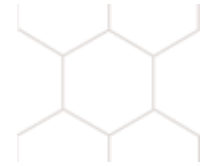




# Wargamer Ost WYWAE Russia Summer 2007



Count of interested gamers: 14 below, alpha order; tour rank will be order in which deposit is received with medals "Tour de la Merite" etc. for special achievements. 5 have paid deposits so far.

- BILL O
- BOB D
- CHARLEY E
- DAVE N
- DAVE W
- DOC R
- DOUG B & S
- JIM M
- KEVIN B
- RICH B
- ROGER K
- ROGER K
- STEVE A



Yes, we'll see the awesome German Maus tank at Kubinka Tank Museum

On our 2003 Western Europe WYWAE tour, we had actual miniature games on the motor-coach and will again if allowed by the new seat belt law! (Top, Spearhead Bulge by Rich Baier and Bottom, Great Battles of WWII Pegasus Bridge by Bill Owen)



## Bill Owen, Tour Host.

The owner of Franklin Travel until June 2003, he has stayed on designing custom group tours for the new owners, Rio Grande Travel Centers Inc. We have offices in Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado & Illinois. I am working with a travel agency in Russia that specializes in Battlefield Tours

World War II **wargamers** are being gathered for a 2007 tour of Eastern Europe! We expect to include Moscow, St Petersburg & possibly Finland ...but these stops are the minimum. Other stops are projected as well. We welcome your suggestions of military history sites (need not be WWII but that's our core period) and wargame clubs that might welcome a visit by US gamers. Just to make sure that we get the best value for you, I'm in contact with an English tour company also. He has a tour that goes to the May Day parade every year. IF we cannot get enough people to do the "custom" tour that we will hammer out together, that will be a "fall back" option so we can GO REGARDLESS of how few book! The only downside is that it may not be as "wargamer" oriented and I really don't know how it will compare in price and itinerary but having 2 contacts who specialize in this sort of trip will make things go a lot better now.

Have you seen the Kubinka (Moscow) tank museum website? [www.tankmuseum.ru](http://www.tankmuseum.ru) and it looks AWESOME... and since it has the itty bitty Maus tank, may even slightly edge out Bovington and Samur in unique vehicles.

I have also been in contact with as Estonian guy that goes around digging up WWII artifacts so maybe we can do that as a side trip from St Petersburg. I haven't found any East European wargamers YET... if you do, please introduce them to me. We'd like to meet them and if possible, play a wargame!

We will be posting a chart below that shows WHICH stops, WHY we're considering them, WHAT's there and the PRACTICALITY of going there (some places are just to hard to get to). If the final itinerary leaves out something you think is important let us know!

Our last tour in April 2003, visited Rome, Luxembourg, Belgium, France & Britain. You can join the discussion about our 2007 tour by sending an e-mail to [WYWAE-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:WYWAE-subscribe@yahoo.com)

Our Italian host, Arturo, showing us the Italian version of the T34 in Rome April 2003 WYWAE Western Europe



If you would like to go OR have a wargame club in Eastern Europe, please contact travel agent/wargamer: [bill@franklintravel.com](mailto:bill@franklintravel.com) Bill Owen tollfree 800-397-2525 extension 150. My alternate addresses include [mac@franklintravel.com](mailto:mac@franklintravel.com) & [bill@game.fan.org](mailto:bill@game.fan.org). If you would like to go and have certain dates in Summer 2007 that work best or do not work, please let us know so that we can accomodate as many concerns as possible now. We are avoiding July 4, 2007. So we're likely to go either in June or later in July.

This will likely be a **once-in-a-lifetime** opportunity to visit the battlefields of Russia with other wargamers... so don't miss it!

\*WYWAE stands for Wargame Your Way Across Europe, which was named by James F Dunnigan who led our 1st tour in 1991, Millennium of Mayhem. Our 2nd tour [Tanks for the Memories](#) was in 1997. OST is German for East.

Ready to make a tentative committment? **Send a check for \$100/person deposit to:**

**Franklin Travel, Bill Owen**  
**304 S Franklin St**  
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1 of 5 wargames played  
at Arturo's bunker club-  
house in Rome April  
2003 WYWAE to  
Western Europe



Initial deposit will **fully refundable** through next summer (2006) if you change your mind and don't want to go.

Note that if we are required to put up nonrefundable deposit to tour company or airline *before* summer 2006, we will advise you in writing so you can agree or push the ejection seat button at that point... for a full refund.

**If you prefer to charge your credit card**, minimum deposit is \$450 instead for initial deposit and is likewise fully refundable per above except for the 3.5% credit card merchant fee. Call me with the card number, expiration date (and if you get my voicemail, how to contact you): 800-397-2525 extension 150.

**Tour price is projected to be \$3300** per person based on double occupancy. Plus Taxes & fees of \$200/person and insurance of \$103 if under age 35, \$115 if age 35-59 or \$201 if age 60+. If you have no roommate and want a room to yourself, we estimate that the extra cost will be \$450. If you want a roommate, we guarantee to pair you up with someone so that you need not pay the single supplement of \$450.

Will we get to drive a  
tank in 2007? If at all  
possible, YES!

Two different **"Early Bird Discounts"** may apply to YOU:

1. First TEN people who book save \$100... 5 have as of 8/16/05!
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A discount of 10% will apply to travelers making regular payments by check. This allows us to know that we have enough people committed and avoid credit card merchant fees of 3.5%... so we'll pass on savings to you. Payment plan will allow you to make quarterly payments of \$600 towards the trip's normal balance due date in March 2007. If you start late with payments, then we will send you a statement of what you owe.

If by summer of 2006 you choose to not go or we do not have enough travelers to make a minimum group (10) then we will make a full refund or offer you the option of a "package" tour that may be somewhat similar to our custom (not necessarily wargamers; probably veterans and others interested in military history).

**Click for Chart of Likely Destinations & 3 Tour "Attack Factors"** (rated 0-3) that will help decide which to include in the final Itinerary: (minimum total score likely of 6 needed)



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