

# In Veckring - France (Moselle) World War II Military Tour - Western Front

## Visit the Maginot line in Lorraine by original underground train

**THE HACKENBERG:  
THE MAGINOT LINE'S  
LARGEST FORTRESS**

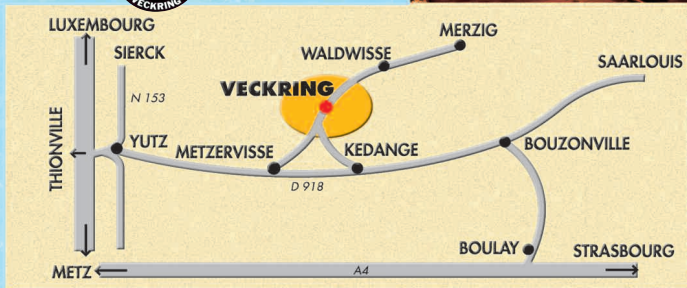
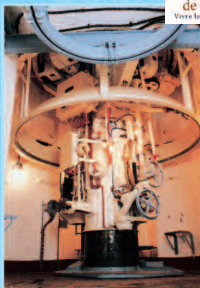
**Visit the largest fort of the  
Maginot line, nicknamed  
"the Monster"**

When visiting the frontier region of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, Southern Belgium, the French region of Lorraine or the German Sarre, make sure you discover with us this genuine wonder of the French military heritage, lost under the wooded hilltops of the Moselle River Valley.

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# Maginot Line Guided Tour

## With Amifort Veckring – France (Moselle)

With Amifort Veckring come and visit the Hackenberg sights, the most important "ouvrage" of the Maginot line, consisting of 19 combat blocks and more than 6 miles of underground galleries. A visit to the Hackenberg Fortress is a real flashback in French and World History, a deep dive into the early 1930's. The visit will fascinate both old and young, and will be of interest to novices and specialists alike. The Hackenberg environment is kept as authentic as possible, the AMIFORT association is dedicated to the conservation and keeping alive of our heritage. With a guide, on the little underground train (it was installed in 1934 and was first used for the transportation of ammunition), you will discover one of the most impressive technical realisations of the first decades of the 20th century (underground stations, ammunition storage, living quarters, kitchens, ...). You will also visit one of the region's largest military museums on WWII. The underground train will then bring you to block 9, an impressive artillery block, where its 163t retractable turret, which is still in working condition, is shown in operation, and where its 135 mm gun, installed in a bunker, is also on display. You will then be led to block 8, an artillery bunker severely damaged during the battle that took place here in autumn 1944 between American and German troops. After the return journey on the train, the visit will come to an end at a little souvenir shop.

**MORE THAN A MYTH, THE MAGINOT LINE WAS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO USE THE BRAND NEW TECHNOLOGIES OF THE TIME. THE HACKENBERG WAS CONSIDERED A PROTOTYPE FOR MANY OTHER FORTRESSES BUILT LATER ALONG THE BORDER UNTIL 1940.**

*For those who like to go for a walk, a little path leads along the woods to the external buildings of the fortress, inclusive of the anti-tank ditch.*

## USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR VISIT

**Tour of 2 - 2 1/2 hours in underground conditions – inside temperature is 12C or 53F**

### Group visits :

Group visits can be booked throughout the year.  
Contact us for more information and admission conditions.

### Individual visitors :

from 1 April to 12 November :

- Saturdays, Sundays and French national holidays, guided tours depart from 2.00 to 3.30 p.m. **Tours with English-speaking guide depart on these days at 2.15 p.m.**
- A guided tour departs on Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m.

In addition to the above, from 1 June to 30 September and during French school holidays in April and November (zone A), guided tours also depart on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 2.30 p.m.

- From 13 November to 31 March : a guided tour departs at 2 p.m. every Saturday.

The Hackenberg is closed from Monday to Thursday in the last week of August as well as on 1 November

N.B. It is always possible to join other groups who have booked a guided tour. Please contact us for more information by telephone or by mail.

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