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World War II lasted six years in Europe and eight years in the Pacific. American involvement in the war lasted four years from December 1941, when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, until 1945, when both Japan and Germany were defeated. Germany's invasion of Poland in September 1939 sparked the war in Europe. The war began in the Pacific in July 1937 when Japan invaded Manchuria. After being surrounded by Soviet forces, Germany surrendered in May 1945, which led to an end to the war in the European theatre. In Asia, the war ended in September 1945 with Japan's surrender after the US detonation of two atomic bombs over the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The war pitted the Axis powers — Germany, Italy, Japan, Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania — against the Allied powers — Britain, France, the Soviet Union, China, the United States and other nations. The most devastating war in history, civilian and military casualties amounted to an estimated 50 million. The Allied victory triggered the creation of the United Nations, the emergence of the United States and the Soviet Union as world powers and the eventual Cold War between the two. Celebrating the courage and sacrifice of American men and women from World War II, the museum tells the story of the war on both the European and Pacific fronts through multimedia: interactive exhibitions that include letters from soldiers, films and photographs; re-creations of German lookouts on the Normandy coast; aircraft; and combat equipment. Highlights include nine oral story stations that have emotionally touching video recording interviews with D-Day veterans and others who were involved in the war effort. Items accompanied by personal stories of those who owned them give the audience a rich insight into the veterans' experiences during the war. One of the museum's main attractions is a replica of the Higgins landing craft (manufactured in New Orleans) that allowed a mass landing of troops, tanks and artillery in Normandy. Children can try on reproductions of combat equipment and see cartoons and propaganda posters. In addition to its permanent exhibitions, the museum also displays two films several times a day: *Price for peace* and *D-Day remembered*. National World War II Museum Information: Address: 945 Magazine St., New Orleans, L.A. Phone: 504/527-6012 Hours of operation: Tue- Sun., 9 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Admission: Adults, \$14; children ages 6 to 12, \$6 To learn more about family vacation destinations, see: Family vacations: Learn about hundreds of family vacations at destinations across North America.Louisiana State Guide: Learn about Mobile Travel Guide-rated hotels and restaurants in Louisiana, as well as other recreational activities. 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Continue to 7 of 9 below. 07 of 09 Photo © Rachel Cooper, licensed to About.com, Inc. Harry S. Truman's words are a reminder of the tragic years of World War II. Continue to 8 of 9 below. 08 of 09 Photo courtesy of the National Park Service As part of the World War II Memorial in Washington DC, these words are in honor of D-Day, June 6, 1944. Continue to 9 of 9 below. Occupied by Nazi Germany from 1940 to 1945, the Netherlands was at the forefront of World War II. As such, these Amsterdam museums chronicle how the city and country dealt with the war, its atrocities, and its end. 01 of 04 Cezary p/Wikimedia Commons/CC-BY-SA-4.0 Plantage Kerklaan 61Location: Plantagebuurt This repeated earnings of the Best Historical Museum in the Netherlands gives visitors an in-depth view of how the Dutch resisted the oppression brought by German occupation during World War II through strikes, protests, forgery and concealment of persecution. The collection is housed in a former Jewish social club from the 19th century, and informs visitors about life in Amsterdam and the Netherlands before, during and after with impressive recreations of street scenes and building interiors. 02 of 04 04 Prinsengracht 267Location: Prinsengracht (Fyrskanalen) See where Anne Frank wrote her now world-famous diary, which tells the story of a young Jewish girl in hiding with her family during the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam during World War II. Seeing the secret annex and many other rooms in this restored canal house is a deeply touching experience and well worth enduring the ever-present crowds. Avoid lines by visiting early or late in the day, or by purchasing special evening tickets in advance. 03 of 04 P.H. Louw/Wikimedia Commons/CC-BY-2.5 Plantage Middenlaan 24Location: Plantagebuurt This building in the Plantage/Jewish Quarter area of Amsterdam has a sadly conflicting history. Opened in 1892 as a theater to provide entertainment and fellowship for the Jewish community, in 1942, it became a deportation center for Jews during World War II. At this formerly festive site, Jewish men, women and children gathered to wait for transfer to a transit camp in Holland and later to Nazi death camps. The memorial has a courtyard with an eternal flame and a permanent exhibition. 04 of 04 lijjccoo/Wikimedia Commons/CC BY-SA 3.0 Nieuwe Amstelstraat 1Location: Plantagebuurt Although there is not a World War II history museum per se, the Jewish History Museum has absolutely much to teach visitors about this historic period. The museum treats Jewish history from 1600 to the present day, with special emphasis on the Dutch Jewish community, which numbered 75,000 people at its peak. The permanent exhibitions visit the disastrous events of World War II and the Holocaust, offer a window on daily life during this period, and trace the recovery of the Jewish population in Amsterdam, which now hovers around 15,000. Edited by Kristen de Joseph. Joseph.

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