

**NATIONAL TIMBERWOLF PUPS
ASSOCIATION**
80th Anniversary Tour of the Timberwolves'
Baptism of Fire
October 17–October 26, 2024



Dear Timberwolf Family:

It is my pleasure to announce the 80th Anniversary Tour of the Timberwolves' Baptism of Fire, October 17–26, 2024! We will be visiting battlefields in Belgium and the Netherlands, and spending time with Friends of the Timberwolves, who will provide us with detailed history and fascinating information on the beginning of combat for our storied Timberwolves. We will also visit the American cemetery near Margraten and Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery to remember and honor our 104th Soldiers who did not make it home.

Join us as we embark on a remarkable tour to honor and remember our 104th Infantry Division Timberwolves!

—Mary Jamieson
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PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- **8 nights of accommodation** at the following hotels:
 - [NH Amsterdam Schiphol Airport](#), Amsterdam, Netherlands (2 nights)
 - [Golden Tulip Keyser](#), Breda, Netherlands (4 nights)
 - [Novotel Aachen City](#), Aachen, Germany (1 night)
 - [WestCord Fashion Hotel](#), Amsterdam, Netherlands (1 night)

- **17 meals**—8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners (*Dinners include tap water & tea or coffee.*)
- **Hotel taxes, fees & service charges**
- Sightseeing (per the itinerary) in a **modern, climate-controlled motor coach**
- **English-speaking tour manager** from arrival until departure
- **Local guides** as required
- **Entrance fees** (per the itinerary)
- **Porterage of one piece of luggage per person on arrival & departure** at most hotels (*Novotel Aachen City does not offer porter service.*)
- **Comfortable wireless earphones** for enhanced touring
- **Bottled water daily** on the touring coach

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Board a **glass-top boat** and cruise on Amsterdam's winding canals
- Visit the **Van Gogh Museum**
- See the **Windmills at Kinderdirk**
- Experience **Dutch Liberation Day** with ceremony and **wreath-laying in Zundert**
- Remember the Timberwolves' **Baptism of Fire** with **wreath-laying** at **Wuustwezel** and the new **Vernhout Monument**
- **Bruges** city tour
- **Netherlands American Cemetery** with ceremony and wreath-laying
- **Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery** with ceremony and wreath-laying
- **M&M Museum**
- **Aachen Cathedral**



DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Thursday, October 17, 2024—Depart USA

Day 2: Friday, October 18, 2024—Arrive in Amsterdam. Make your way to the hotel. (*If you purchase your flights through Gate 1 Travel, complimentary transfer from the airport will be provided.*)

Most flights arrive in the early morning, so your room may not be ready for you. In this case, leave your luggage with the concierge, and our Tour Manager will provide suggestions for you to begin to explore the city on your own. The group tour begins later, with an orientation meeting led by the Tour Manager at approximately 6 PM, followed by a welcome dinner. We recommend that you select flights that arrive no later than 4 PM.

Overnight: Amsterdam, Netherlands

Meals: Dinner

Day 3: Saturday, October 19, 2024—Amsterdam Canal Tour & Van Gogh Museum

This morning, board a glass-top boat for a cruise of the winding canals of historic Amsterdam for an up-close view of stately historic mansions, 16th-century gabled merchant houses, and charming churches with bell towers. We visit the Van Gogh Museum next, with the remainder of the day open for exploring at your leisure.

Overnight: Amsterdam, Netherlands

Meals: Breakfast



Day 4: Sunday, October 20, 2024—Kinderdijk & Breda

After breakfast, we drive south to Kinderdijk, home of many windmills, then continue to Breda. Enjoy your evening dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Breda, Netherlands

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5: Monday, October 21, 2024—Full Day in Bruges

Today, we travel to Bruges, where we meet a local guide for a walking tour beginning at the Lake of Love (Minnewater) and the Beguinage Convent. Continue past the Market Square, with its 13th century Belfry (one of Bruges's most famous landmarks), and the Town Hall Square, with its Chapel of the Holy Blood. From there, walk along the picturesque cobbled lanes of the city's medieval district to Our Lady's Church, housing the famous

Madonna statue by Michelangelo. Have lunch at a local restaurant, then return to the hotel in Breda.

Overnight: Breda, Netherlands

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 6: Tuesday, October 22, 2024—Dutch Liberation Day: Etten Leur, Oudenbosch & Standdaarbuiten

Some members of the Friends of the Timberwolves join the group today to take us through the Timberwolves' mission to break the German stranglehold on the port of Antwerp by advancing to the Maas River, thereby cutting off the enemy forces controlling the Scheldt Estuary and gaining access to the port.

Depart to Etten-Leur to visit the Timberwolf Memorial Plaque and learn about the liberation of this community. This is also the community where Vincent van Gogh started his career. The artist went through a turbulent period in Etten-Leur, which would prove to be of significance to his future development as an artist. Visit the Van Gogh Church, then depart to Oudenbosch.

On arrival, visit the Basilica of Oudenbosch, a church modeled after two famous basilicas in Rome—the interior after St. Peter's and the exterior after St. John Lateran. Walk from the basilica to the local memorial monument for a wreath-laying ceremony.

From Oudenbosch, we travel south to Standdaarbuiten and visit the Timberwolf Memorial for another wreath-laying before returning to Breda for dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Breda, Netherlands

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 7: Wednesday, October 23, 2024—Wuustwezel, Achtmaal & Zundert

We share another day with the Friends of the Timberwolves to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Timberwolves' momentous Baptism of Fire. Travel to Wuustwezel, Belgium

(8:30–10:30 AM) to see the Liberation Monument honoring the British 49th Polar Bear Division and lay a wreath at the plaque honoring the 104th.



Visit nearby Vernhout and its newly erected liberation monument before traveling south to Zundert for a ceremony and wreath-laying at the Timberwolf Memorial, in remembrance of the Liberation of Zundert. (This memorial was unveiled in 2001.)

From Zundert, continue south to Achtmaal to visit the beautiful Military History Museum Achtmaal and enjoy a late lunch at the museum, which focuses mainly on the liberators of the municipality of Zundert. Spend the afternoon visiting with Friends of the Timberwolves at the museum. (Anyone who wishes to walk to the nearby Oostvogel Family home and former museum to visit with the Oostvogels can do so.) Return to Breda.

Overnight: Breda, Netherlands

Meals: Breakfast (Lunch provided by the foundation Friends of the Timberwolves)

Day 8: Thursday, October 24, 2024—Margraten, M&M Museum, Henri-Chapelle & Aachen

Today, we depart Breda with some members of the Friends of the Timberwolves to travel across the beautiful Dutch countryside, stopping first at the Netherlands American Cemetery (located near the town of Margraten) for a ceremony and wreath-laying. Continue through Dutch farm country to cross into Belgium and visit the M&M Museum, where lunch is served.

Travel to Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in the afternoon for another ceremony and wreath-laying. From here, continue to Aachen for a visit to the cathedral, which is said to be the burial place for Charlemagne. Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Aachen, Germany

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 9: Friday, October 25, 2024—Aachen & Amsterdam

After breakfast, we depart for Amsterdam, arriving with enough time to explore at leisure before our farewell dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Amsterdam, Netherlands

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10: Saturday, October 26, 2024—Depart

Enjoy your final breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the Amsterdam Airport for departure.

Meals: Breakfast

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TOUR PRICING via GATE 1 TRAVEL

- **Double occupancy: \$2499** per person
(Airfare on your own)
- **Single occupancy: \$3198**
(Airfare on your own)

Note: If you also purchase your flights through Gate 1 Travel, complimentary transfer will be provided from the airport.

TO REGISTER

- **Online:**
<https://www.gate1travel.com/customgroups/BEN2630598>
- **By phone: 267-585-5100**

For any questions after reservations are finalized, please call 267-585-5100 and reference your group #: 2630598.

Deadline to Register: May 19, 2024

(Tour prices require a minimum of 25 participants. Maximum number of participants is 40.)