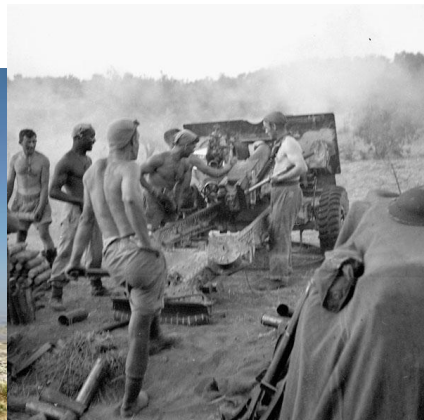




**Op Husky 2018, Fields of Fire Tours
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**Return to Sicily & Italy
2-12 November 2018
75th Anniversary of the Italian Campaign**



- Commemorate the contribution of Logistics to Allied victory in Italy.
- Visit important Canadian battlefields in Sicily, Ortona, and the Liri Valley.
- Pay tribute to Canada's war dead of the Italian Campaign.
- Attend the Remembrance Day ceremony at Cassino War Cemetery.
- Visit monuments, museums, and Commonwealth War Cemeteries.
- Led by experienced military historians and veterans including Col (ret'd) John Conrad.

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Return to Sicily & Italy: Tour Itinerary

Day 1 – 2 November ... Depart Canada for Catania.

Day 2 – 3 November ... We arrive in Catania, meet our bus and then drive to the city where we will visit the Museo dello Sbarco. That evening for the truly hardy, there will be a tour of Catania's amazing Baroque cathedrals. We will stay in Acireale, just north of Catania tonight at the **Santa Tecla Palace Hotel**.

Day 3 – 4 November ... Today we will start with a visit to Pachino Beach, south of Siracusa, then head into the mountains to visit Piazza Armerina and Valguarnera. We will stay in Enna for the next two nights at the **Hotel Sicilia**.

Day 4 – 5 November ... Our second day in the interior of Sicily will see us touring the battlefields of Leonforte and Assoro, before returning to Enna

Day 5 – 6 November ... Before we leave Sicily we will visit Agira and Regalbuto before ending our Sicilian sojourn at the Canadian cemetery near Agira. We will then enjoy the views on the way to Salerno, taking the ferry at Catania to cross into Italy. We will stay overnight on the ferry and arrive in Naples the next day to meet our new buses and head for Ortona.

Day 6 – 7 November ... Today we will depart from Naples, crossing the Apennines to arrive near Ortona. We will stop at the Moro River to examine that bitter struggle before continuing on to Ortona where we will stay for two nights at Lido Riccio in the **Hotel Mara**.

Day 7 – 8 November ... After visiting Casa Berardi in the morning, we will do a walking tour of the Ortona battlefield in the city.

Day 8 – 9 November ... Next we will cross Italy to the Liri Valley where we will tour the restored abbey at Montecassino, site of ferocious battle. We will stay in Cassino for three nights at the **Forum Palace Hotel**.

Day 9 – 10 November ... We will tour the Gustav and Hitler Line battles in the Liri valley visiting Pontecorvo and Aquino. A ceremony in Pontecorvo will dedicate the Artillery Memorial for the Italian Campaign.

Day 10 – 11 November ... Today we will participate in the Remembrance day ceremony at Cassino War Cemetery and visit the Museum in the town. Our final dinner will be held in Cassino.

Day 11 – 12 November ... We will depart early to make flights from Rome that will return us to Canada. Anyone staying on in Rome can make easy connections to the city from the airport.

Tour Price (Land Only)

CAD \$3000 – (per person, Double occupancy)
(single supplement: \$475 – limited availability)

Airfare can be added if desired and will vary according to point of departure
50,000 Airmiles to the first 40 participants confirmed by deposit.

\$500 per person non-refundable deposit required on booking

Price includes:

- airfare from Rome to Catania
- breakfast and a bagged lunch daily
- dinners 3-8 November
- all travel by coach bus
- ferry from Catania to Naples
- accommodation as shown in the itinerary
- services of historian/guides

Not Included:

- return airfare from Canada to Rome
- travel insurance
- dinners 9-11 November
- items of a personal nature such as beverages

Note: limited single room availability – “first come, first served”

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