

# Fortress Europe

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**£149**

**3 Day Fortress Europe**

Price shown based upon a minimum of 40 paying members travelling low season staying at Hippotel, Le Touquet

**F**ollowing the evacuation of Dunkirk, the Germans made great efforts to build a massive defensive wall the length of the French and Belgian coast, consisting of huge bunkers and other gun emplacements. They also used their position to launch further attacks on Britain from rocket and submarine bases.

## Optional visits

### World War II Museum in Ambleteuse.

The museum in Ambleteuse is a homage to all the veterans of the 2nd World War. You will see the chronological history from the invasion of Poland in 1939 to the bombing of Hiroshima in 1945.

### Battery Todt.

Is one of the seven huge bunkers, which were built to protect the 380mm guns. The walls and roof of the bunker are over 3 metres thick. It was completed in January 1942. The Battery was captured in September 1944 by Canadian tanks.

### Atlantic Wall near Ostende.

This is a unique historical site containing nearly 60 constructions dating from both World Wars, interconnected by 2 kilometres of trenches and galleries.



### Mimoyecques.

This former V3 site based south west of Calais now houses a fascinating museum. An audio commentary enhances your group's interpretation of the site. The weapon was meant to attack London and for this reason was called 'The London Gun'.

### La Coupole History Centre of War and Rockets.

The concrete dome looming out of the forest conceals the underground works deep in the hillside which house the World War 2 German rocket base near St. Omer. Inside the Dome, you'll see where they would have assembled the V2 rockets, added fuel, and armed them with explosive warheads.



### Eperlecques.

This enormous bunker was constructed by the Germans in 1943 to accommodate V2 reception and storage; preparation of rockets for launch in a sheltered and controlled manner; on site production of liquid oxygen; and launch control with two firing pads.

### Calais War Museum.

The museum is situated in the giant Mako bunker, former headquarters of the German Navy and describes what happened in and around the town, from the battles of May 1940 to the liberation in September 1944. It contains a number of exhibitions covering the Resistance and life under German occupation.

## Included in this tour

- Full board from dinner on Day 1 to packed lunch on final day • Coach travel • Short sea channel crossing
- Sightseeing pre-booked to requirements (excluding entrance fees) • Comprehensive travel insurance
- Information pack for group leader

## 3 Day Fortress Europe Tour

### Day 1

Travel from school to Channel coast for crossing to Calais, and on to your accommodation in the Nord-Pas de Calais area. Time for a brief visit\* en route.

### Day 2

A full day including visits to some of the major places in the region.

### Day 3

We depart our accommodation centre after breakfast with time for further visits\* en route before returning to Calais, and journey back to school.

\*The time available for visits en route is dependant upon the school's distance from the Channel port.

### Dunkerque.

Visits available in Dunkerque include Le Fort de Leffrinckoucke, the British Museum and the Memorial du Souvenir Museum that evokes the battle for Dunkerque and Operation DYNAMO of May and June 1940.

