



HONOUR & LEGACY

BATTLEFIELD TOURS

With Peter Bates OBE

Walk the ground where history was made

For Those Who Understand

You've stood at memorials and read the names. You've visited museums and studied the maps. But something still calls to you.

Perhaps your grandfather fought on these beaches. Perhaps you've spent years reading about D-Day, but never walked the sands of Normandy yourself. Perhaps you simply understand that some places demand to be experienced, not just studied.

You want more than a coach tour. You want to understand what these soldiers faced. You want to stand where they stood. You want a guide who truly knows - someone who has commanded in combat, who has experienced their own beach landings under fire.

This is why you're here.

Your Guide: Peter Bates OBE

More Than 40 Years of Military Service

Peter served for over four decades in the British Army, gaining extensive operational and leadership experience. He commanded in combat and experienced his own D-Day beach landing during the Falklands War in 1982.

A Personal Connection to Normandy

Peter's grandfather was killed storming Hillman strongpoint on D-Day, 6th June 1944. This deeply personal connection drives his commitment to telling these stories with authenticity and respect.

Professional Military Expertise

Master's Degree in Military Studies. Years of teaching battlefield tactics, leadership and military operations. Recognised with an OBE by King Charles III for his service to the nation.

"These tours are not just historical visits. They provide professional military insight into the planning, tactics and human stories of those who fought here."

Our Mission & Vision

Our Mission

To honour the memory of those who served by providing deeply informed, respectful and personally meaningful battlefield tours that connect visitors to the real experiences of soldiers, the decisions of commanders, and the profound human cost of war.

Our Vision

To be the most trusted and respected provider of military battlefield tours, known for combining professional military expertise with personal connection, intimate group sizes, and an unwavering commitment to historical accuracy and respect for those who served.

What Makes Us Different

Small groups (3-8 guests). Combat veteran guide. Personal family connections to the battlefields. Professional military analysis. Flexible, tailored itineraries.

Tour Packages

ESSENTIAL

£1,000

per person

- Expert battlefield guide
- Small group size (3-8)
- All transport included
- Basic accommodation
- Entrance fees covered
- Meals not included

Perfect for independent travellers

PREMIUM

£2,500

per person

- Everything in Essential
- 4-5 star accommodation
- All meals included
- Southwick House tour
- Branded merchandise
- Welcome reception

The complete experience

BESPOKE

From £3,000

per person

- Fully customised itinerary
- Follow your relative's path
- Luxury accommodation
- Private transport
- Archival research included
- Family groups welcome

Your family's story

Sample Tours

3-Day D-Day Tour

Portsmouth to Normandy. British Airborne operations at Pegasus Bridge and Merville Battery. Sword Beach landings. Gold Beach and Arromanches Mulberry Harbour. Bayeux War Cemetery.

From £1,000 per person

5-Day Normandy Campaign

Everything in the 3-day tour plus American operations at Omaha Beach, Normandy American Cemetery, Utah Beach and US Airborne at Sainte-Mere-Eglise. The complete D-Day story.

From £1,800 per person

What You Can Expect

- Professional military analysis of battlefield tactics and decisions
- Small, intimate groups ensuring personal attention and discussion
- Time to reflect at cemeteries and memorials
- Access to key sites that can include, Hillman Bunker, Southwick House (Eisenhower's HQ)
- Clear explanations of terrain, obstacles and the soldiers' experience

What Our Guests Say

"Peter's knowledge is extraordinary. His military background meant he could explain not just what happened, but why commanders made the decisions they did. Standing at Hillman with him, knowing his grandfather died there, was deeply moving."

— **Colonel James R., US Army (Ret.)**

"I've been to Normandy three times with different tour companies. Peter's tour was in a different league. The small group size meant we could have real conversations, ask questions, and truly understand these events."

— **Dr. Margaret Chen, London**

"We followed my grandfather's route from Sword Beach to Caen. Peter researched his unit's movements and we walked the exact ground he fought on. It was the most meaningful trip our family has ever taken."

— **The Harrison Family, Hampshire**

"Peter's Falklands experience gave him unique insight into amphibious operations. When he described what the soldiers faced coming off the landing craft, you could tell he truly understood. Exceptional guide."

— **Richard Pemberton, Devon**

Enhance Your Experience

Optional additions to any tour package:

Family Research Service

From £500

We conduct archival research to trace your relative's unit movements, battles and precise locations. Receive a detailed report before your tour.

Extended Battlefield Sites

£300 per day

Add additional days to explore Battle of the Bulge, Market Garden, or other European battlefields.

Private Transportation

£200 per day

Exclusive vehicle for your group with flexible timing and routing.

Accommodation Upgrade

From £150 p/Nt

Upgrade to luxury 5-star hotels or historic chateaux.

Photography Package

From £400

Professional photographer to document your journey and create a commemorative album.

Memorial Service

£250

Arrange a private remembrance ceremony at a specific location meaningful to your family.

Is This Tour Right For You?

Our tours are perfect for:

- Those with family connections seeking to walk in their relative's footsteps
- Military history enthusiasts wanting expert professional analysis
- Veterans and serving military personnel
- Members of historical and battlefield societies
- Families looking for a meaningful, educational experience together
- Those aged 40-70 with time and interest to truly engage with history

Requirements:

All guests must be English-speaking and able to walk moderate distances across uneven battlefield terrain. Tours involve standing for extended periods and entering bunkers with narrow passages.

Groups typically range from 3 guests (private car) to 8 guests (minibus). We never run large coach tours.

Ready to Walk Where History Was Made?

You Next Step would be to:

Contact us to discuss your requirements and tour dates, Receive a detailed, personalised itinerary proposal

Confirm booking with 25% deposit, Receive pre-tour briefing materials and reading list

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