

# The World Wars in Western Europe

England, Belgium, France, Germany ✧ June 6-16, 2019

*Presented by Pietist Schoolman Travel  
in association with Bethel University*

*\$3,395 plus airfare*

Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of Versailles, a peace that ended one world war — and planted the seeds for another. On this 11-day trip to western Europe, two Christian historians will guide you on an inspiring, challenging, convicting journey through the histories of the two world wars. We'll see how WWI and WWII were fought in Europe, how Christians responded to them, how those conflicts reshaped societies and cultures around the world, and how that history is remembered decades later.

## Your Tour Leaders



**Chris Gehrz** is professor of history at [Bethel University](#) in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he came in 2003 after completing his doctorate at Yale University. A past winner of Bethel's Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching, Chris' courses include *World War I* (a J-term travel course in Europe), *World War II*, *The Cold War*, *Modern Europe*, and *Christianity and Western Culture*. He is the author or editor of three books, including 2017's [The Pietist Option: Hope for the Renewal of Christianity](#). Chris is currently researching a spiritual biography of Charles A. Lindbergh and blogs regularly at [The Pietist Schoolman](#) and [The Anxious Bench](#).



**Sam Mulberry** is assistant professor of history at his alma mater, Bethel University, where he directs the Academic Enrichment and Support Center and teaches *Christianity and Western Culture* and *World War I* with Chris. The 2017 winner of Bethel's Faculty Excellence Award for Service, Sam spent his recent sabbatical producing [Why We Teach](#), a feature-length documentary on teaching. He's the host of numerous Bethel podcasts on the [Live from AC 2nd](#) network.

## Likely Itinerary

*(B: breakfast included; L: lunch included; D: dinner included)*

Arrival ✧ by evening of June 5, 2019

*London*

After your flight arrives at Heathrow, take the train to central London and our hotel near the British Museum. Feel free to arrive earlier if you'd like to do your own sightseeing before the tour starts. (Your hotel room for the night of the 5th is included in the price of the trip.)

Day 1 ✧ Thursday, June 6, 2019

*London*

Our opening walk will start in Trafalgar Square and continue down Whitehall — the center of British power and home to the Cenotaph and several other famous memorials. After a visit to the [Churchill War Rooms](#), those who want to keep walking can join us as we continue past Buckingham Palace and end at Hyde Park. (B)

Day 2 ✧ Friday, June 7, 2019

*London*

We'll spend the morning together at the [Imperial War Museum](#) (*right*), touring the new world war exhibits and art gallery. Chris will stay at the IWM through the afternoon if you'd like to learn about the Holocaust and other wars of the modern age. Or you're welcome to join Sam as he explains the connections between war and art at the National Gallery and [National Portrait Gallery](#). (B)



Day 3 ✧ Saturday, June 8, 2019

*London*

Our final day in Britain's capital gives you time to explore, with Sam or Chris or on your own. Take a day trip to Oxford, Bath, or Dover, or visit a few more of London's many fine museums and palaces (e.g., British Museum, British Library, National Army Museum, Tate Britain, Tate Modern, Victoria & Albert Museum, Tower of London, Kensington Palace, Hampton Palace). If you'd like to conclude your stay in London with a time of worship, you're welcome to join us at Westminster Abbey [for Evensong](#). (B)

Day 4 ✧ Sunday, June 9, 2019

*Flanders*

The Eurostar train will take us under the English Channel to start a four-day tour of world war battlefields and memorials. We'll begin in the Belgian region of Flanders, where Adolf Hitler, Winston Churchill, and the Canadian doctor-poet John McCrae ("In Flanders fields the poppies grow") all served during WWI. A comfortable motorcoach will take us to sites like the British cemetery at Tyne Cot (*below*) and the German cemetery at Langemark. During our night in Ypres, we'll join people from around the world for [Last Post](#) at Menin Gate — a moving ceremony that has been celebrated almost every night since 1929. (*B, L, D*)



Day 5 ✧ Monday, June 10, 2019

*Northern France*

Today we'll cross the border into northern France and visit the monumental Canadian memorial at Vimy and the new WWI Ring of Remembrance near Ablain-St-Nazaire. In the afternoon, we'll start our tour of the Somme battlefield, where hundreds of thousands died in the second half of 1916, spending the night in the town of Albert. (*B, L, D*)

Day 6 ✧ Tuesday, June 11, 2019

*Northern France*

We'll finish our tour of the Somme, then turn to the Second World War as we head towards Normandy. Along the way, we'll stop at Dieppe, site of a disastrous Canadian raid in 1942. We'll spend the night in historic Bayeux, home of the famous medieval tapestry. (*B, L*)

Day 7 ✧ Wednesday, June 12, 2019

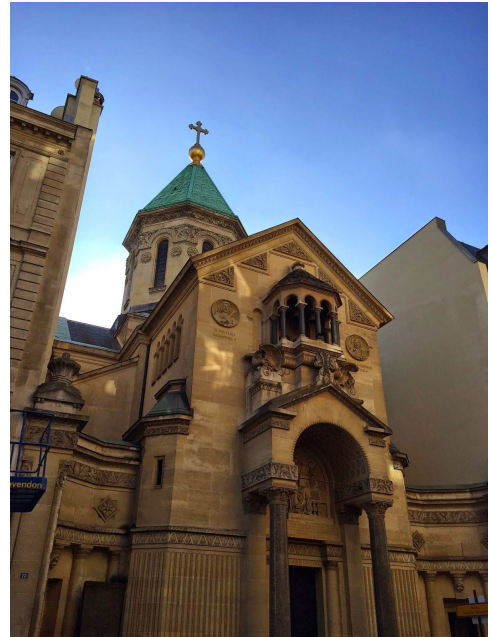
*Normandy/Paris*

Our battlefield tour will conclude on the beaches of Normandy, 75 years to the month after Allied forces landed on D-Day. Then it's on to Paris, to check in to our hotel and see the City of Lights at night. (B, L)

Day 8 ✧ Thursday, June 13, 2019

*Paris*

You'll have several options for our one full day in Paris. In the morning Chris will lead a walking tour that takes us from the Eiffel Tower to the Arc de Triomphe and down the Champs-Élysées, stopping at the city's Armenian cathedral (*right*) to start our discussion of genocide and world war. Then spend the afternoon visiting Napoleon's tomb and the military history museum at Les Invalides, or join Sam on the other side of the city for a walking tour of sites related to Lost Generation writers like Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and Ezra Pound. Or use your Paris Museum pass to see the Louvre, the Orsay, Saint-Chapelle, Notre-Dame, or Versailles. (B)



Day 9 ✧ Friday, June 14, 2019

*Train from Paris to Munich (B)*

Day 10 ✧ Saturday, June 15, 2019

*Munich*

Our trip concludes in the southern German city where WWI veteran Adolf Hitler took control of a right-wing party that he renamed the National Socialists. We'll start with a walking tour of Nazi sites (plus the Bavarian WWI memorial in the Hofgarten) that concludes at Munich's new Nazi Documentation Centre. In the afternoon you can enjoy the art museums of [the Pinakothek](#). (B)



Day 11 ✧ Sunday, June 16, 2019

*Munich/Dachau*

After optional worship at the city's Renaissance-era cathedral, the Frauenkirche, we'll take a short train trip and bus ride [to Dachau](#) (*right*), site of the first Nazi concentration camp. We'll finish our trip by sharing a farewell supper at the famous Augustiner Keller restaurant. (*B, D*)



Departure ✧ morning of June 17, 2019

*Munich*

We'll say goodbye, as some fly home to the States and others continue their travels in Europe. (It's 4-5 hours by train from Munich to Berlin, Prague, or Zürich; by plane, it's 90 minutes to Rome or just over 2 hours to Stockholm or Athens.) (*B*)

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## Terms and Conditions

### Price: What Is (and Isn't) Included

This tour is priced (\$3,395) based on an expectation of 24 paying participants. Price subject to change in the event of significant currency fluctuation (£1>\$1.45; €1>\$1.30).

What's Included	What's Not Included
Subway/bus passes in London and Paris; train for London to Lille; motorcoach on battlefield tour; train from Paris to Munich; round-trip train/bus between Munich and Dachau.	Airfare; taxis/Uber/Lyft
Double-occupancy accommodations for twelve nights in superior tourist hotels (at least three-star; four-star wherever possible)	Supplement for travelers who want a single room in hotels (\$750); portage
Breakfast every morning, plus seven other meals together at local restaurants (tentatively: four lunches, three dinners)	Other meals and snacks; alcoholic beverages at group meals
Tour of WWI/WWII battlefields led by a seasoned local guide	Additional tourism and travel beyond that listed in the itinerary
<a href="#">Paris Museum pass</a> , plus admission to all museums and memorial sites that we'll visit as a group	Travel insurance
Pre-trip classes with Chris and Sam, and guided tours and informal classes throughout the trip itself	Passport application/renewal

### Deposit, Payments, Cancellations & Refunds

- To be considered for the trip, each prospective participant must complete and sign a trip application and pay a deposit of \$500. (We're planning to take up to 24 people along, but will also maintain a wait list.) The deposit is refundable until December 15, 2018, when a payment of \$1,000 per accepted participant is due. The balance is due no later than February 15, 2019.
- Make all payments by check made out to **Pietist Schoolman Travel LLC**, sent care of Chris Gehrz, 1284 Draper Ave., Roseville, MN 55113.

- Chris must receive all cancellation and refund requests in writing. Anyone who cancels between December 15, 2018 and February 15, 2019 will have \$500 per person deducted from the refund in order to cover costs. Any cancellation between February 15, 2019 and May 31, 2019 will result in a \$1,000 deduction from the refund. After May 31, 2019, cancellations will result in no more than a 50% refund.
- If Pietist Schoolman Travel LLC is forced to cancel the entire trip, all payments will be fully refunded.

### **Documentation**

U.S. citizens require [a valid passport](#). The traveler assumes complete and full responsibility for, and hereby releases Pietist Schoolman Travel LLC from, any duty of checking and verifying any and all passports, visa, or other entry requirements for each destination, and all safety and security conditions during the proposed travel. As passport policies can change, please check with the U.S. State Department for all overseas travel requirements, including expiration date requirements [for travel in Europe](#).

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why isn't airfare included in the trip price?

We've left it out in order to allow participants the flexibility to choose their airline, their points of embarkation, and the option of extending travel on either end of the tour. We'll let you know the details of our flights to/from Minneapolis-St. Paul, in case you'd like to travel with us. But our only expectation is that you are in the lobby of our London hotel at 9am on June 6, ready to join us for the first leg of our tour.

Please do not make or pay for any final flight reservations until receiving confirmation from us that the trip is adequately enrolled and officially approved. Pietist Schoolman Travel is not responsible for flight payments made prematurely.

### Should we buy travel insurance?

We recommend it, but will leave that up to you as well. On previous trips with college students, we've used [iNext](#), which offers supplemental and comprehensive plans at different levels for individuals as well as groups. (We offer this as a recommendation, but assume no responsibility for these arrangements.) In any event, be sure to bring medical insurance and contact information with you. We'll provide a detailed itinerary that you can leave — with a copy of your passport's first page — with an emergency contact back home.

### How much physical activity should we expect?

It varies throughout the trip. The first days in London and Munich and our one full day in Paris will start with morning walking tours, but we'll take multiple breaks and make it easy for people to opt in and out at different points of the walks. The battlefield tour will require much less walking at the various stops, and we'll travel by motorcoach from point to point. Unless you want to hire porters, you should expect to carry your own bags. (We recommend one suitcase and one carry-on.) We will always try to pick hotels and subway stops with elevators, but accessibility is sometimes an issue in European travel.

### How much free time will we have?

Apart from the battlefield tour, when we'll be together most of the day, we've purposefully structured the trip to allow you to spend time exploring three of Europe's great cities on your own. That said, we'll always let you know where we're headed, in case you want to join us and dive more deeply into the history of the wars (and other kinds of history).



**Are single travelers welcome to join the trip?**

Absolutely! Just let us know on the application if you'd prefer to share your hotel room with another participant or pay the supplement (\$750) to reserve a room to yourself.

**Do I have to be a Bethel alumnus or employee to go on the trip?**

No. We're both Bethel professors, and we certainly hope to see others with Bethel connections join us. But the trip is open to the general public.

**How can we learn more about the two world wars before we leave?**

We'll provide numerous resources — for example:

- The opportunity to take three pre-trip classes from us in spring 2019 (in person or recorded), plus a walking/driving tour of war memorials in the Twin Cities
- A list of suggested books and films
- A website with access to world war-related media (e.g., songs, film clips)

Any other questions? Just email Chris at [chris@pietistschoolman.com](mailto:chris@pietistschoolman.com).

## Trip Application

To apply for **The World Wars in Western Europe** (June 6-16, 2019), print and complete this application and return it with your deposit (\$500 per person) to Chris Gehrz, 1284 Draper Ave., Roseville, MN 55113. (Check made out to **Pietist Schoolman Travel LLC.**)

### Traveler One

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Room preference:    \_\_\_\_ 1-bed double    \_\_\_\_ 2-bed twin    \_\_\_\_ Single (\$750 supplement)

Dietary requirements? (vegetarian, vegan, allergies, etc.):  
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### Traveler Two (if traveling as a couple)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Room preference:    \_\_\_\_ 1-bed double    \_\_\_\_ 2-bed twin    \_\_\_\_ Single (\$750 supplement)

Dietary requirements? (vegetarian, vegan, allergies, etc.):  
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### Signature(s)

I have read and understood the trip itinerary, price, terms, and conditions, including the liability release, and agree to all. I am enclosing an initial deposit with this application.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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