



ALUMNI TRAVEL

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HISTORICAL TOURS



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WHO WE ARE

STEPHEN AMBROSE HISTORICAL TOURS

has extensive experience in designing and customizing private group tours for Alumni Travel Associations that are transformative experiences for your travelers and also a robust fundraising tool. Our company was founded by America's premier historian and best-selling author Stephen E. Ambrose. Professor Ambrose began his work operating history tours in 1979 when he led the inaugural D-Day to the Rhine Tour. He continued to lead tours to Europe in the 1990s. During this time he also developed one of the most beloved Study Abroad opportunities at the University of New Orleans.

WHAT WE OFFER

Customization & Expertise

From selecting destinations and activities to accommodating unique scheduling needs, every aspect of your alumni travel tour can be tailored to create a one-of-a-kind experience. Our team will work closely with you to understand your group's unique interests and preferences and develop an itinerary that meets your needs. Our long-standing relationships ensure that your tour will move smoothly and that your group will have a seamless experience.

Whether visiting Omaha Beach on the D-Day to the Rhine Tour or learning about the authentic history of the American Indian Wars on the Crazy Horse & Custer Tour, we offer an expertise that was perfected by Professor Ambrose, and then directly handed down to the next generation of historians, who are leaders in their field.



Diverse Historical & Cultural Experiences

Our carefully curated tours in Europe, the Pacific and the United States provide opportunities to explore the world's history and diverse cultures. Among our American history tours are several tours—the 6888th Legacy Tour: The Only African American WAC Unit of WWII, Apache Wars of the Southwest, Buffalo Soldiers, Crazy Horse & Custer—that provide an in-depth study of cultural diversity from a historical perspective.

Anniversary Tours

We have worked with a variety of organizations to develop private group tours based around a significant historical anniversary, including D-Day, the Boston Tea Party and the Battle of Lexington. Led by our expert historians, these tours provide an in-depth study of these pivotal moments in history as well as an engaging experience for travelers, who are able to attend commemorative events and explore battlefields, museums and iconic sites.



Fundraising and Donor Tours

We have facilitated donations for museums and affinity groups, and we're happy to extend the same service to Alumni Travel Associations. Our team can create a customized fundraising tour that meets your financial goals while also providing a rich historical and cultural experience. From identifying potential major donors to retaining existing members, our tours offer a range of benefits for your organization.

TRAVEL DISCOVER RELIVE HISTORY

The best way to understand history
is to study the places it was made.

DR. STEPHEN AMBROSE

CUSTOMIZING YOUR TOUR

For 35 years, SAHT has been offering group tours with set itineraries and scheduled departure dates that can be booked by individuals. These retail tours can be tailored to meet your specific requirements. The only prerequisite we have is that the tour must be led by a professional historian, either a historian provided by SAHT or one provided by your organization.

Tour Planning Process

Over the years, we have worked with many colleges, high schools, museums and affinity groups to design and operate private group tours. Our approach involves collaborating with you on an itinerary you have chosen from our existing tours on our website (stephenambrosetours.com) and customizing it to your preferences. While our website provides a starting point for tour ideas, our team, along with the appropriate historian, can work with you to develop a unique tour itinerary that incorporates cultural sites, historical landmarks, museums and other attractions that are of interest to your travelers.

Financial Details and Marketing

During the planning process, we can discuss your school's commission and advertisement buy-in requirements, as well as payment structures and other financial details. We are flexible, and will work with you to meet your needs. We can also provide a graphic designer who can create custom marketing materials to promote your tour.

Tour Amenities

HOTELS: Our tour groups usually stay in four-star hotels except in rural locations when they stay in the "best available." If you prefer, we can arrange five-star accommodations for your group.

MEALS: We can provide all meals each day of the tour or just breakfast when there are a lot of walkable dining options near the hotel. We can also include regional food experiences.

TOUR LENGTH: We can adjust the length of any of our itineraries. You can add an extra day or more at the beginning or end of the tour. You can also cut out a leg of the tour to shorten a ten-day tour to just one week.

FREE TIME: A tour day generally runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. However, you can choose to have each day end at 3 p.m., for example, to allow for more free time. You can also add free time for half a day or a full day at any location.

FLIGHTS AND TRANSFERS: If you prefer, we can organize group flights and/or include all airport transfers.

TOUR STAFF: SAHT can provide a professional historian to lead the tour and a tour manager to handle logistics, or your Alumni office can provide staff for these important roles.

DIVERSE HISTORICAL & CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Our historical and WWII tours expand the carefully conceived and executed heritage itineraries inspired by Professor Ambrose's life's work. Our existing portfolio includes four tours that will deepen your understanding of history while fostering camaraderie and cultural awareness. We are happy to email or mail brochures for any of our tours.



6888th Legacy Tour

This tour covers the remarkable story of the only unit designated as an African American battalion of the Women's Army Corps to serve in Europe during World War II. The contributions to the war effort of women, and especially women of color, are often overlooked for the heroism on the WWII battlefields. The 6888th broke records and processed millions of pieces of backlogged mail in austere wartime conditions to restore reliable mail service and troop morale. The unit was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2022.

Apache Wars of the Southwest

As you travel from Tucson to Santa Fe, haunting deserts and majestic mountains will serve as the dramatic backdrop for stories of conflict and then ultimate reconciliation after generations of warriors gave way to peacemakers. You will time-travel to former military garrisons such as El Presidio and San Agustín del Tucson, Cochise's nearly impenetrable stronghold. You will also view the vast White Sands that once formed part of the homeland of the people now popularly referred to as the Apache.



Buffalo Soldiers

Following the American Civil War, the U.S. Congress authorized the formation of six Regular Army regiments manned by African American troops. These Black men (and one woman) in Uncle Sam's uniform came to be known as "Buffalo Soldiers." They performed outstanding service to the nation not only during the Indian Wars, but also, they deployed to Cuba during the Spanish-American War, sailed across the Pacific to the Philippines, and pursued Pancho Villa south of the border into Mexico under "Black Jack" Pershing. Hear the tales of these storied veterans on a trek that will take travelers through the vast, stunning landscapes of Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.



Crazy Horse & Custer: War on the Great Plains

On this tour through Wyoming, South Dakota and Montana, your historian will provide the backdrop for the stories of Crazy Horse and Custer, Sitting Bull and other Native Americans. As you visit outposts such as Fort Laramie, study battles such as Little Big Horn, and explore outstanding museums like the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, you will become immersed in the diverse cultures of the West. This tour also includes the story of the dramatic trek of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce people from the Pacific North West to the Canadian border in their bid for freedom.





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