

Travelrite International invites you to join us on the
TANKS, PLANES AND SHIPS
Military Museum Tour
to Europe 2018

with **Warren Brown**

Visiting Dresden, Berlin, Munster, Bonn, Germany;
Cambridge, London, Salisbury, Portsmouth & Folkestone, UK

July 8 to 28, 2018



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The tour will be a fantastic opportunity to visit some of the very best military museums in Europe with the highlight of the War and Peace Revival in England. We hope you can join us.



Warren Brown is an Australian cartoonist and television presenter. He has been an editorial newspaper cartoonist since 1986. He is currently cartoonist for Sydney's *The Daily Telegraph*, for which he also writes a weekly motoring column. In May 2005, Brown participated in a recreation of the 1907 Peking to Paris race using five 100-year-old cars. He also presented a four-part documentary series about the event. Since 2006, he has acted as the overnight MC at Gallipoli on Anzac Day and the pre-service MC at the Australian War Cemetery at Lone Pine. In 2008, he was selected to be one of the presenters of *Top Gear Australia* on SBS TV, and continued on in Season 2 (2009). Brown is a keen military vehicle enthusiast. His friendly personality and passion for military vehicles and history make him the ideal person to lead the tour.

Day 1 Sunday July 8, 2018

Today we board our flight to Germany.

Departure

Day 2 Monday July 9, 2018

After arrival in Berlin, we travel to the city of Dresden. Known as a city of culture, it has a reconstructed Old Town. Completed in 1743, the baroque Frauenkirche is famed for its grand dome. There are few city silhouettes more striking than Dresden's. The classic view from the River Elbe's northern bank takes in spires, towers and domes belonging to palaces, churches and stately buildings, and it's hard to believe that the city was all but wiped off the map by Allied bombings in 1945. Upon arrival we will have a sightseeing tour, which covers all the highlights in this historic city.

Dresden, Germany

Day 3 Tuesday July 10, 2018

This morning we will visit The Bundeswehr Military History Museum, the military museum of the German Armed Forces, and one of the major military history museums in Germany. It is located in a former military arsenal. The museum was reopened in 2011 with a new internal and external concept. The museum focuses on the human aspects of war, while also showcasing the evolution of German military technology. The afternoon will be free for independent sightseeing.

Dresden,

Day 4 Wednesday July 11, 2018

On our journey today, we will visit the town of Colditz. On a cliff overlooking this small town is Colditz Castle, famed for its dramatic escape attempts during WWII, it has stood on this site since the Middle Ages. During WWII, it was Oflag IV-C, a prisoner-of-war camp for high-profile Allied officers who had repeatedly escaped from other camps. We will tour the castle and learn the truth behind this notorious POW camp and see the site of the famous escape attempts. We continue on to Berlin, the capital of Germany.

Berlin, Germany

Day 5 Thursday July 12, 2018

Berlin dates from the 13th century. Reminders of the city's turbulent 20th-century history include its Holocaust Memorial and the Berlin Wall's graffitied remains. Divided during the Cold War, the 18th-century Brandenburg Gate has now become a symbol of reunification. On our tour today, we will learn

Berlin

of the battle for Berlin in 1945, following the crucial events and details of the battle, including troop movements, the master strategies of leading generals, and the experiences of the infantry and Berlin's civilians. Highlights include the Soviet War Memorial at Treptower Park, the Reichstag, the Russian-German War Museum and Hitler's Bunker.



Day 6 Friday July 13, 2018

Today we have a very special experience, the opportunity to drive a tank! You may drive a T55 tank, a Russian troop carrier BMP, a Leopard or a German Leopard tank. If you don't feel up to driving, you can always join in as a passenger. Returning to Berlin, we will have a fascinating insight into the underground of the city. Below street level, Berlin is riddled with holes like a Swiss cheese. A former bunker located at the U-Bahn station offers plenty of information about all the various tunnel systems and subterranean walkways underneath the city over four floors. The exhibition informs us about the history and development of the city from a subterranean viewpoint – the bunker systems in Berlin's subway system, recovered bombs and ammunition stores, and also Berlin's pneumatic postal system, breweries and blind tunnels. We will take a tour of the subterranean tunnels and bunker systems from World War II.

Berlin

Day 7 Saturday July 14, 2018

Today we travel to Munster, a city in the North Rhine-Westphalia region of Germany, known as the bicycle capital of Germany. Upon arrival we are transferred to our city hotel and the rest of the afternoon is free for independent sightseeing.

Munster, Germany

Day 8 Sunday July 15, 2018

Munster is the site of the German Tank (or Panzer) Museum and, this morning, we will journey through the Military History of Germany. On the 10,000 square metres of exhibition space, we will journey through the development of the German armoured forces in the 20th century. The permanent exhibition of the German Tank Museum comprises about 6,000 exhibits and spans 5 halls.

Munster



The exhibits include tanks of all kinds (battle tanks, armoured personnel carriers, anti-aircraft tanks, self-propelled guns, Spähpanzer, artillery pieces, and more), military trucks, passenger cars and motorcycles. Later we visit the War Museum in Fallingbommel, the site of the first stalag prisoner of war camps created at the beginning of WWII. It was also the first British POW camp liberated by British forces in 1945.

Day 9 Monday July 16, 2018

Koblenz, Germany

Today we travel to Koblenz to visit Wehrtechnische Studiensammlung, one of Germany's finest military history museums. Two halls are packed with all kinds of large military equipment and four floors are filled with smaller items, such as guns, mortars, uniforms, and technical equipment. The primary goal of the museum is to show its visitors the technical side of the weapons that have been built in the past and are being developed today. About 70 per cent of the collection is army-related, but there are also planes and helicopters and even a naval gun.

Day 10 Tuesday July 17, 2018

Eifel Region, Germany

Today we travel to the Eifel region of western Germany, where a stone-clad reminder of Hitler's racist ideology towers above the surrounding wooded hills – the remains of a training college for aspiring Nazi leaders that was built in the style of a medieval castle. "NS-Ordensburg Vogelsang" (Vogelsang National Socialist Castle) is a dour arrangement of barracks, community halls and sports arenas, hugging a steep slope down to a scenic reservoir. It was built between 1934 and 1936 to give selected Nazi party members, aged between 25 and 30, a solid grounding in the ideology of the superiority of the German race. The whole place is Nazi ideology hewn into stone. It shows how the Nazis stole from Ancient Greek and Roman styles, Christian symbols and Germanic legends and mixed them up with modern functional designs.

Day 11 Wednesday July 18, 2018

Cambridge, England

This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flight to London, UK. Upon arrival we travel to Cambridge and, after settling into our hotel, the rest of the afternoon is free for independent sightseeing.

Day 12 Thursday July 19, 2018

London, England

This morning, we visit the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, a European centre of aviation history. The historic site, outstanding collections of exhibits and regular world-renowned air shows combine to create a unique museum. The aerodrome at Duxford was built during the First World War and was one of the earliest Royal Air Force stations. In 1924, under reorganised Home Defence arrangements, RAF Duxford became a fighter station, a role it was to carry out for 37 years. Highlights will include the Air Space Museum, American Air Museum, Flying Hangar, Maritime Hangar, the Battle of Britain Hangar and much more. Later we travel to London.

Day 13 Friday July 20, 2018

London

Today we visit the Imperial War Museum in London, recognized as one of the great military war museums in the world. In the afternoon we visit the underground Churchill War Rooms. Beneath Westminster, the Cabinet War Rooms were at the heart of Churchill's wartime strategies. They were built and completed a week before war broke out.



Day 14 Saturday July 21, 2018

London

This morning we visit HMS Belfast, one of the largest and most powerful cruisers ever built. Now moored on the Thames in London, HMS Belfast played a crucial role in protecting the arctic convoys, Russia's supply route throughout the war until 1944, when she spent five weeks supporting the D-Day landings. Later we visit the National Army Museum. The collections of the National Army Museum relate the overall history of the British Army,



British colonial, imperial and Commonwealth forces and the armies as a whole, from 1066 to the present.

Day 15 Sunday July 22, 2018

Salisbury, England

Today we visit The National Tank Museum, which contains the largest collection of tanks in the world. Located in Dorset, this museum has the best collection of First World War tanks, including some one-of-a-kind models. In all, there are over 300 armoured vehicles from 26 countries. Several of the tanks are in working order and there's a track where they're driven. This is the only place in the world where you can see the famous German Tiger I tank of WWII in full running order.

Day 16 Monday July 23, 2018

Portsmouth, England

This morning we travel to the Royal Armouries at Fort Nelson, one of the largest artillery museums in the UK. Over 700 items of artillery from many countries and spanning 600 years are brought to life, while the stories behind them are sensitively told. Later we arrive in Portsmouth, home of the Royal Navy, with its strong naval heritage. We visit the National Museum of the Royal Navy, the wooden warships HMS Victory and HMS Warrior.



Day 17 Tuesday July 24, 2018

Folkestone, England

Our first visit today is to the D-Day Museum, Britain's only museum dedicated solely to covering all aspects of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France, on 6 June, 1944. D-Day was a turning point in the Second World War, and a moment when the course of world events depended on the Allied troops taking part. We will experience the sights and sounds of Britain at War, such as an air-raid warden's living room in the Blitz and troops preparing for D-Day. Later we travel to Folkestone for the War and Peace Revival.

Day 18 Wednesday July 25, 2018

War and Peace Revival

Today is our first day at the War and Peace Revival, the highlight of the tour. It is the largest collection of military vehicles and the greatest celebration of military history in the world. See the thousands of military vehicles from around the world representing the armies of the 20th century. Watch the incredible action-packed battle re-enactments; not just a group of people running around playing soldiers but a full-scale choreographed battle to give you a taste of the action at the Front. Historic aircraft will take to the air to give impressive displays and flypasts. And there is much, much more. We will have two full days to explore this wonderful festival.

Day 19 Thursday July 26, 2018

War and Peace Revival

Our second day at the War and Peace Revival. This evening we are transferred to London Heathrow Airport for our return flight to Australia.

Day 20 Friday July 27, 2018

In flight

Day 21 Saturday July 28, 2018

Arrive Australia

The group arrives back in Australia, and the tour concludes.

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The price for the 21 day tour is \$ 9,995 per person – includes air taxes of \$1,050 as at 1/5/17
The price for a single supplement is \$ 1,995

Included in the tour price:

- Return economy class air travel from Brisbane/Sydney/Melbourne/Perth to Europe, and all inter-Europe flights
- Accommodation and breakfast in carefully selected three and four-star hotels
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Travel in a first-class chartered coach
- Sightseeing and general entry fees as detailed in the tour itinerary
- Tour leadership by Warren Brown
- Fully escorted by a Travelrite International tour manager

Not included in the price:

- Passport and visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and general expenses not specified in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature
- Additional travel arrangements not in the tour itinerary will be quoted for separately



Extending: You can stay longer in Britain for minimal additional cost.

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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will need to be in possession of a valid passport. No Visa is required for Australian passport holders.

BAGGAGE: All economy class passengers qualify for a 20kg. free baggage allowance.

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