80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY CRUISE
D-DAY AND THE BOMBER WAR

MAY 29–JUNE 8, 2024

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AN ALL-INCLUSIVE TOUR ABOARD SEABOURN OVATION

SPECIAL GUEST
President & CEO Emeritus and Founder of The National WWII Museum
Gordon H. “Nick” Mueller, PhD

FEATURED HISTORIANS AND AUTHORS
Donald L. Miller, PhD, Alexandra Richie, DPhil, John C. McManus, PhD, and Keith Lowe
Dear Council Travelers,

The last few years have truly shown that there is no digital substitute for real-life personal interaction and world exploration. The sensation of standing in a sacred place and taking in one’s surroundings is a profound experience. The National WWII Museum’s Educational Travel Programs have created countless emotions of honor, awe, disbelief, and pride in our country, and we are thrilled to partner with them for this commemorative tour. As we look forward to the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, we have a chance to honor the men and women who helped to liberate a continent. Their efforts on the Home Front, at sea, on land, and in the air serve to inspire us all.

Join us as we sail from Hamburg on May 29, 2024, with ports of call and a custom itinerary emphasizing the land, sea, and air campaigns of World War II. As a very special guest of our institution, you will travel in complete comfort aboard the exquisite Seabourn Ovation and be there with us in Normandy for an unforgettable 80th anniversary ceremony on June 6, 2024.

A two-day stop in East Anglia, England, will give a special emphasis to the airmen and their ground support who helped make D-Day possible. As featured tour historian and Museum friend Dr. Donald L. Miller, PhD is fond of saying, “You can’t have D-Day if the Luftwaffe controls the skies.” In addition to Dr. Miller, you will share in rich discussions with revered historians Alexandra Richie, DPhil, John McManus, PhD, and Keith Lowe.

As our guest, you’ll enjoy privileged access to top WWII sites and special invitations to events both on board and ashore during this major commemoration. For a more robust experience, you may choose to add a specially arranged pre-cruise tour in Hamburg or our post-cruise program in London.

Commemorations, like the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, are instrumental in preserving the memory of World War II. Being in Normandy, surrounded by thousands of people from many nations, to honor a significant event in world history, is unparalleled. With only 300 suites available, accommodations are likely to fill up quickly, and I urge you to reserve your space as soon as possible.

It took years to plan for D-Day. It takes only a few minutes to call 1-877-813-3329 x257 and reserve your place in this exploration of history.

Best Regards,

Andrew Haught, Director of Travel
The Travel Department at the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia
800-942-5004 x231 or x209
travel@wacphila.org
www.wacphila.org

To learn more about this exclusive cruise tour, use the camera on your smart phone to scan the QR code.
THE INFLUENCE OF AIR POWER ON D-DAY

From the moment the first German bombs fell on Rotterdam in May 1940, causing an intense firestorm and the displacement of tens of thousands of people, military leaders could see that the nature of this war would change. Civilians were targets even if they were miles away from the front lines. The ensuing Battle of Britain in the summer of 1940 resulted in a series of escalating attacks that drew British civilians into the war.

As aerial bombardments increased, so, too, did the technology to combat them. As the Luftwaffe approached the English coast, a combination of radar, coastal observers, and radio lines tracked their movements. The fighters of the Royal Air Force quickly scrambled to meet the invading aircraft. In the face of mounting casualties, Hitler called off his planned invasion of England.

The escalation of tactics continued as the British and American bombers attacked sites across Europe. In July 1943, a series of raids on Hamburg ignited a firestorm, causing a massive migration of displaced Germans. The stories of the Allied raid spread throughout the country, sowing doubt in the superiority of the Nazi regime. To mask their attacks on Hamburg, the British used chaff, also called Window, to confuse German radar technicians.

In preparation for the D-Day landings along the Normandy coast, Allied bombers attacked marshalling yards, rail lines, and bridges across France to impede the German response. The development of the P-51 as an escort plane allowed Allied bombers to fly deep into Europe to strike at German industry. Raids on oil refineries, factories, and weapon projects such as the V-2 site in Peenemünde, caused German industry to move underground. As casualties mounted, the most difficult resource for the Germans to replace became their trained pilots.

By June 6, 1944, the Luftwaffe was not a major concern for the architects of D-Day. The skies belonged to the Allies. Once the beaches were secure and the barrage balloons were in place, the Luftwaffe could pose little threat to the supply operations.

Air superiority came with a cost. Some airmen remember a saying that to “fly in the Eighth Air Force then was like holding a ticket to a funeral—you own.” The Eighth Air Force suffered more than 47,000 casualties, including 26,000 dead. Every American military cemetery in Europe features the names, squadrons, and bomb groups of the Eighth Air Force.
TOUR INCLUSIONS

Travel with featured authors and historians
President & CEO Emeritus and Founder of The National WWII Museum Gordon H. "Nick" Mueller, PhD
Donald L. Miller, PhD, Alexandra Richie, DPhil, John McNamara, PhD, and Keith Lowe

Comprehensive lecture series from world-renowned historians throughout the program

“Build Your Perfect Journey” included shore excursions with expert local battlefield guides at each port

Video oral history presentations from The National WWII Museum’s collection

Roundtrip airport transfers (when arriving and departing on scheduled cruise dates or the optional pre-tour)

VIP access to sites not offered on other tours

Ten nights aboard Seabourn Ovation

Private, first-class, air-conditioned motor coach transportation on all shore excursions

Personal listening devices on all included touring

Gratuities to shipboard staff, local guides, and drivers

All meals onboard including specialty restaurants, as well as select meals ashore as identified in final program itinerary

Unlimited beverages including premium wines, spirits, beer, coffee, water, tea, soft drinks, and juices, plus en-suite minibar, replenished daily

Free Wi-Fi throughout the ship

Welcome, Farewell, and Veteran Recognition Receptions

Commemorative map book including useful battlefield maps and archival images to be used throughout your journey

Personalized luggage tags and customized name badge

Keepsake travel gifts to remember your voyage

A portion of your booking value is tax deductible.

Hamburg & America Optional Three-Night Pre-Tour Extension

Wednesday, May 29, 2024
Hamburg, Germany
Arrive Hamburg / Transfer to Seabourn Ovation / Welcome Reception and Dinner
Seabourn Ovation

Thursday, May 30, 2024
At Sea
Enjoy the amenities on board Seabourn Ovation
Seabourn Ovation

Friday, May 31, 2024
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Dutch Resistance Museum / Canal lunch cruise / Atlantic Wall
Seabourn Ovation

Saturday, June 1, 2024
Great Yarmouth, England
Imperial War Museum Duxford / Cambridge American Cemetery / Norwich
Seabourn Ovation

Sunday, June 2, 2024
Dunkirk, France
The RAF and the Dunkirk Evacuation / Operation Dynamo Museum / East Mole / Visit sites shown in the film Dunkirk
Seabourn Ovation

Monday, June 3, 2024
Le Havre, France
Pegasus Bridge / Sword, Juno, Gold Beaches / Arromanches / Dieppe
Seabourn Ovation

Tuesday, June 4, 2024
Cherbourg, France
Pointe du Hoc / Omaha Beach
Seabourn Ovation

Wednesday, June 5, 2024
Cherbourg, France
80th Anniversary of D-Day Commemoration at the Normandy American Cemetery
Seabourn Ovation

Thursday, June 6, 2024
Cherbourg, France
Utah Beach / Sainte-Mère-Eglise / La Fière Bridge
Seabourn Ovation

Friday, June 7, 2024
Dover, England
Disembark

Saturday, June 8, 2024
Dover, England

Battle of Britain Optional Three-Night Post-Tour Extension
FEATURED GUESTS AND TOUR HISTORIANS

Featuring an exclusive lecture series by our esteemed historian authors and all-inclusive touring, this unique educational program combines learning and sightseeing with a whole new level of luxury.

GORDON H. “NICK” MUELLER, PHD

Gordon ‘Nick’ Mueller, PhD, is President & CEO Emeritus of The National WWII Museum in New Orleans. Dr. Mueller assisted historian Stephen Ambrose in founding the institution, initially known as The National D-Day Museum, and led the organization as Chairman of the Board from 1998, through its fundraising and construction to the Grand Opening on June 6, 2000. Before stepping into the museum world, Dr. Mueller enjoyed a 33-year career as Professor of European History at the University of New Orleans. During his tenure there, he also served as Dean, Vice Chancellor, and founding President of the Research and Technology Park. He is also founder of UNO’s Metropolitan College, Business-Higher Education Council, and the university’s International Study Programs.

DONALD L. MILLER, PHD

Donald L. Miller, PhD, is the John Henry MacCracken Professor of History Emeritus at Lafayette College and one of the outstanding historians of World War II, along with other topics in American history. His books on World War II include The Story of World War II, D-Days in the Pacific, and Masters of the Air: America’s Bomber Boys Who Fought the Air War Against Nazi Germany. Masters of the Air, named “outstanding book of the year” by World War II magazine, is the primary source for Apple TV’s upcoming miniseries, in which Miller is serving as chief historical consultant. He was also a consultant for HBO’s miniseries The Pacific, and served as writer and chief historical consultant for WWII in HD, a 10-hour series that aired on the History Channel. His works on other history subjects include City of the Century: The Epic of Chicago and the Making of America and Vicksburg: Grant’s Campaign that Broke the Confederacy, which was released in October 2019. Miller is a longstanding member of the Museum’s Presidential Counselors advisory body. He is among scholar participants in the Museum’s overseas tours and has been a leading figure in summer workshops for teachers.

ALEXANDRA RICHIE, DPHIL

Alexandra Richie, DPhil, is a historian of Germany and Central and Eastern Europe, with a specialization in defense and security issues. She completed her BA (Hons) in Political Science at the University of Victoria and went on to study at St. Antony’s College, Oxford, where she wrote her doctoral thesis, “The Political Manipulation of History in East and West Germany.” Richie is also the author of Faust’s Metropolis: A History of Berlin, which was named one of the top 10 books of the year by American Publisher’s Weekly, and Warsaw 1944: Hitler, Himmler, and the Warsaw Uprising, which won the Newsweek Teresa Tarantinska Prize for best nonfiction book of 2014 and the Kazimierz Moczarski Prize for Best History Book 2015. She has contributed to many articles, documentaries, radio, and television programs, and is the Convener of the Presidential Counselors at The National WWII Museum. She is also a member of the Senate at the Collegium Civitas University in Warsaw, Poland, and the Władysław Bartoszewski co-chair of History and International Studies at the Collegium Civitas.

JOHN C. MCMANUS, PHD

John C. McManus, PhD, is Curators’ Distinguished Professor of US military history at the Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T). As one of the nation’s leading military historians, and the author of 14 well-received books on the topic, he is in frequent demand as a speaker and expert commentator. In addition to dozens of local and national radio programs, he has appeared on CNN.com, Fox News, C-SPAN, the Military Channel, the Discovery Channel, the National Geographic Channel, Netflix, the Smithsonian Network, the History Channel, and PBS, among others. He also served as historical advisor for the best-selling book and documentary Solinger, the latter of which appeared nationwide in theaters and on PBS’s American Masters series. During the 2018–2019 academic year, he was in residence at the US Naval Academy as the Leo A. Shifrin Chair of Naval and Military History, a distinguished visiting professorship. His current project is a major three-volume history of the US Army in the Pacific Asia theater during World War II. The first volume, Fire and Fortitude: The US Army in the Pacific War, 1941–1943 received the Gilder-Lehrman Prize for Military History.

KEITH LOWE

Keith Lowe is the author of several major works of history. His first book, Inferno, was a critically acclaimed study of the bombing of Hamburg in 1943. His second book, Savage Continent, became a Sunday Times top-10 best-seller, and went on to win both the Hessell-Tiltman Prize for History and Italy’s national Cherchess History Prize. It is now a standard work on the wave of violence and revenge that swept Europe after the war. The Fear and the Freedom is an intimate history of the long-term consequences of the World War II, and the shadow that it still casts over our lives today. It was shortlisted for the Historical Writers’ Association Non-Fiction Crown, and has been adapted as a 12-part radio series in the Czech Republic. His latest book, Prisoners of History, examines our monuments to the war, and asks what they are really saying about our history and ourselves. Written at a time when statues around the world were being torn down by both governments and protesters, it is a timely look at some of the world’s most important symbols of our collective past. Lowe regularly speaks on TV and radio, and he often lectures on postwar history at venues across Europe and North America. He has written for a variety of newspapers and journals, including The Daily Telegraph, The Times, The Wall Street Journal, El País and the Neue Zürcher Zeitung. He lives in London with his wife and two children.

EXPERT LOCAL GUIDES

In addition to traveling with these incredible historians, expert local guides greet you at every port to deliver rich educational content and more detailed context to the sites you will visit.
BUILD YOUR PERFECT JOURNEY

On this iconic sailing, a variety of shore excursions are offered at every port, providing the opportunity to custom design an itinerary. Each guest may choose to participate in guided group tours, explore independently, or enjoy the luxurious amenities of the Seabourn Ovation.

FLAGSHIP MILITARY EXCURSIONS

Flagship Military Excursions highlight the major battles, historical figures, and strategic outcomes at each port. Your expert guides will take you through the most well-known battlefield sites at each port and discuss the broad perspectives of how the Allies came together to liberate Europe. See many of the places you have read about and gain a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices that liberated a continent.

CURATOR’S COLLECTION EXCURSIONS

The Curator’s Collection Excursions are focused on military treks, adding recently uncovered, little-known, or unique sites at each port. Perfect for those who have traveled with The National WWII Museum in the past, these focused tours are designed to give a “deeper dive” into World War II. By advance request only and for an additional fee, The National WWII Museum may be able to arrange an exclusive visit to sites of specific personal interest. A guide and transportation are included, but please note this experience is not guaranteed as a private tour—guests requesting to visit locations close in proximity will tour as a small group.

CULTURAL EXCURSIONS

Experience Europe’s age-old treasures when you choose one of the cultural excursions offered at each port. From art to architecture, and from food to photography, the richness of each destination’s heritage and culture comes to life in this customized series of tours. With knowledgeable local guides, these immersive experiences allow you to explore the local heritage at each destination, many of which were occupied by the Germans and spared destruction during World War II.

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All guests who are booked on this cruise will receive an excursion guide to Build Your Perfect Itinerary. The excursion guide details the activity levels of each day of touring.

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In addition to physical fitness, you should prepare for the possibility of adverse weather and/or road conditions, rough seas, and other issues that can sometimes be challenging when traveling. European sites are not required to comply with ADA requirements; therefore, many of the shore excursions offered cannot accommodate wheelchair-bound guests. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability to stand or walk independently. If assistance is needed to board a motor coach or canal boat, walk up or down a gangway, or navigate narrow or steep stairs, a travel companion to assist you is required. Guests must also be able to handle personal daypacks, purses, or purchases without assistance.

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ABOUT THE TOUR
Bomber warfare was a new concept in the years leading to World War II. Japan’s war against China in the 1930s employed bombs that specifically targeted civilians. In 1940, the German Luftwaffe razed large sections of Rotterdam through aerial bombardment. The escalation of tactics, material, and destruction continued from 1940 to 1945 with numerous cities turning to rubble.

For one week in July 1943, a combined operation by the Royal Air Force and the American Eighth Air Force systematically destroyed Hamburg. Several factors influenced Hamburg’s destruction. First, the city was a hub of manufacturing and shipbuilding. Its location near the coast meant that Allied bombers had little resistance from the ground. Also, Hamburg was one of five “Fuhrer Cities,” designated for massive construction projects that would demonstrate the power of the Third Reich.

On this two-day tour of Hamburg, visit St. Nikolai Church, preserved for more than 80 years in its state of wartime destruction. Several massive flak towers dot the city, evidence of the German efforts to combat the Allied Bombers. Ohlsdorf Cemetery, one of the largest in the world, contains a mass grave to the victims of the attack overlooked by a statue showing the crossing of the River Styx.

Included Meals:
2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 receptions, 1 dinner

OPTIONAL THREE-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE PROGRAM
OPERATION GOMORRAH: THE DEVASTATION OF HAMBURG
$4,899 double occupancy, $5,999 single occupancy
$299 taxes and fees additional per person

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FEATURING FIVE-STAR ACCOMMODATIONS ON LAND
FAIRMONT HOTEL VIER JAHRESZEITEN
Luxurious Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten is the epitome of a traditional European grand hotel. Opened in 1897, this elegant hotel on the Alster Lake sits in the heart of Hamburg, and welcomes guests from all over the world in charming magnificence and timeless elegance. Amenities include air conditioning, free high-speed internet access, free water in room, and Nespresso coffee machine.
THE MURMANSK CONVOYS
As Experienced by Jennings Hill, United States Merchant Marine

To keep the Soviet Union in the war, materiel from the United States was essential. The only way to deliver the aid was to ports in the north such as Murmansk and Archangel. This required ships to navigate the treacherous waters north of Scandinavia. Rough seas, cold weather, and U-boat patrols made this a hazardous run.

Jennings Hill experienced this route from the Liberty Ship SS Andrew W. Preston. On one mission, the Andrew W. Preston broke down and was alone at sea for 24 hours. The crew discussed that the German battleship Graf Spree was somewhere in those waters, but they were able reach Murmansk without incident. Hill remembers the temperatures reaching 60 degrees below zero at Murmansk, which reduced the amount of time one could spend on guard duty.

Jennings Hill's service took him to the UK, Iceland, the Soviet Union, Panama, and the Philippines.

Use the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code or visit ww2online.org and enter “Jennings Hill” into the search field to hear the rest of the story.
FLYING IN THE “BLOODY HUNDREDTH”
As experienced by John “Lucky” Luckadoo, 351st Squadron, 100th Bomb Group

The 100th Bomb Group flew from Thorpe Abbotts, an airfield carved from farmland near the town of Diss, in the UK. The 100th earned the nickname “The Bloody Hundredth” due to heavy losses incurred in the early days of the Bomber War.

On October 8, 1943, John “Lucky” Luckadoo flew his 21st mission, a bombing run over Bremen, Germany, often referred to as “Flak City” by the aircrew. The flak was particularly thick that day, and the German fighters flew through it for the first time in a coordinated attack on the bombers. Luckadoo watched a B-17 from his own squadron go down after it was rammed by a German Fw 190. Luckadoo’s plane was hit in the nose, but he managed to get it back to base that day.

John Luckadoo completed his 25 missions and returned to the United States where he took advantage of the GI Bill and graduated from the University of Denver in 1950.

ACCOMMODATIONS: SEABOURN OVATION (B, L, D)

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From May 27 to June 4, 1940, the British Expeditionary Force mounted Operation Dynamo, a dramatic evacuation of Allied soldiers who were trapped by the Nazis near the beaches of Dunkirk. Augmented by air support over the English Channel, hundreds of ships ferried nearly 340,000 British and French soldiers away from Dunkirk to ports in England. The 2017 film Dunkirk dramatized this rescue with points of view from the beaches, the English Channel, and the cockpit of a Spitfire. On tour, visit the evacuation beaches, the East Mole, and a few of the film sites.

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RED CROSS SERVICE IN EAST ANGLIA

As experienced by Blanche Gangwere, American Red Cross

The women of the Red Cross played an integral role on the airfields of East Anglia. Andy Rooney described them as “a sort of remote combination of Rita Hayworth-and-your-best-friend’s-big-sister.” Providing moral support, organizing base activities, and maintaining relationships with the locals, the women were the steady influence on base, feeling the victories and the losses.

Blanche Gangwere initially wanted to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). She trained with a pilot from World War I and learned how to fly and navigate, but she was deemed too short to serve the WASPs. Instead, Gangwere joined the Red Cross with whom she traveled to airfields in East Anglia and served coffee and donuts to the airmen who needed a sympathetic friend. Even though she served the crews who experienced some of the most harrowing missions of the war, Gangwere remembers that the airmen mostly wanted to talk about home.

Blanche Gangwere’s Red Cross service took her to France near the end of the war. She returned to England aboard a B-17. The pilot learned that she had flight training but was deemed too short, so he invited her to fly the plane across the English Channel. She accepted.

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MOVING INLAND FROM OMAHA BEACH

As experienced by Walter “Walt” D. Ehlers, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division

Walt Ehlers landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day, jumping into water that went over his head as his landing craft hit a sandbar. Walt’s brother Roland also served in the 1st Division. Roland’s landing craft was hit by a mortar as it approached, and Roland was killed. Walt only knew that his brother was missing in action over the following days as he moved inland.

On June 9, near the town of Goville, Walt and his squad encountered tough resistance. Walt continually led his men, providing covering fire for their movements. Walt received the Medal of Honor for his actions.

Walt found out about his brother’s death a month after D-Day. After being wounded in Normandy, Walt returned to the 1st Division prior to the Battle of the Huertgen Forest.

After the war, Walt spent 29 years working for the Veteran’s Administration supporting combat veterans.

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FROM THE DIGITAL COLLECTION OF THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM “IN THEIR OWN WORDS”
RETURNING TO NORMANDY
As experienced by Robert L. Williams, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division

In the decades after D-Day, the veterans slowly began to return to Normandy. Sometimes they brought their families, and other times they traveled with men from their unit. The anniversary commemorations held every five years in Normandy are momentous occasions when people from across Europe join Americans and Canadians to thank the veterans for what they did in Normandy.

Robert Williams jumped into Normandy with the 101st Airborne Division on D-Day. He remembers landing in a marsh near Foucarville. He remembers the fighting in Carentan to be the most challenging. In 1994, Williams and 19 other WWII veterans jumped into Normandy for the 50th Anniversary of D-Day. Before the jump, he met the mayor of Paris, visited Euro Disney, and stayed in the home of a local Norman family. He recalls that when the C-47 engines started on June 6, 1994, all 19 veterans felt transported to 1944. He remembers most fondly how wonderfully he was treated by the French during his entire visit.

Dabney served until the end of World War II. He used the GI Bill to attend college after the war. He made a trip back to France and was heartened to see the reconstruction of St. Lo and Paris.

The securing of Normandy's beaches was just the first step in the liberation of Europe. On June 7, 1944, construction was already underway on artificial harbors in Arromanches and Vierville-sur-Mer. Landing Ship Tanks (LST) were on the beaches protected from aerial attacks by barrage balloons. Normandy's logistical operation involved African American units that started landing on D-Day.

William Dabney landed on Omaha Beach toward the end of the day on June 6, 1944. His unit brought their barrage balloons with them to the beach, but Dabney's balloon was lost during the landing. He was able to procure another one the next day and get it in the air. Later in the war, Dabney was able to visit Paris on leave and encountered Moroccan soldiers who served in the French Army. Dabney remembers the Moroccan soldiers giving advice on the best places to visit in the city.

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ABOUT THE TOUR

Disembark in Dover and transfer to London for an examination of the Battle of Britain. During the summer of 1940, the Royal Air Force (RAF) dueled with the Luftwaffe over the skies of the United Kingdom. As the British population sought refuge in bomb shelters, the RAF developed numerous tactics to keep the damage from German bombers to a minimum.

Journey into the operations of Fighter Command with visits to the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge and Bentley Priory. The underground control room in Uxbridge served as the main information center for approaching aircraft. Information from radar and coastal observers would be tracked on the plotting table as an ingenious system of clocks and switchboards relayed the information to Fighter Command Headquarters at Bentley Priory.

The air war comes into context at the Imperial War Museum London, where new exhibitions on World War II and the Holocaust opened in 2021. In the new displays, a V-1 flying bomb straddles the galleries to emphasize it as a product of slave labor and its role in terrorizing the British population during World War II. As the RAF learned to tip the missiles with the wings of a Spitfire, the Germans unleashed the V-2 rocket, a weapon that caused more death through its production than its use in combat.

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–75th Anniversary of D-Day cruise participant

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Suites 800 and 804 become Connecting Suites

Seabourn Encore

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DECK 12

When combining the Seabourn Encore and Seabourn Ovation: XX/XX, 2023

Obstructed port side view with larger and aft half is glass with teak rail. On Seabourn Ovation, the veranda has all metal railings. The veranda railings on Deck 5 are part metal and part glass. The Elevator is accessible doorways. roll-in shower only, wheelchair-accessible. Suites 700 and 701 are subject amendments and changes.

For more information or to reserve your voyage, contact the Travel Team. Email: travel@nationalww2museum.org, or call: 1-877-813-3329 x 257
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