Canadian Battlefields

Belgium & France *with* Juno Beach

October 18 - 30, 2027







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Destination: Belgium and France
Dates of Travel: October 18 - 30, 2027
The tour will be hosted by: Leduc Nisku Wetaskiwin Regional Chamber and Abigail Barrie

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Trip Highlights:

Belgium Chocolate & Waffles	In Flanders Field/ Essex Farm	History & Museums
Ypres & The Menin Gate	Saint Julien Memorial	Passchendaele
Ypres Salient Battlefields	Tyne Cot, and Hill 62	Somme Battlefield
Beaumont Hamel	VIMY Ridge & Memorial	Dieppe Canadian Cemetery
Arromanches & Beaches	Juno Beach with Bayeux	Mont. St. Michael
Falaise Gap	Paris, the City of Lights	Eiffel Tower

At a Glance

Day 1 -	International flight to Brussels
Day 2 - 5	Ypres ~ the Saleint and the Somme
Day 5	VIMY to Dieppe
Day 6	Dieppe and Normandy Beaches
Day 7	Juno Beach
Day 8 -	Mont St. Michael
Day 9 -	Falaise Gap to Paris
Day 10 & 11	Paris & the Eiffel Tower
Day 12	International flight to Canada



What is Included

~ 11 nights accommodation
~ Meals as 11 Breakfasts / 1 Lunch / 8 dinners
~ Professional and licensed guides
~ Private air-conditioned coach
~ All entrances to Parks, Sanctuary Museum, and In Flanders Museum Cinema 360, Hop On Hop Off Paris bus pass, Seine River Cruise and the Eiffel Tower.
~ All gratuities for our guides and drivers



What is not included

~ International Airfare & estimated Air Taxes
Group air will be available
~ Travel Insurance
~ All meals and beverages not mentioned in the itinerary
~ Any optional tours in Paris, subways or trains



Travel Facts

Visas: Not necessary for Canadian Passport holders (at this time)

Climate ~ mild and spring-like

Ypres ~ Highs of 15° Lows of 5°
Normandy~ Highs of 18° Lows of 7°
Currency: Euro
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Day 1 Monday, October 18 **International flight Brussels, Belgium**
Meet your travel team and the EIA at the KLM counter at 2:30 pm. Your flight departs at 5:30 pm

Day 2 Tuesday, October 19 **Brussels to Ypres**
Overnight: New Regina Hotel, Ypres *or similar* **Meals: TBA**
Welcome to Belgium! Famously known for medieval towns, Renaissance architecture and as the headquarters of the European Union and NATO.
On arrival, we will transfer to Ypres, with a stop along the way to pay a very special tribute at **John McCrae's Essex Farm**. This famous cemetery was established next to a dressing station established by the Canadian Field Artillery during the Second Battle of Ypres. Situated in the middle of farmland, this is the place where John McCrae wrote his poem, "In Flanders Fields.
Ypres, Wipers, Ieper ~ a small town with a huge past, situated in the Belgian province of West Flanders. Ypres is surrounded by the Salient Battlefields, where many cemeteries, memorials, and war museums honour the battles that unfolded in this area during World War I. After being destroyed in the war, many important buildings were carefully reconstructed, including the Gothic-style Sint-Maarten Kathedraal (St. Martin's Cathedral) and its soaring spire.
Arrive at our hotel located in the centre of Ypres in the city square. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure.
Suggestions: Indulge in waffles and enjoy the many small pubs serving the local beers. Be sure to try the cherry beer! We will reunite and make our way to the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing to witness the Last Post Menin Gate Ceremony. Home to the first 54,389 lost in the First World War, this gate is where every Commonwealth soldier would have passed through on the way to fight in the Ieper Salient. The Menin Gate is undoubtedly one of the most haunting memorials of the Great War.

Day 3 Wednesday. October 20 **Full-day Salient Tour day**
Overnight: New Regina Hotel, Ypres *or similar* **Meals: BD**
This morning, we begin our guided tour of the **Ypres Salient Battlefields.**
Beginning with the **Vancouver Corner**, it is here that the **Brooding Soldier / Saint Julien Memorial** marks the battlefield where 18,000 Canadian soldiers withstood the first German gas attack along the **Western Front**. Continue to the **Langemark German Cemetery,** where more than 44,000 soldiers are buried, and it was in the village of Langemark that gas attacks were launched, making this the Second Battle of Ypres in April 1915.
Hill 62 ~ A small area of the original battlefield and part of the Canadian Front Line.
Continue your tour through **Passchendaele**, **Tyne Cot, and Hill 62**, a small area of the original battlefield and part of the Canadian Front Line. Here we will explore the **Sanctuary Hill Museum**, which includes equipment and weapons, as well as preserved trenches and underground structures. Return to Ypres for some free time, where I would highly recommend exploring the award-winning **'In Flanders Fields Museum'** located in the breathtaking Grand Cloth Hall.

Day 4 Thursday, October 21 **Battle of the Somme**
Overnight: Arras Novotel *or similar* **Meals: BD**
This morning begins your tour for a full perspective of the **Somme**. Tour the Somme Battlefield and visit the **Memorial to the Missing at Thiepval**, as well as one of the only surviving intact First World War monuments at **Beaumont Hamel**. The park maintained by Canada remains as it was during the Battle of the Somme, now dedicated to the Newfoundland Regiment, which lost so many men on that first day of battle. On our way to VIMY, continue to view the **Lochnagar Crater,** one of the largest craters on the battlefields of the Western Front.

Day 5 Friday, October 22 **The Battlefields of 1917: Vimy Ridge & Hill 70**
Overnight: Dieppe TBA **Meals: BD**
This morning, depart Ypres, with a stop to see the new **Canadian Memorial at Hill 70**, where we will visit the brand new, state-of-the-art museum in Loos-en-Gohelle, which opened in the Summer of 2017 for the 100th Anniversary. Here we will be discussing the *Battle of Hill 70* - sometimes dubbed as *"Canada's Forgotten Battle"*.
We end our Battlefield Tour of the First World War with **Vimy Ridge Memorial Park**. It was at Hill 145, in April 1917, that Canada truly became a nation in the eyes of the world. Its troops combined and stormed Vimy Ridge after all other Allied forces had failed to do so. We will tour the tunnels, trenches and memorial, as well as the new interpretation centre, which opened in Spring 2017 for the 100th Anniversary. After lunch, at **Avril Williams in Auchonville**, we shift our focus from the First World War to the Second, heading for the French coast to the seaside resort town of Dieppe.

Day 6 Saturday, October 23 **Dieppe**
Overnight: Bayeux **Meals: BD**
After breakfast, we will first explore the **Blue Beach at Puys**, where we can view the gun emplacements on the cliff tops, which, on Aug 19, 1942, were responsible for such terrible Canadian casualties. We will then visit the **Dieppe Canadian Cemetery** before travelling to the **Green Beach at Pourville.** We will also view the main landing beaches of **Red and White** on the Dieppe seafront. After leaving Dieppe, travel to **Pegasus Bridge,** where the 6th British Airborne landed, captured, and liberated the first house in Europe, Café Gondre. On our way to Bayeux, we will visit the **Abbey d'Ardenne**, the site of the 1945 massacre memorial for Canadian prisoners of war.

Day 7 Sunday. October 24 **Normandy Beaches & Juno Beach**
Overnight: Bayeux **Meals: BD**
Bayeux ~ home of the famous Norman Tapestries, also known as "La Telle du Conquest". This medieval work of art, stitched in 1067, is a 70-metre-long embroidered scroll that depicts, in 58 scenes, the epic story of William of Normandy's conquest of England in 1066. Also visit the incredible **Notre Dame de Bayeux**, a fascinating Gothic cathedral featuring an 11th-century Norman-Romanesque nave dating back to the time of William the Conqueror.
Today, we begin with a visit to **Le Cambe German Cemetery** and then **Point du Hoc,** where you can still view the cratered landscape and the German battery taken by the US Rangers. After lunch, visit the **Mulberry Harbour in Arromanches,** then travel to the **Juno Beach Center,** dedicated to the 3rd Division landings as well as Canada's full involvement during World War II. We continue on to the **Juno Beach Center,** dedicated to the 3rd Division landings as well as Canada's full involvement during World War II. Before heading back for dinner, we will visit the Queen's Own Rifles House, the first house liberated by Canadian forces when they stormed the beaches at Juno on June 6th, 1944. Our day will end with a solemn visit to the Beny-sur-Mer, Canadian Military Cemetery. Overnight and dinner in Bayeux
*After lunch, continue your adventures, travelling north to Normandy to the **Juno Beach Centre,** including the D-Day beaches. This museum and cultural centre opened on June 6, 2003. It represents the war effort of all **Canadians during the Second World War** and is dedicated to the 3rd Division's landings and to Canada's full involvement in the war. End this day with the **Mulberry Harbour in Arromanches** and the **360 Circular Cinema** depicting 'Normandy's 100 days' with 19 minutes of an exceptional archive of unseen film footage collected from around the world.*

Day 8 Monday, October 25 **Mont St. Michel**
Overnight: Bayeux **Meals: BD**
This morning, travel west to **Mont-Saint-Michel.** This tiny island is set in the **mesmerizing bay** where Normandy and Brittany merge and is linked to the mainland by a 2 km-long causeway. Enjoy the view of the Bay Area, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the **Abbey of Mont Saint-Michel, one of the most popular attractions outside of Paris, welcoming over 2.5 million visitors** per year. Spend the rest of your day exploring before returning to Bayeux.

Day 9 Tuesday, October 26 **Falaise Gap**
Overnight: Bayeux **Meals: BD**
Falaise Gap (or Pocket), often called the "Corridor of Death." This is the site of the August 1944 battlefield in Normandy, where Allied forces closed the gap on the German 7th and 5th Panzer Armies. Key sites include **Mont Ormel (Hill 262)** ("The Mace"), **Saint-Lambert-sur-Dives**, and local memorials, highlighting the decisive Polish, Canadian, and British efforts.

Day 10 Wednesday, October 27 Paris **Transfer to Paris**
Overnight: Paris **Meals: B**
This morning we depart for Paris, also known as the City of Lights, via Rouen.
Rouen ~ *During World War II, Rouen was heavily devastated by intense German occupation and Allied aerial bombardments, which destroyed about 45% of the city. A major transport hub and naval base, it suffered catastrophic damage before being liberated by Canadian troops in August 1944.*

Day 11 Thursday, October 28 **Paris**
Overnight: Paris **Meals: B**
Eiffel Tower. TYW takes you from exploring the tower's underground and workings to the top of the Eiffel Tower for the best views of Paris.
~ Cruise the beautiful **Seine River** to see some of Paris's most beautiful UNESCO sites.

Day 12 Friday, October 29 **Paris**
Overnight: Paris **Meals: B**
Free day in Paris with your Hop On Hop Off Sightseeing ticket to explore Paris on your own.

Day 13, Saturday. October 30 **Canada**
Overnight: On board flight **Meals: B/TBA**
This morning, after breakfast, transfer to Paris' Charles de Gaulle International Airport for our group flight departure home

Other sites to visit in Paris: while on your free day ~
The Louvre / Musee d'Orsay / Picasso Museum / Roden Museum / L' Orangerie / Holocaust Museum / Musee de la Resistance Nationale / Invalides Military Museum / Paris Catacombs (if available)/ Arc du Triomphe, Place de la Concorde / Walking tour of Montmartre to visit Sacre Couer and Place du Tetre, / Champs Elysees / Latin Quarter / Galeries Lafayette / Night time ghost tour / Opera Garnier / Cafe tour to include, Café Les Deux Magots, Cafe de Flore, Maison Victor Hugo, Cimetiere du Père Lachaise, along with the famous Shakespeare and Company.

Package Price

$6950.00 per person

Based on 20 travellers
In shared accommodations
Single occupancy $1780.00

Should you decide to join the group flights.
Air: Estimated $2300 based on 2026 rates

B= Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

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