

LRE FORUM

LRE EXPO 2026 Programme



Programme

11.03.2026 | 08:00 - 13:30 CET

ARNHEM

MUSIS (Velperbinnensingel 15, 6811 BP)

08:00 - 09:00

Registration & Set-up

09:00 - 09:10

Welcome

Rémi Praud, Managing Director - LRE Foundation

Meike Verhagen, Director - TVAN

1-on-1 Meetings

Round 1 Networking Sessions

09:15 - 09:30

Meeting 1

09:35 - 09:50

Meeting 2

09:55 - 10:10

Meeting 3

10:15 - 10:30

Meeting 4

10:35 - 10:50

Meeting 5

10:50 - 11:05

15-Minute Break

1-on-1 Meetings

Round 2 Networking Sessions

11:05 - 11:20

Meeting 6

11:25 - 11:40

Meeting 7

11:45 - 12:00

Meeting 8

12:05 - 12:20

Meeting 9

12:25 - 12:45

Meeting 10

12:45 - 13:30

Closing Remarks & Lunch

How it works?

The LREXPO brings together the LRE Foundation network of members and partners, including representatives from memorial sites, museums, and tourist destinations, with stakeholders from the travel trade industry from across Europe and North America.

Travel trade visitors as well as exhibitors are listed in this EXPO programme, along with representative and organisation details. This enables you to familiarise yourself with them and plan for your networking opportunities. Meetings are 15 minutes long and can take place at exhibitor's booths or additional 'open networking spaces'.

For attendees with networking access, you will be informed by email when the networking system opens. You will receive instructions to enable you to log in to the platform and request and accept meetings online. If you do not have access to the networking system, you will be able to have spontaneous meetings at the EXPO with access to the open networking spaces and exhibitors.

The LRE Foundation will have a booth at the EXPO, as will our National Branches. There you can meet and speak to our colleagues and learn about the organisation and its projects.

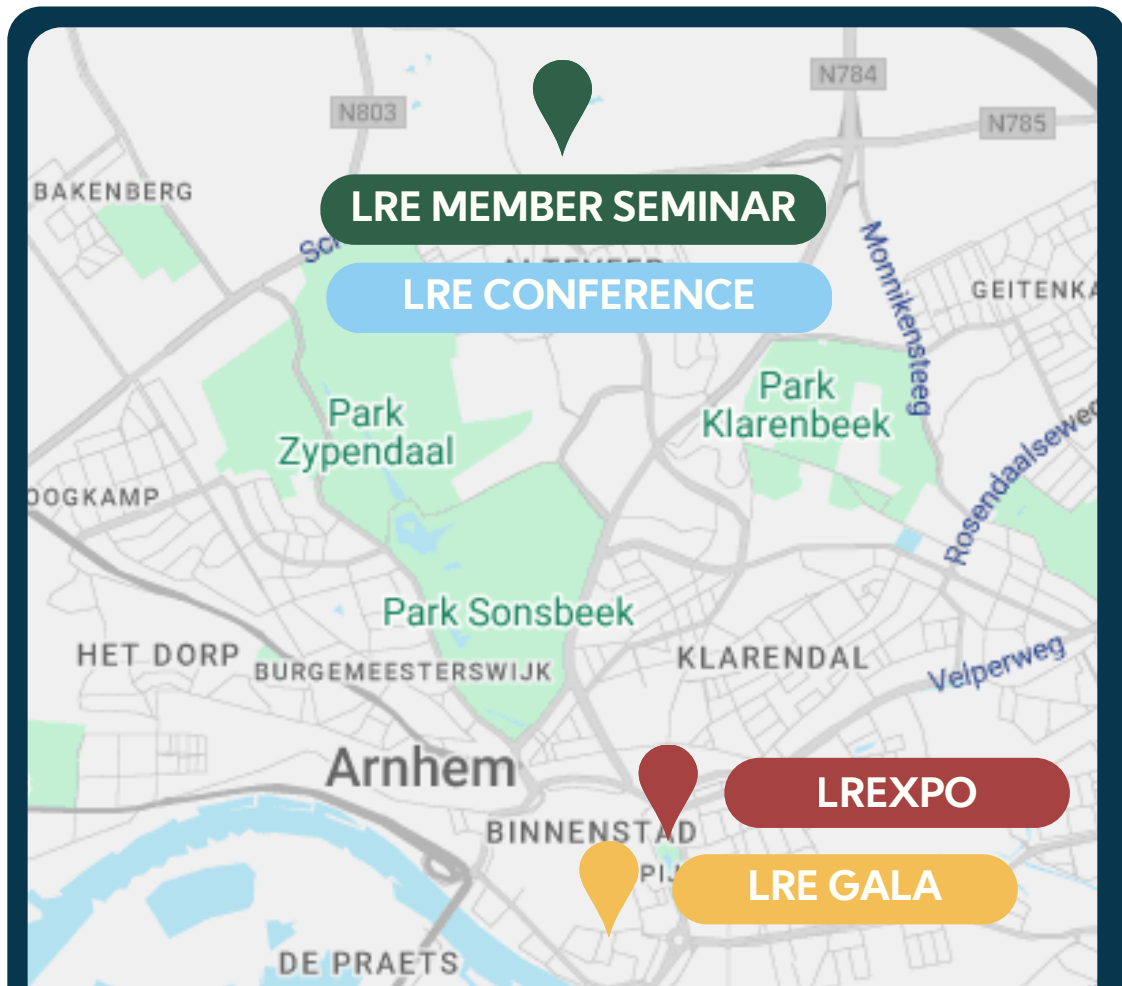
Should you have a question, please contact the LRE Forum team on event@liberationroute.com, using the subject line 'EXPO'.

Venue

LRE EXPO - 11.03.2026

ARNHEM

MUSIS (Velperbinnensingel 15, 6811 BP)



Musis is located in the centre of Arnhem and easily accessible by bicycle, car and public transport. It has a bicycle parking facility and several bus lines are available to the nearest bus stop, Velperplein. Musis is within walking distance of several car parking garages:

- [Musis parking garage](#)
- [Broerenstraat parking garage](#)
- [Velperpoort parking garage](#)
- [Velperplein parking garage](#)

Musis also has a limited number of parking spaces at the main entrance for visitors with a disabled parking permit. Please note that these spaces cannot be reserved.

Exhibitors



Stichting Airborne Herdenkingen
The battle of Arnhem, a bridge to the future

Airborne Commemorations Foundation

<https://www.airborne-herdenkingen.nl/en/>



The Airborne Commemorations Fund coordinates all major Airborne Commemorations in the Airborne Region.

Representatives:

Roger Beets *Chairman*



Airborne Ede

<https://www.ede.nl/>



Ede is a municipality and a town in the centre of the Netherlands, in the province of Gelderland, and it is part of the historically significant Airborne Region.

Representatives:

Arda Beckers *Program Manager*

Inge Matthes *Tourism Ede*



Airborne Museum

<https://www.airbornemuseum.nl/>



The Museum tells the story of the Battle of Arnhem during WWII, fought as part of Operation Market Garden in 1944. It brings the battle to life through immersive exhibitions and personal stories.

Representatives:

Anouk ter Horst *Reservations and Sales*

Yvette Polman *PR, Marketing & Communication*



Airborne Region Foundation

<https://www.airbornemuseum.nl/>



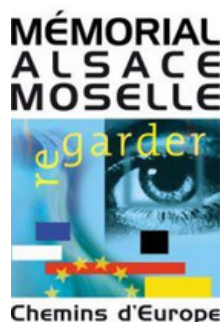
Our foundation brings partners together to commemorate, understand, and experience the Battle of Arnhem. With over 100 partners, we keep its memory alive by learning from the past to help prevent future conflict, in support of peace and freedom. Built on three pillars: remembrance, awareness, experience.

Representatives:

Thijs Van Der Laan *Board Member*

Rosalie Thomassen *Airborne Coordinator*

Dennis Van Asselt *Treasurer*



Alsace-Moselle Memorial

<https://www.memorial-alsace-moselle.com/en/>



The Alsace-Moselle Memorial explores the unique history of a border region shaped by shifting sovereignties between France and Germany from 1870 to 1945, through an immersive and accessible exhibition on the Second World War and Nazi domination.

Representatives:

Caroline Kross *Director of Projects and Development*

Mélanie Collin *Documentation Center & Temporary Exhibition*

Exhibitors



Bastogne War Museum

<https://www.bastognewarmuseum.be/en/home-en/>



The Bastogne War Museum and Bastogne War Rooms offer you a contemporary interactive context of the causes, events and consequences of the Second World War, with a particular emphasis on the Battle of the Bulge.

Representatives:

Mathieu Billa *Director*



Berlin-Karlshorst Museum

<https://www.museum-karlshorst.de/en/>



The Berlin-Karlshorst Museum is dedicated to German-Soviet and German-Russian relations with a focus on the German-Soviet war of 1941–1945.

Representatives:

Jörg Morré *Director*



Bridge to Liberation

<https://bridgetoliberation.nl/>



The foundation in Arnhem aims to reflect on the impact of the Battle of Arnhem in a new way reaching a wide audience. They organize events, make documentaries and create participatory projects to tell stories about the impact of war and the value of our freedom.

Representatives:

Marieke van Kessel *Director*
Rob Arts *Board Member*



City of Pilsen - Liberation Festival Pilsen

<https://pilsen.eu/>



For thirty-five years, Pilsen has been home to the unique Freedom Festival. The special phenomenon of the celebration of liberation by the American army offers the opportunity to get acquainted with the environment of historical military camps, to get to know the period equipment and the life of soldiers.

Representatives:

Jan Engler *Event Marketing Specialist*
Jana Komišová *Marketing/PR Manager*



City of Saint-Raphaël

<https://www.saint-raphael.com/en/>



Town of Saint-Raphaël is a landing place of the operation Dragoon on August 15, 1944, and sets up memorial activities related to WWII in the east of the Var department.

Representatives:

Alain Dubreuil *Project Director*

Exhibitors



Coeur de l'Ardenne Tourism office

<https://www.coeurdelardenne.be/>



Our organisation aims to develop consistent projects and products, as well as to implement coherent communication actions for 5 municipalities in the Belgian Ardennes. We make sure the tourism destination is well represented inside and outside of its area by cooperating with every necessary stakeholder in its field of expertise.

Representatives:

Mathieu Paquay *Project Manager Remembrance Tourism*



Commonwealth War Graves Commission

<https://www.cwgc.org/>



At the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, we honour the memory of 1.7m people who died in the two World Wars by maintaining their graves and memorials at 23,000 locations in over 150 countries and territories.

Representatives:

Simon Bendry *Director of Education, Engagement and Volunteering*
Nele Bille *Education Engagement and Volunteering Officer*
Jeroen Van Veen *Country Supervisor Netherlands*



Dunkirk Tourism

<https://www.dunkirk-tourism.com/>



We organise WWII historic tours and city tours in Dunkirk for groups and individuals.

Representatives:

Emmanuel Clermont *Tour Guide / Sales Executive*



Fletcher Hotels

<https://www.fletcher.nl/nl/>



Fletcher Hotels is a Dutch hotel chain operating over 100 hotels and resorts across the Netherlands, offering a range of 3- and 4-star accommodations with restaurants and leisure facilities in city, nature, and coastal locations.

Representatives:

Angelique Starink *Sales Representative*
Marcel Hoogenboom *LRE Specialist*



Fort Pannerdon

<https://www.fortpannerden.eu/>



Fort Pannerden, the fort of the New Dutch Waterline has UNESCO World Heritage status and has been voted the most beautiful fort in the Netherlands.

Representatives:

Marius Peters *Project Leader Energy Transition*

FORT PANNERDEN

Exhibitors



Freedom Museum & Infocentre WW2 Nijmegen

<https://vrijheidsmuseum.nl/>



Vrijheids Museum is a historical educational museum that tells the cross-border and multi-perspective story of War and Freedom without Borders for young and old.

Representatives:

Maria Tadema *Coordinator Infocentre & Events*
Esther Horsten *Director*

French Hiking Federation

<https://www.ffrandonnee.fr/>



The French Hiking Federation (FFRandonnée) is a French association recognised under national law 1901. The French Hiking Federation has 120 regional and departmental committees. In 2024, it represented more than 235.000 members, 3.300 clubs, 20.000 volunteers including about 9.000 official surveyors across France.

Representatives:

Clothilde Cenier *Projects*



Frisian Resistance Museum & Visit Friesland

<https://www.friesverzetsmuseum.nl/en>

<https://www.friesland.nl/nl>



Museum about resistance in Nazi-occupied province of Friesland 1940-1945.

Friesland is located in the north of the Netherlands by the Wadden Sea. A region of water, wide-open horizons, and vibrant culture.

Representatives:

Marre Sloots *Curator*



German War Grave Commission

<https://www.volksbund.de/>



The Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge e. V. is a humanitarian organisation dedicated to searching for war dead abroad, burying them and caring for their graves. It supports relatives and provides advice on war graves. It is committed to the culture of remembrance and promotes education for young people.

Representatives:

Natalie Hoffmann *Programme Coordinator Funding*
Sjoerd Ewals *Management of Ysselsteyn German War Cemetery*



Grodzka Gate NN Theatre Centre in Lublin

<https://teatrnn.pl/en/>



Local government cultural institution working towards preservation of cultural heritage and education. Its function is tied to the symbolic and historical meaning of its location in the Grodzka Gate, which used to divide Lublin into its Christian and Jewish quarters.

Representatives:

Roman Romantsov *Educator*

Exhibitors



Guardistallo Municipality

<https://guardistallo.comune-online.it/>



Guardistallo is a municipality in the Province of Pisa in the Italian region Tuscany, located about 70 kilometres southwest of Florence and about 50 kilometres southeast of Pisa. During the summer of 1944, it was the theatre of the Guardistallo massacre, carried out by German occupation forces.

Representatives:

Sandro Ceccarelli *Mayor*



HOUSE OF
EUROPEAN
HISTORY

House of European History

<https://historia.europa.eu/en>



Our Permanent Exhibition is brought to life with over 1,500 objects, documents and audio-visual materials, from over 300 museums and collections from across Europe and the world. Our temporary exhibitions, which take a deep dive into specific themes and periods.

Representatives:

Blandine Smilansky *Head of Communication*



Ilomantsi Tourism Association

<https://visitilomantsi.fi/en>



Destination marketing organisation in Finland's easternmost municipality Ilomantsi. Custodian of Ilomantsi Battlegrounds Trail.

Representatives:

Eero Tuomisto *Executive Director*

CENTRE JUNO BEACH
Engagé pour la mémoire et le développement durable
Committed to memory and sustainable development

Juno Beach Centre

<https://www.junobeach.org/>



The Juno Beach Centre is Canada's Second World War museum and cultural centre located in Normandy, France. The Centre pays homage to the 45,000 Canadians who lost their lives during the War, of which 5,500 were killed during the Battle of Normandy and 381 on D-Day.

Representatives:

Nathalie Worthington *Director*

**Kröller-Müller
museum**

Kröller-Müller Museum

<https://krollermuller.nl/en>



The Kröller-Müller Museum is a national art museum and sculpture garden, located in the Hoge Veluwe National Park in Otterlo in the Netherlands.

Representatives:

Bas Hamelink *Manager Sales & Trade*

Exhibitors



KUHMO

Kuhmo City

<https://visitkuhmo.fi/en/information/welcome-to-kuhmo/>



Located near Finland's eastern border, Kuhmo is one of the country's most historically significant Winter War locations. Kuhmo preserves an extraordinary series of historical locations, memorials, and restored structures that help visitors understand the lived experience of soldiers and civilians during the conflict.

Representatives:

Lassi Piirainen *Military history researcher and guide*



LACOUPOLE

La Coupole Historical Center & Planetarium 3D

<https://lacoupole-france.com/>



La Coupole, located 5 km from Saint-Omer (Nord-Pas-de-Calais), is one of the most impressive remnants of World War II in Europe. With its overwhelming size, its underground facilities, and the suffering of the forced labourers who built it, it is a symbolic place of Nazi oppression.

Representatives:

Mathilde Lanusse *Communication & Marketing Manager*

Anthony Martin *Project Manager*

Philippe Queste *Director*



Liberation
Garden

Liberation Garden

<https://liberationgarden.be/?lang=en>



Liberation Garden is a museum in Leopoldsburg, Belgium about World War II that brings to life the period 1940-1945 in a very contemporary and multimedia way.

Representatives:

Peter Schrijvers *Curator*

Kristof Borremans *Strategic Director*

Mons Memorial Museum

<https://www.visitmons.be/en/sites-and-museums/mons-memorial-museum-669999>



A vast permanent exhibition introduces visitors to the military history of the Mons region from the Middle Ages to the 20th century. The exhibition focuses on the events of the two world wars.

Representatives:

Corentin Rousman *Curator*

Virginie Hamys *Cultural Facilitator*

Museum Dunkirk 1940 - Operation Dynamo

<http://www.dynamo-dunkerque.com/>



A museum about the evacuation of troops in May and June 1940. Housed in WWII casemates with exhibits recounting the history of the 1940 Battle of Dunkirk.

Representatives:

Adélie Francke *Museum Educator*



Exhibitors



Museum of the Second World War

Museum of the Second World War in Gdansk

<https://muzeum1939.pl/en>



The Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk preserves and studies the history of WWII. Through one of Europe's largest exhibitions, opened on March 23, 2017, along with temporary displays and educational programs, it presents Polish wartime experiences within a global context and promotes a strong anti-war message to visitors worldwide.

Representatives:

Eva Wierzbowska *International Relations Specialist*

Aleksandra Trawińska *Press Secretary*

Bartosz Odorowicz *Head of Programs & Cooperation Dept.*

Magdalena Jaszczka *Chief Specialist in Programs & Cooperation Dept.*

Natalia Harmasz *Education Specialist*



No Man's Land War Museum

<https://www.museumniemandland.nl/>



Oorlogsmuseum Niemandland tells the story of a unique area during World War II. Fighting continued here for 198 days after Operation Market Garden in 1944.

Representatives:

Robert Braam *Director*

Mara van der Velden *Marketing*

Peter Bongers *Chair*

Erik Kregting *Board Member*

Max Bozon *Treasurer*



Nuto Revelli Foundation

<https://nutorevelli.org/>



We deal with mountain returns, anti-fascism, resistance, memory, rights. We are dedicated to research, meetings, teaching, cultural innovation, regeneration of places. A Cultural Institute with a place of memory Borgata Paraloup.

Representatives:

Beatrice Verri *Director*



Normandy Region

<https://www.normandie.fr/>



Normandy region in northern France is known for its rich WWII history and D-Day landing beaches,

Representatives:

Camille Varin *Remembrance Project Office*

Anaïs Le Bot *Head of Tourism Department*

Exhibitors



paleis het loo

Paleis Het Loo Museum and Royal Palace

<https://paleishetloo.nl/en>



Royal palace and 17th century gardens in Apeldoorn. The WWII podwalk guides you past locations where remarkable events took place during the war. Hear about the bombing of the SS headquarters, the plight of personnel left behind and the Allied patients in the palace after the liberation.

Representatives:

Michiel Faulhaber *Sales Marketeer*



Pass Partout - Tourism Marketing

<https://passpartout.gr/>



Pass Partout is a Destination Management Company based in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Representatives:

Sofia Bournatzi *Owner*
Kostas Doucas *Sales Manager*



ΔΗΜΟΣ
ΠΥΛΑΙΑΣ-ΧΟΡΤΙΑΤΗ

Pilea-Hortiatis Municipality

<https://pilea-hortiatis.gr/en/municipalities-identity/>



Located in the Region of Central Macedonia, within the wider area of Thessaloniki, Pilea-Hortiatis is a municipality with a deep-rooted and rich cultural heritage. The area bears the scars and stories of the Second World War.

Representatives:

Despoina Lypiridou *Deputy Mayor*
Anatoli Knostantinidou *Council Member*



FRIEDENSMUSEUM
Brücke von Remagen

Remagen Bridge Peace Museum

<https://www.bruecke-remagen.de/>



The Peace Museum "Bridge at Remagen" is located in the left-bank towers of the former Ludendorff Bridge. At this historical site, it documents the events surrounding the capture of the undamaged bridge by the US Army on March 7, 1945. Consciously founded not as a war museum but as a peace museum, it aims to be a place of learning for international understanding and peace work.

Representatives:

Barbara Heimback *Board Member / Treasurer*
Christopher Heimback *Member*
Andrew Denison *Board Member*



AIRBORNE
RENKUM

Renkum Municipality

<https://www.renkum.nl/>



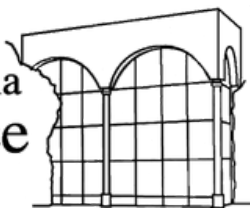
Renkum gemeente is situated on the Lower Rhine (Neder Rijn) River, west of Arnhem, and comprises the villages of Oosterbeek, Renkum, Doorwerth, Heelsum, Heveadorp, and Wolfheze.

Representatives:

Brigitte Van Veggel *Program Manager*

Exhibitors

Musée de la Résistance de Bondues



Resistance Museum of Bondues

<https://museedelaresistancedebondues.fr/>



Located in a military fort, the Resistance Museum of Bondues commemorates the French Resistance during World War II, with a focus on 68 men who were executed within the Fort between 1943 and 1944 for fighting against Nazi Occupation.

Representatives:

Estelle Delebarre *Director*

MUSÉE
DE LA RÉSISTANCE
LIMOGES



LIMOGES
ARTS DU FEU
ET INNOVATION

Resistance Museum of Limoges

<https://resistance.limoges.fr/>



Dedicated to all those who sacrificed themselves in the Resistance during WWII to defend the fundamental values of the Republic, the museum's mission is to keep the memory alive by offering an educational space and place for disseminating information, particularly for young people.

Representatives:

Christophe Guillot *Head of Services, Research & Documentation*



BUREAU
TOERISME

Rivierengebied Tourism Office Foundation

<https://bureautoerisme.nl/>



Destinatie management organisation for the Gelders Rivierengebied. Since 2004, the Tourism Office Foundation has been committed to the growth and development of the region's leisure sector. We believe in collaboration, innovation, and sustainable growth – for a vibrant leisure sector that benefits both residents and visitors.

Representatives:

Caroline Scholtens *Process and Project Management*

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Arnhem

Tourism Veluwe Arnhem Nijmegen

<https://www.toerismevan.nl/>



Toerisme Veluwe Arnhem Nijmegen is specialised in destination management, development and marketing. Through innovative marketing activities, hospitality services and expertise, we are putting the Arnhem, Nijmegen and Veluwe regions on the map as a destination for visitors from the Netherlands and abroad.

Representatives:

Meike Verhagen *Director*

Loes Haver *Project Manager*

Bas Theunissen

Hugo Veenendaal *Account Manager*



Regione Toscana

Tuscany Region

<https://www.regione.toscana.it/>



Tuscany is a premier central Italian region known for its Renaissance art, rolling vineyard landscapes, and historic cities.

Representatives:

Daniela Volpi *Director of Unit*

Exhibitors



LE DÉPARTEMENT

Var Departement

<https://var.fr/>



The Département du Var is a department in southeastern France, situated in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region along the Mediterranean coast. In 1942 the German Army moved from Occupied France into the zone libre, which included the Var department.

Representatives:

Stéphane Bouisson Head of Cross-Functional Projects and Partnerships

VISITWallonia.be

Visit Wallonia

<https://visitwallonia.com/>



Tourist office for the region Wallonia in Belgium with the Ardennes and cities like Bastogne, La Roche, Mons.

Representatives:

Jeroen Henneke *Marketmanager in the Netherlands*



VOORST

Voorst Municipality & Visit Voorst

<https://www.voorst.nl/> <https://www.bezoekvoorst.nl/nl>



Voorst is a municipality and a town in the province of Gelderland, eastern Netherlands. Bezoek Voorst/Visit Voorst is a Tourist information centre in Twello.

Representatives:

Jaelle Van De Velde *Recreation and Tourism Policy Advisor*
Jascha Jongeneel *Recreation and Tourism Officer*

gemeente **Wageningen**

Wageningen Municipality

<https://www.wageningen.nl/>



The municipality of Wageningen is a compact, forward-thinking public organisation with a strong focus on sustainability, participation, and collaboration between the city, science, and government. As the City of Liberation, it also carries a special national responsibility in organising and supporting remembrance and liberation activities.

Representatives:

Naomi Maarseveen-van Wijk *Leisure Economy Policy Advisor*

Travel Trade Visitors



Arnhem Life

<https://arnhemlife.nl/>

We provide guided tours and corporate events, our specialty is Battle of Arnhem tours.

Representatives:

Petra Dielman *Business Owner*



Battlefield Discovery

<https://battlefelddiscovery.nl/>

Battlefield Discovery researches and guides clients to the battlefields of WW2, focussing on the events between September 1944 and April 1945 in The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and the western part of Germany.

Representatives:

Edwin Popken *Military Historian*



Battlefield Explorer Tours

<https://thebattlefieldexplorer.com/>

Providing Battlefield tours to individuals and groups of all sizes and backgrounds in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany.

Representatives:

Joris Nieuwint *Battlefield Guide*



Durendale Battlefield Tours

<https://www.durendale.nl/>

Single and multi day battlefield tours with small groups (up to 8). Driver-Guide concept. Tour guide services for larger groups. Destinations: UK, France, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany. Roman times up to WW2. Band of Brothers tours. Also private tours.

Representatives:

Jip Meijer *Owner*



CountyHike / Dutch Bike Tours / Fiets Relax

<https://www.countyhike.nl/>

<https://www.dutch-biketours.nl/>

<https://www.fietsrelax.nl/over-fietsrelax>

We specialise in private hiking tours along the Pieterpad. This iconic route stretches over 500 kilometers, from the northern village of Pieterburen on the Wadden Sea coast to the southern city of Maastricht. We also organise private walking trips in the beautiful region of Brabant.

Representatives:

Arianne Verspuij *Travel Organiser, Backoffice & Sales*

Travel Trade Visitors



Fly High Travels

Deals with all types of travel services.

Representatives:

Maira Raheel *Travel & Tour Operator*



GENIUS LOCI TRAVEL
Walking and Cycling Holidays

Genius Loci Travel

<https://www.genius-loci.it/>

Genius Loci Travel is Italy's premier adventure tour operator, fully licensed and independently operated. We are specialised in immersive active holidays, including self-guided hiking tours, and cycling tours.

Representatives:

Peter Hoogstaden *Founder*



Happy Tours

<https://happytours.eu/en/>

Happy Tours Ltd is a premier European DMC with over 20 years of excellence, delivering sophisticated group travel, bespoke FIT itineraries, and comprehensive MICE solutions for global partners.

Representatives:

Erinaldo Lima *Key Account Manager*



In The Footsteps Tours Limited

<https://www.inthefootsteps.com/>

Award-winning Battlefield, Heritage, and Family History Tours, with 20 years' experience in designing and providing top quality tours to destinations across the United Kingdom, Europe, and many other destinations around the world.

Representatives:

Ian Gumm *CEO and Historian/Guide*



InterCruises - TUI Musement

<https://www.intercruises.com/>

InterCruises is an experienced global business offering turnaround, shore excursion, port operations and hotel-programme services to ocean and river cruise industry

Representatives:

Timo Hogenkamp *Commercial Development & Quotations Executive BeNeLux and Nordics*
Maureen Schothuis *Destination Manager The Netherlands & Belgium - Supply Management*

Travel Trade Visitors



ITO Tours

<https://itotours.com/>

DMC in the Netherlands

Representatives:
Kajori Ganguly *Account Manager*



Kuoni Tumlare by JTB

<https://www.kuonitumlare.com/>

Kuoni Tumlare is a global destination management and travel services provider headquartered in Zurich, offering tailored leisure, corporate and event travel solutions across more than 30 countries with deep expertise in incentive travel, congress and special interest programmes.

Representatives:
Anneleen Moonen *Procurement Manager Benelux*



Kamstra Travel BV

<https://www.kamstra-travel.nl/>

Leading tour operator specialised in customised group travel experiences, with a special focus on the Benelux. With over 45 years of experience in tourism, Kamstra Travel offers a wide range of tailor-made travel solutions for both leisure and corporate groups, based on trusted partnerships, customisation and cost efficiency. Kamstra Travel represents high quality and excellent service.

Representatives:
Jordi Lodensteijn *Managing Director*



Leisuretime by Toureasy /Group Travel Company Ltd

<https://www.leisuretime.co.uk/>

We are a rapidly growing UK based Coach Tour Operator. We recently acquired the established Leisuretime brand (founded 1995), significantly expanding our market presence. A proudly carbon neutral tour operator, we're building partnerships with suppliers across the UK & Europe to support our continued expansion.

Representatives:
Ceri Anderson *Product Development Manager*

On the Front Tours

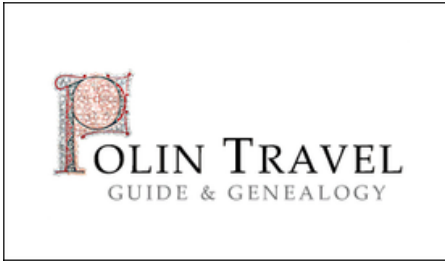
<https://onthefront.com/>

On the Front Tours is a specialist World War II tour provider and trusted operator delivering historically guided tours across Germany and Alsace, France. We design and deliver expert-led battlefield, city, and thematic experiences built on rigorous research, operational reliability, and clear historical interpretation.

Representatives:
Matthew Menneke *Founder & Guide*



Travel Trade Visitors



Polin Travel

<https://jewish-guide.pl/>

Polin Travel is a research center created out of a passion for guiding, history and genealogy. This is the first project in Central Europe combining those three fields in order to provide high quality, tailor-made travel and genealogy research services for visitors with different backgrounds and travel expectations.

Representative:

Tomasz Cebulski *Director and Genealogy Researcher*

ROAD SCHOLAR®

Road Scholar

<https://www.roadscholar.org/>

Nonprofit educational group travel for older adults.

Representative:

Samantha Small-Martel *Operations Manager, RS Europe*



Sophie's Great War Tours

Sophie's Great War Tours is a multi award-winning specialist travel agent, creating exceptional expert-led, private WW1 & WW2 battlefield tours across Europe and beyond.

Representatives:

Paul Colbourne *Battlefield Guide*



Tauck

<https://www.tauck.co.uk/>

Tauck is a family-owned company of passionate travelers. With journeys across 7 continents, in over 100 destinations and to 70+ countries, we keep moving forward to find new ways to craft travel experiences that will be memorable for a lifetime.

Representatives:

Liz Vinson *Product Manager*



Travel Curious

<https://travelcurious.com/>

We are a high-tech, high-touch travel company fuelling the travel experience economy. From curation of best in-class private tours and guided experiences to innovative go-to-market technology and distribution solutions, we connect people to exceptional experiences.

Representatives:

Jake Bergquist *Senior Director of Sales*

Travel Trade Visitors

Trinity College Cultural Programs in Italy

Trinity College: Cultural Programs in Italy

Educational travel programs in Italy for travelers age 55+ exclusively through Road Scholar

Representatives:

Julianne Miller *Director*

Giulia Marsigli *Programs & Operations Advisor*

Other Visitors

Artist Studio Patricija Gilyte

Germany-based Lithuanian visual artist working on a project at the intersection of military heritage and nature.

Representatives:

Patricija Gilyte *Fine Art professional*

Citymarketing Arnhem Foundation

<https://citymarketingarnhem.nl/>

We all benefit from a strong Arnhem brand. We can all play a role in creating it, from multinationals to sole traders, from cultural institutions to knowledge institutions. All parties involved contribute to the success of city marketing. This allows us to show locally, regionally, nationally and internationally all the wonderful things Arnhem has to offer.

Representatives:

Tesse Van Bindsbergen *Project Manager*

Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands

<https://english.cultureelerfgoed.nl/>

The Cultural Heritage Agency (RCE) is part of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. We work under the direct responsibility of the minister and implement laws, regulations and heritage policy jointly made by the ministry and the RCE. We also generate and disseminate knowledge and provide practical advice on national monuments, landscape and environment, archaeology, and movable heritage.

Representatives:

Ben De Vreis *Manager*

Dutch Polar Bears Foundation

<https://www.thedutchpolarbears.com/>

Research. Remembrance. Education. These are the three core values of The Dutch Polar Bears Foundation. We are committed to finding, researching, preserving and telling the stories of WWII, particularly to younger generations, with documentaries, podcasts, events, commemorations, educational programmes and local initiatives.

Representatives:

Dré Van Roomen *Vice-President*

Daan Breugelmans *Chairman*

Other Visitors

Drenthe Province

<https://www.provincie.drenthe.nl/algemene-onderdelen/talen/english/>

Drenthe is one of the three northern provinces of the Netherlands and is excellently located between the large centres of economic importance in the West-Netherlands, Germany, Scandinavia and the Baltics. With its beautiful landscape, dynamic economy and excellent working and recreational facilities, Drenthe is a great place to live!

Representatives:

Mariëlle Kooij *Cultural Projects Developer*

Eemsdelta Municipality

<https://www.eemsdelta.nl/>

Eemsdelta is a municipality in the province of Groningen, Netherlands

Representatives:

Ben Visser *Project Mayor*

EuroClio – European Association of History Educators

<https://euroclio.eu/>

The mission of EuroClio is to inspire and empower educators to engage learners in innovative and responsible history and citizenship education. The vision of EuroClio is for all learners to become more responsible and contributing citizens through engaging in history and citizenship education for mutual understanding and peace.

Representatives:

Magdalena Chimiel *Educator*

Ivan Milovanov *Professional Development Coordinator & Project Manager*

Foundation for Vis island

Foundation for developing project Vis-WWII Memorial center. Island Vis, Croatia.

Representatives:

Velimir Mratinić *President*

Tea Vrgoc *Assistant*

Free University of Brussels (Université libre de Bruxelles, ULB)

<https://www.ulb.be/>

Studying at ULB University (Université Libre de Bruxelles) gives you the opportunity to make valuable contacts and build a professional network in Brussels.

Representatives:

Andrea Apollonio *Researcher*

ICOMOS Estonia

<https://estonia.icomos.org/>

Estonian national committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), a global non-governmental organisation dedicated to conserving cultural heritage. It brings together local experts to protect, manage, and promote heritage sites, aligning with international standards and advising on heritage policies.

Representatives:

Ave Paulus *President*

Robert Treufeldt *Historian*

Other Visitors

Institute of Culture Studies of the Austrian Academy of Science

<https://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/ikw/home>

The Institute of Culture Studies (IKW) is one of the Austrian Academy of Sciences' research institutes committed to cross-disciplinary basic research on socially relevant issues in the humanities, arts and social sciences. Its three research groups are engaged in research on Knowledge Production, Memory Culture, and Antisemitism Studies.

Representatives:

Galyna Fesenko *Researcher*

Living Story

<https://www.livingstory.nl/>

Living Story is one of the most experienced serious game studios in the Netherlands and specialises in Game-based Learning: applying science and experience from gamification and game design to learning, motivation and talent in organisations.

Representatives:

Karen Sikkema *Serious Game Designer*

Malopolska Tourism Organisation

<http://www.mot.krakow.pl/>

Małopolska Tourism Organisation is a destination marketing organisation dedicated to promoting Kraków and Małopolska Region as top travel destinations. Małopolska is home to numerous historical sites related to WWII such as Auschwitz Birkenau Memorial and Museum, Krakow Getto, Home Army Museum or Graves of Allied Soldiers at Rakowicki Cemetery.

Representatives:

Mirosław Bartyzel *Destination Marketing Specialist*

Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial

<https://www.mauthausen-memorial.org/en>

Memorial & museum at former Nazi concentration camp, with visitor center & audio tours.

Representatives:

Marlene Wöckinger *Representative*

Medemblik War Museum

<https://www.oorlogsmuseummedemblik.nl/>

At the Oorlogsmuseum Medemblik, you can discover both the civilian and military sides of the Second World War. You can do this by looking around yourself, but also by experiencing the Escape Room-style Experience Tours, which allow you to discover history in a more interactive way.

Representatives:

Ricardo De Groot *Sales and Relationship Manager*

Memory Anchor

<https://www.memoryanchor.com/>

Memory Anchor is a veteran-founded cemetery software company serving leading cemeteries, veterans affairs agencies, global heritage organisations, and commemoration organisations. We believe there is a story behind every gravestone and we exist to ensure these stories are never forgotten.

Representatives:

Matthew Stewart *EU Territory Manager*

Other Visitors

Pelikaanpers

<https://www.pelikaanpers.nl/>

We publish comic books about Battle of Arnhem and ww2 for youth and interested adults

Representatives:

Tine Bouwhuis *Publisher*

Hennie Vaessen *Comic Book Creator*

Radboud University Nijmegen

<https://www.ru.nl/>

Radboud University is a public research university located in Nijmegen, Netherlands.

Representatives:

Mathilde Roza *Associate Professor North American Studies*

Sybir Memorial Museum

<https://sybir.bialystok.pl/en/the-museum/>

The Sybir Memorial Museum is dedicated to documenting and sharing the history of forced deportations from Poland, ensuring the voices of those affected are heard and remembered. Its mission is to educate visitors about the human cost of political repression and to foster reflection on themes of displacement, resilience, and survival.

Representatives:

Angelika Ejchler *Administration Manager*

Piotr Popławski *Manager of the Department of Educational and Cultural Projects*

Tourist board of Komiža

<https://www.tz-komiza.hr/home-eng>

Komiža has long fishing tradition which is reflected in the appearance of this small town and in the warmth of the local people. It is situated at the foot of the hill Hum (587 m) and oriented in West-Southwest direction. It is, therefore, protected from all the northerly winds and is subsequently the warmest place in Croatia in winter.

Representatives:

Tena Gorjanovic Rajevski *Director*

V Commandos

V Commandos is an ambitious remembrance initiative dedicated to shedding light on a little-known yet crucial episode of World War II: the Allied and Partisan resistance on the Croatian island of Vis.

Philippe Deprez *President*

White Ribbon Mile

<https://whiteribbonmile.nl/en/white-ribbon-mile-2/>

White Ribbon Mile is an organisation set up to commemorate the retreat of British soldiers in the night of 25-26 September 1944, known as Operation Berlin.

Representatives:

Hans Kelderman *Treasurer*

Platform WO2

<https://www.tweedewereldoorlog.nl/>

Platform WO2 is a network organisation which aims to keep the memory of the Second World War alive for future generations through tweedewereldoorlog.nl.

Fokko Spoelstra *Secretary General*

LRE Foundation Branches



LRE France

www.lre-france.org

The major goal of LRE France is to support the dissemination of WWII memory in France by developing the “Route de la Libération,” a cultural and memorial route that connects the regions liberated from Nazi occupation between 1944 and 1945. The aim is to extend the existing Liberation Route Europe hiking path, totaling 1500 kilometers of trails and developing themed routes and historical content.

Representatives:

Aude Maillard *Project Assistant*



LRE Germany

www.lre-germany.org

Together with European partner countries, LRE Germany encourages reflection on the end of the war in 1945, when Allied troops defeated the dictatorship of the National Socialist German Reich and put an end to the genocide of the European Jews.

Representatives:

Gotthard Kirch *Managing Director LRE Germany & LRE NRW*



LRE Italy

www.lre-italy.org

LRE Italy’s main objective is to create and expand a commemoration route connecting the regions where the liberation of Italy from the Nazi occupation and the fascist regime took place, in the period 1943-1945.

Representatives:

Viola Scalacci *Communications Officer*



LRE Poland

LRE Poland was founded in 2023. The main objective is to create a network of museums, organisations and locations across Poland to highlight the history and heritage of the country during the Second World War.

Representatives:

Joanna Roman *Project Manager*



LRE United Kingdom

www.lre-uk.org

LRE United Kingdom (Liberation Route UK) was founded in December 2020. The main objective is to create a network of museums, organisations and locations across the UK to highlight the history and heritage of the UK during the Second World War.

Representatives:

Ben Mayne *Director*

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