



WAR TOURIST in EUROPE
2009
INTERACTIVE CALENDAR

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JANUARY

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Derelict Coastal Battery at Houvig beach
Soendervig, Region Center, Denmark

Stützpunktgruppe Söndervig
5./H.K.A.R. 180 • 4 x 105 mm

The battery at Houvig gained worldwide attention in the summer of 2008 after four bunkers were **unearthed by a storm** and turned out to be fully equipped as left by German troops in 1945.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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5 Hermann von Hanneken (1890-1981) Commander-in-Chief, Denmark	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Hermann Göring (1893-1946) German Reichsmarshel	13	14	15	16 Red Army crosses the Oder, 1945 - beginning of the end for Berlin	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945) US wartime president	31	

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FEBRUARY

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Regelbau S169 Gun Emplacement
Moevik, Krodden, Norway

Batterie Vara, aka Batterie Mövik
MKB 6/502

Designed to protect one of four 380 mm guns in a battery to seal off the Skagerrak (in conjunction with similar battery at Hanstholm, Denmark).

Today the battery is under the auspices of **Kristiansand Kanonmuseum**

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1 • Museumscenter Hanstholm, Denmark open for visitors on a daily basis • Kristiansand Kanonmuseum, Norway, opens on Sundays
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Von Paulus surrenders the 6. Army at Stalingrad, 1943						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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MARCH

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Norwegian artillery at Fortress Hegra
South Trøndelag, Norway

Hegra Festning

As Norway gained sovereignty in 1905, Hegra was built to prevent that a Swedish onslaught should divide the country in two.

Today **Hegra Fortress** is a museum under the auspices of National Fortress Organization

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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16	17 Collapse of the Bridge at Remagen following (but not caused by) an attack by eleven V2 rockets	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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APRIL

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Pre-WW2 Strongpoint near Harlingen (Friesland) as part of the Afsluitdijk, Holland

Stelling Kornwerderzand
Pillboxes, Gun Casemates and Searchlights

It was the duty of the strongpoint to protect the dike crossing the IJsselmeer and prevent enemy forces from entering the Dutch west coast from the north and east.

Today Stelling Kornwerderzand is a museum under the name Kazematten Museum.

Photo: www.bunkerpictures.nl ©2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5 <small>• Cold War museum Langelandsfortet opens for regular visits</small>
6	7	8	9 <small>Operation Weserübung, 1940 Assault on Denmark and Norway</small>	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 <small>Commence of Seelow-Berlin operation leading to the fall of Berlin on May 2nd</small>	17	18	19
20 <small>Adolf Hitler (1889-1945) German Führer and Dictator</small>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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MAY

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One of several tunnels at Ny-Hellesund Fort
Helgöya, Vest-Agder, Norway

HKB 21./979 · 4 x 105 mm

Protecting the coast and the western sailing route
to Kristiansand.

Today a splendid open air museum. Tunnels are
excavated in large part of the cliffs, giving the
place its nickname; Norways Gibraltar.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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4	5 Liberation of Holland and Denmark, 1945 (Bornholm May 9th)	6	7	8	9	10 Operation Yellow, 1940 Hitler attacks Holland, Belgium and France opening the western front
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Operation Chastise, 1943 aka the Dambusters Raid using the "bouncing bomb"
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 • Bangsbo Fort Museum opens for daily visits	31

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JUNE

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Omaha Beach, Normandy
Vierville-sur-Mer, France

Known as “**Bloody Omaha**”, the beach witnessed some of the heaviest fighting during D-Day. Although winning the day, American forces took near 2200 casualties.

In 2004 - 60 years after - WW2 re-enactors commemorate the landings on June 6th, 1944

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			- 65th Anniversary of D-Day (4th - 7th)		Allied Invasion in Normandy, 1944	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
- Adolf Gun in Trondenes, Norway open to public with 3 tours a day						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Operation Barbarossa, 1941 Hitler opens the eastern front						
29	30					

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JULY

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ROOSEVELT
SQUADRON
U.S. ARMY

THEODORE ROOSEVELT
BRIGADIER GENERAL U.S. ARMY
NEW YORK JULY 12 1914

MEDAL
OF
HONOR

The American Cemetery at Omaha Beach
Normandy, France

The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial
is a breathtaking experience with its thousands
of graves, marked with white crosses or Stars of
David. Sad and awe-inspiring at the same time.

So many young lives...

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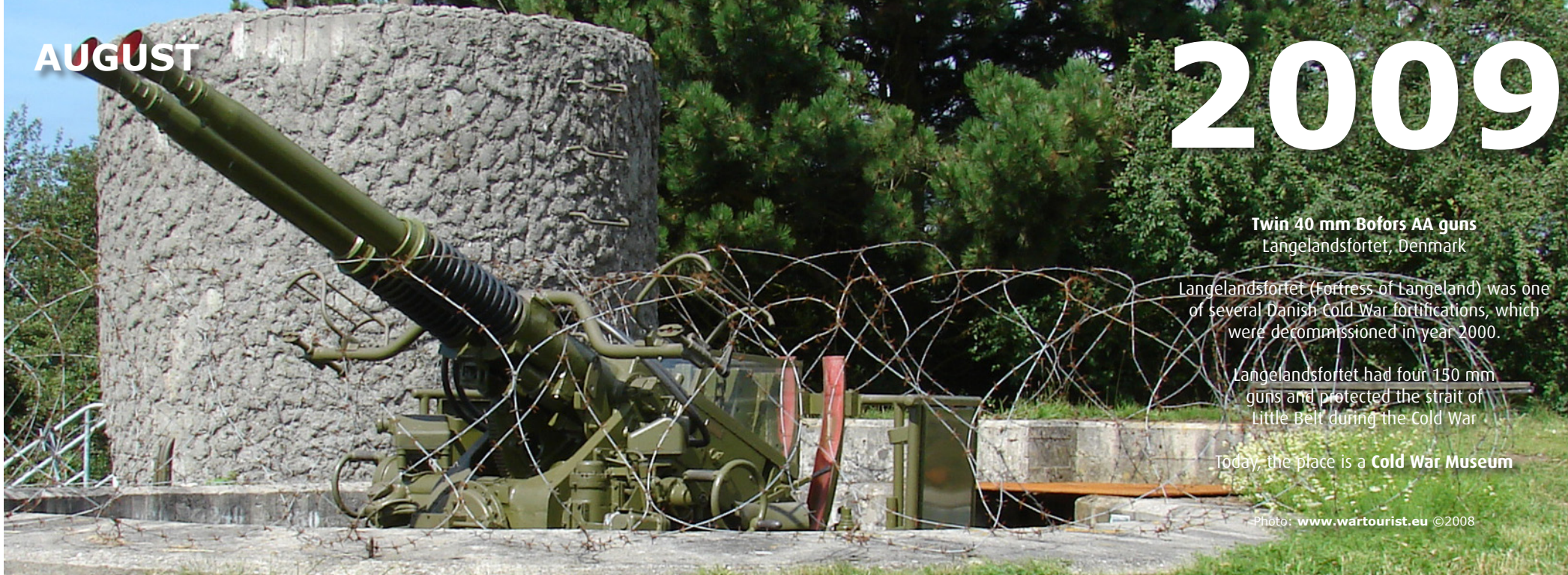
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 WW1, Battle of the Somme 1916 infantry attack commences at 07:30	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Operation Torch, 1942 allied landing in North Afrika	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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AUGUST

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Twin 40 mm Bofors AA guns
Langelandsfortet, Denmark

Langelandsfortet (Fortress of Langeland) was one of several Danish Cold War fortifications, which were decommissioned in year 2000.

Langelandsfortet had four 150 mm guns and protected the strait of Little Belt during the Cold War

Today, the place is a **Cold War Museum**

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The Dieppe Raid, 1942
overture to invasion

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SEPTEMBER

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Froeslev KZ Camp

Froeslev, Region South, Denmark

Polizeigefangenenlager Froeslev

The camp was erected in 1944 on the initiative of Danish authorities, hoping to prevent deportation of Danish Resistance members and saboteurs to camps in Germany.

Today a museum, this site is one of the best preserved WW2 German prison camps in Europe.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Operation White, 1939 Hitler attacks Poland	2	3 France and England declares war on Nazi Germany, 1939	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Open Monumenten Weekend in Holland. Museums and closed bunkers open to public.	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Rochus Misch (1917 -) Last survivor of Hitler's Bunker	30				

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OCTOBER

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Outhouse outside 628 Crew Bunker
Frederikshavn, Denmark

Stützpunktgruppe Süd
1./M.M.A. 521 · 4 x 150 mm

The ancient guns from the Danish battleship
Niels Juel were to protect the important harbor
of Frederikshavn - the link to Norway

Today a splendid open-air museum with an
exhibition in the M152 Command Bunker

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890 - 1969) Supreme allied commander and US president	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Battle of Agincourt, 1415 Henry V wins the day
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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NOVEMBER

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Submarine Pens
St. Nazaire, County, France

295 by 130 by 18 meters, the shelter at St. Nazaire is a real heavyweight amongst WW2 bunkers

During the war, up to 14 submarines found protection here while at home between there raides in the Atlantic.

The place is today privately owned.

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9	10	11 George S. Patton (1885-1945) US *** General	12	13	14	15 Erwin Rommel (1891-1944) German Field Marschal
16	17 Bernard Montgomery (1887-1976) British Field Marschal	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965) British Prime Minister						

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The Adolf Gun
Trondenes, Norway

Batterie Trondenes I (Theo)
MKB 5/511 · 4 x 40.6 cm S.K./C 34

As the northernmost heavy battery in the Atlantic Wall, Trondenes was to protect the access to the important harbor of Narvik.

The area is still under control of Norwegian Armed Forces, but one gun is open to the public.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Japan attacks USA's naval base at Pearl Harbor, 1941	8	9 USA declares war on Japan, 1941	10 Battleships Prince of Wales and Repulse are sunk, 1941	11 Nazi Germany and Italy declares war on USA, 1941	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Josef Stalin (1878-1953)	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Britain surrenders Hong Kong to Japan, 1941	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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