

**‘A BRIDGE TOO FAR’  
ARNHEM AND OPERATION MARKET GARDEN  
1944  
80TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR  
19-22 SEPTEMBER 2024**



Operation ‘Market Garden’ was the brainchild of Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery, intended to win the war by Christmas 1944 by dropping 30,000 British and American paratroops and glider-borne infantry, behind enemy lines and linking up with them using a fast-moving armoured corps, advancing through the Netherlands. The key to the operation was the taking of the main bridges over the rivers Waal and Lower Rhine.

**In two years time, September 2024, we commemorate the 80th anniversary of one of the most iconic campaigns of WWII, Operation Market Garden, culminating in the battle of Arnhem. As I did for the 75th anniversary in 2019, I will be leading an exclusive guided tour to the battlefields.**

**Programme:**

**Day 1**

Thursday 19th September

Arrive Amsterdam airport 11.45am

Met by Iain Gale. Board tour vehicle.

Follow the route of Brian Horrocks’s British XXX Corps, and arrive in Arnhem and Oosterbeek, booking into the historic 4\* hotel, Landgoed Warnsborn hotel, close to the landing zones and just 3 miles from the Hartenstein Airborne Museum.

Drinks and a short illustrated lecture on Market Garden by Iain, followed by dinner.



Sadly, the outcome is all too well known. A tragically courageous chapter in British military history which has inspired books and films ever since, in particular 'A Bridge Too Far'. Numbers on the tour are limited to eight people. The cost is £900 per person. Included are on-tour transport, 4 days guided tour of the battlefields, 3 nights b&b at a 4\* hotel, all museum admissions. Not included are Flights to and from Amsterdam, lunches, dinners or drinks. Enquires to Iain Gale at: [iain.gale@yahoo.com](mailto:iain.gale@yahoo.com)

## Day 2

Friday 20th September

British Airborne landing sites Ginkel Heath, Heelsum, 'X'. Heelsum, 'Z'. Reijerscamp, 'S'. Utrechtsche Weg and Wolfheze Road crossroads. Visit to the Hartenstein Airborne Museum. Oosterbeek perimeter tour. Drinks and dinner.

Saturday 21st September

Attend commemorative Parachute Drop and wreath laying on Ginkel Heath and Commemorative Service at the Sheepfold Memorial. Visit John Frost bridge and central Arnhem. Watch re-enactors' display of "Race to the Bridge" at Hartenstein Museum. Drinks and dinner.

Sunday 22nd September

Attend 80th Anniversary commemoration and flower-laying by schoolchildren at Oosterbeek War Cemetery. Free to inspect re-enactors' displays and museums. Fly home from Amsterdam airport.