

# INTERNATIONAL TOURISM

The Department of Intercultural Communication and International Tourism

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## What's new?

On May 14, 2026, an International Roundtable 'Without a Statute of Limitations' was organized at Moscow State Linguistic University. Students of our faculty also took part in the roundtable.

At the section 'Artistic Interpretations of the Legacy of the Great Victory: Literature and Cinema,' the following students presented remotely:

- Victoria Davydova presented a report titled 'Military Literature and Cinema as a Means of Fostering Patriotism.'
- Ksenia Kononenko presented a report titled 'Artistic Interpretation of Women's Feats (Based on the Film Adaptation of Boris Vasilyev's Novel "The Dawns Here Are Quiet...").'

At the roundtable section 'Unforgettable: Remembrance Day for Victims of the Genocide of the Soviet People Committed by the Nazis and Their Accomplices During the Great Patriotic War,' Stanislav Shesharuk, a student of Group I-41, presented a report titled 'The Genocide of the Belarusian People During the Great Patriotic War.' We congratulate our students on their successful presentation of their research at an international platform!

# What You Need To Know About VE Day

8 May 1945 – Victory in Europe Day (VE DAY) – is a day etched in the memory of everyone who witnessed it. After nearly six years of war Germany officially surrendered on 7 May 1945 and the conflict was finally over.

The unconditional surrender came after Adolf Hitler took his own life on 30 April as the Allies surrounded Berlin, and was authorized by his successor Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz.

News that the war in Europe had ended did not come as a surprise and had been anticipated back in Britain for some time as the Allies advanced on Germany.



## How did people celebrate VE Day?

The announcement that the war was over was broadcast across the radio to the British people on the evening of 7 May with a news flash announcing that VE Day would be a national holiday and would take place the next day.

Across the western world, millions rejoiced, relieved that years of conflict and incredible hardship were finally coming to an end.

Up and down the country millions of people took to the streets as communities came together to celebrate the end of the European conflict with street parties, dancing and singing.

Mass crowds gathered in Trafalgar Square and up the Mall to Buckingham Palace, where King George the VI, Queen Elizabeth, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret were joined by Prime Minister Winston Churchill on the balcony of the palace before the jubilant crowds.

Princess Elizabeth and her sister also later secretly joined the celebrations in the crowds outside the palace, with Princess Elizabeth, the future Queen, describing it as "one of the most memorable nights of my life".



## Mixed emotions

But despite the joy and celebration, it was a day of mixed emotions for some who mourned loved ones lost during the war, and for those who worried about friends and relatives still serving overseas.

## Why was VE Day not the end of WW2?

The conflict was over in Europe, but the war continued to wage in the Far East and Pacific, with many troops redeployed to fight in the east instead of coming home. The end of the war in Japan came a few months later in August after atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The impact of the Second World War endured long after VE Day. Millions of lives had been lost, homes and cities were destroyed and needed to be rebuilt, and people all over Europe had been displaced by the conflict.

But after years of uncertainty and living in fear, it was one day that everyone came together to celebrate the start of new beginnings.



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