



**Fields of Fire Tours,  
The Canadian Forces Logistics Association,  
and Merit Travel Canada  
present the**

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory Tour  
29 Apr – 8 May 2020  
Logistics in the Liberation of the Netherlands**



- Attend the Canadian ceremony at Wageningen on Liberation Day.
- Visit important Canadian battlefields in the Netherlands
- Pay tribute to Canada's war dead of the Victory Campaign
- Participate in the Keep Them Rolling living history tribute to Canada's contribution.
- Visit monuments, museums, and Commonwealth War Cemeteries
- Led by experienced military historians and veterans.

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## 75th Anniversary of Victory Tour

**Day 1 – 29 April** ...Depart Canada for Amsterdam.

**Day 2 – 30 April** ...We arrive in Amsterdam, meet our bus and then drive to the National Military Museum in Amersfoort. In the afternoon we will check into our hotel in Ede for the next eight nights: **ReeHorst Hotel**

**Day 3 – 1 May** ... We will hit the battlefields today when we look at the airborne operation at Arnhem. The unique logistic challenges of this operation and the logistics memorials will be on our tour, as well as the Airborne museum.

**Day 4 – 2 May** ... Today we will meet up with the Keep Them Rolling team in Nijmegen for the opening ceremonies marking the start of their Op Faust commemorative convoys. We will travel with them to Ede where a commemorative plaque will be unveiled on the site of the original food depot.

**Day 5 – 3 May**... We will look at Op Veritable, the assault on the Rhineland, which was the largest logistics operation of the war. We will end the day with a visit to Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery.

**Day 6 – 4 May** ... This is Dutch Remembrance Day and we will attend the Canadian ceremony at Holten Canadian War Cemetery.

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**Op Faust** was the ground portion of delivering food aid to thousands of starving Dutch civilians. A truce was negotiated between the Germans and Allies that allowed Canadian truckers to drive through the German lines. A unique event in logistics history that we will mark.

**Day 7 – 5 May** This is the big day for ceremonies: Liberation Day. We will join the crowds of people in Wageningen for the Canadian commemoration and parade. Some of our group may march in the parade.

**Day 8 – 6 May** ... We will look at the finish our battlefield touring by examining Op Blockbuster and the capture of the Hochwald. Our day will end with a visit to Xanten, site of a Roman fort and a Canadian battlefield.

**Day 9 – 7 May** ... A day of options: a day trip to Amsterdam, a tour of the Canadian airborne battlefields of Op Varsity, or a relaxing day in Ede.

**Day 10 – 8 May** ... We will depart the hotel early to get our flights back to Canada from Amsterdam airport. Anyone staying on in Europe can make easy connections from the airport.

### Tour Price (Land Only)

CAD \$3900 – (per person, Double occupancy)  
(single supplement: \$550 – limited availability)

Airfare can be added if desired and will vary according to point of departure

**\$500 per person non-refundable deposit required by 15 September 2019**

**Balance of payment required 1 February 2020**

#### Price includes:

- all meals including a bagged lunch daily (no lunch 8 May)
- all travel by coach bus
- accommodation as shown in the itinerary
- services of historian/guides

#### Not Included:

- return airfare from Canada to Amsterdam
- lunch on 8 May
- travel insurance
- items of a personal nature such as beverages

Note: limited single room availability – “first come, first served”

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