns</u> June 4 – 13, 2022	\$2,240	\$2,490
<u>10th Mountain WWII Tour</u> June 4 – 20, 2022	\$3,940	\$4,540

TRAVEL PROTECTION: You will have the option to purchase Travel Protection, please see additional information enclosed. Plans help protect you and your travel investment and help provide coverage for unexpected circumstances. Plans will be purchased on an individual basis, the premium for the plan is non-refundable after the 14-day free look period and rates are based on trip cost and traveler age. **For a complete description of coverage** and to see all the covered reasons for cancellation, please call 630-377-5840 or e-mail travel@intertravcorp.com.

TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservations may be made by check or major credit card. Credit cards can be accepted for payment(s); however, the vacation price reflects a 4% cash discount. Please call InterTrav at 630-377-5840 to arrange payment by credit card; 4% of the payment amount will be assessed on credit card payments. You will be invoiced for the balance of payment due on or before Friday, February 18, 2022. Reservation requests received after Friday, February 18, 2022, are subject to tour availability.

TOUR PRICING: The tour price is based on a minimum participation of 30 persons and includes planning, handling and operational charges and is quoted on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and airfares in effect as of October 15, 2021.

CANCELLATION: If after making your initial deposit you find it necessary to cancel from the tour for any reason, there is a cancellation charge equal to the per person deposit up to 100 days prior to departure. For cancellation between 89 and 60 days prior to departure, there is a cancellation charge equal to 50% of the tour cost. For cancellation within 59 days of departure, the cancellation charge is 100% of the tour cost. **IMPORTANT:** Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone and must be sent in writing to: InterTrav Corporation, 203 State Avenue, Saint Charles, Illinois 60174, or emailed to travel@intertravcorp.com.

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PASSPORTS AND VISAS: Your tour requires a passport valid for the duration of your travel. If you do not already have your passport, or it will expire before your return date, we suggest you apply for it immediately. No visas are required for your tour. However, if you are a citizen of a country other than the United States, you must advise us in writing with your Reservation Application, as other travel documents may be required.

RESPONSIBILITY

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The above tour conditions are provided in addition to the full terms and conditions of travel which can be found here grouptripsandtravel.com/booking-agreement-terms-conditions/. By booking this trip you are agreeing to be bound by the full terms and conditions of travel in addition to the tour conditions above. It is therefore vital that you read the full terms and conditions before making any booking. Making a booking is indicative of your agreement to be bound by all of the terms and conditions.