

NORTHWEST EUROPE
CANADIAN BATTLEFIELD & REMEMBRANCE TOUR

FROM PARIS TO AMSTERDAM

SEPTEMBER 18 - OCTOBER 2, 2027
(15 DAYS)

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Northwest Europe Canadian Battlefield Tour

follow the Maple Leaf Route from Normandy to the Netherlands

September 18 - October 2, 2027

Embark on a journey of wonder and discovery as you walk in the footsteps of our Canadian soldiers, who left their mark of service and sacrifice upon a far away landscape in the pursuit of democracy & freedom.

Our Northwest Europe battlefield tours are the most comprehensive of their kind - pilgrimages to the Canadian battlefields of WWI and WWII where Canada came of age as a nation and forged a legendary reputation as the army to be called upon for some of the most difficult and challenging battles of the wars. Canadians signed up from across our country, joining forces to sail across the Atlantic Ocean to liberate a people they did not know. Many are forever laid to rest in foreign soil.

You'll stay at quality hotels throughout, selected for their great location and service. Your tour also includes free time to enjoy a little culture. And you'll be part of a typically all-Canadian group, mostly couples, and almost always an even 50/50 mix of ladies and gentlemen, from all walks of life.

Join us for an unforgettable journey of remembrance through France, Belgium and the Netherlands. Step into history.



OUR SIGNATURE TOUR

Juno Beach Omaha Beach Pegasus Bridge
Dieppe Beaumont-Hamel Courcelette Thiepval
Vimy Ridge Ypres Passchendaele
Tyne Cot Essex Farm St. Julien Menin Gate
Groesbeek The Schedlt Arnhem
Paris Amsterdam and more ...





ITINERARY

Friday September 17
For many of our travelers it is departure day, for the overnight transatlantic flight to France. Some travelers may choose to leave for Europe sooner to extend the start of the trip - let us know if we can assist with pre-tour accommodations. Guests who have other travels already in progress, or guests from other points of origin including the United Kingdom, the United States and elsewhere, will meet the start of the tour on Day 1 in Paris.

Day 1 - Saturday September 18
In the mid-afternoon clients can check into the group hotel. In the meantime, luggage is stored in the hotel lock-up. Today you are free to explore Paris, an amazing city of history and monuments. In the late afternoon we gather in the heart of Paris for our Welcome Dinner, to set the stage for our special journey. Overnight Paris. [D]

Day 2 - Sunday September 19
Depart for the Normandy coast to consider pre D-Day 'Atlantic Wall' defenses including the Longues-sur-Mer coastal gun battery; tour Pegasus Bridge and a walk to the Café Gondrée. Overnight Bayeux. [B,L]

Day 3 - Monday September 20
Morning walk along the sands of Juno Beach, followed by a tour of the Juno Beach Centre; see Canada House on the beach at Bernières-sur-Mer; visit the coast at Saint-Aubin, Courseulles, and more. Overnight Bayeux. [B,L]

Day 4 - Tuesday September 21
Visit British landing zone at Gold Beach and the Mulberry Harbour at Arromanches, including the Musée du Débarquement; Omaha American Landing Beach; Pointe-du-Hoc; La Cambe German War Cemetery. Overnight Bayeux. [B,L]

Day 5 - Wednesday September 22
Begin the day with a couple of hours free to explore Bayeux. Later we visit Abbey Ardennes, then travel northeast along the French coast for lunch. Overnight Dieppe. [B]

Day 6 - Thursday September 23
Tour the Dieppe main beach to consider Operation Jubilee, followed by visits to the beaches at Puys and Pourville; Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery. Overnight Amiens. [B]

Day 7 - Friday September 24
Walk the fields of the Battle of the Somme at Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Park; visits to the Thiepval Memorial, Lochnagar Crater and the monument at Courcelette. Overnight Arras. [B,L]

Day 8 - Saturday September 25
The morning is dedicated to a visit at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial, standing proudly on the highest point of Vimy Ridge. In the afternoon we visit the Commonwealth War Graves headstone factory in Beaurains. Overnight Arras. [B,L]

Day 9 - Sunday September 26
We look at Canada's Hundred Days to end WWI, including Dury, Bourlon Wood and more. We then drive north over the border to Belgium for the first of two nights. Overnight Ieper (Ypres). [B]

Day 10 - Monday September 27
We will tour the Ypres Salient with visits to Hill 62, the Passchendaele memorial, The Brooding Solider, Essex Farm, and Tyne Cot Cemetery; free afternoon in Ieper to relax and explore; optional evening attendance at the inspiring Last Post Ceremony. Overnight Ieper (Ypres). [B]

Day 11 - Tuesday September 28
Explore the Breskens Pocket with visits to the Leopold Canal, Eede, and the monument at Hoofdplaat on the edge of the Scheldt Estuary. We also walk to an original Bailey Bridge. Overnight Vlissingen. [B,L]

Day 12 - Wednesday September 29
Discover the Scheldt Estuary campaign as we make visits in Woensdrecht, Bergen op Zoom, and more. In the afternoon we visit the highly-rate Vrijheidsmuseum (Freedom Museum) in Groesbeek. Overnight Arnhem. [B,L]

Day 13 - Thursday September 30
In the morning we visit Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, then to Arnhem and the John Frost Bridge, "A Bridge Too Far." Following a Farewell Lunch, we'll make our way to the coast for our final two nights. Overnight Amsterdam. [B,L]

Day 14 - Friday October 1
Enjoy Amsterdam at your leisure. Its many canals are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Overnight Amsterdam. [B]

Day 15 - Saturday October 2
This morning is departure day for those returning home - buffet or box breakfast is included, depending on departure time from the hotel. Some travelers may choose to remain in Europe longer to extend the end of the trip - let us know if we can quote you on post-tour accommodations to enjoy extra time in Amsterdam. Others guests will depart for home or continue their travels on other routes. [B]

Itinerary is subject to minor change prior to departure. Minor variances are also possible during the actual tour based on the need to adapt to circumstances we may encounter during our travels.

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THE TOUR.

Juno Beach

Stand on the very shore where Canadians stormed the beaches on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Learn how the Canadians made it further inland than any other allied force. Your visit includes a guided tour of the beaches and a tour of the Juno Beach Centre. It's a little piece of Canada on the French coast.



Vimy Ridge

The ground that could not be taken and held ... until the Canadians came. For the first time, all four divisions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force will fight together, and their success of April 1917 resonates still to this day. See what many consider the most beautiful of all the war monuments in Europe, a symbol of peace.



Passchendaele

It's been called the ugliest fight of both World Wars. It's October 1917 and the Canadians will suffer gas attacks, infested trenches, misery. And yet they will once again prevail. What was then a barren, muddy landscape is now a quiet, lovely countryside. You'll see where they fought, and where John McCrae wrote his famous poem.



Beaumont-Hamel

Many Canadians don't know the name but Beaumont-Hamel is forever etched into the memory of Newfoundlanders. It was here in July 1916 that a thousand soldiers climbed up out of the trenches and into the gunfire, and were almost completely wiped out. They are the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and their battleground is renowned as one of the best preserved WWI sites in all of France.



THE TRIP.

Paris

Enjoy some time unwinding as you absorb Paris in the spring! There's so much to see, including the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre, the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées, Les Jardins du Luxembourg, the list goes on!



Ieper (Ypres)

Enjoy a little free time for shopping and a lot of great food, or perhaps a walk along the old city ramparts and cobblestone streets. Here you'll often cross paths with other battlefield tourists from Canada, the United Kingdom and more. The evening Last Post Ceremony is a very special highlight of any visit to Ieper, a tradition that continues since 1928.



Groesbeek

Want to feel great Canadian pride? There can be no better place than Holland. The Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery and the Groesbeek Memorial are important pilgrimage sites in the Netherlands, situated just near the German border.



Amsterdam

You will round out your fabulous trip with one night in the beautiful city of Amsterdam. It's 17th century canals are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You may wish to visit the Rijksmuseum, the House of Anne Frank, or simply sit at a canal-side cafe and enjoy watching the people go by while sipping coffee.



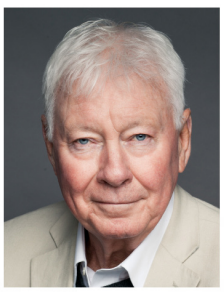
WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY ...

"Liberation tours exceeded all of our expectations. A lifelong friend and I had talked about a trip like this for years and both agree we were very fortunate to have chosen Liberation Tours. John is the logistics master, planned coffee stops, lunches were all perfectly timed so it never felt like endless hours on the bus. Phil shared so many historic details which you would not get if you visit these sites on your own." - Craig B., 2025.

"My husband and I really enjoyed the tour. This trip was on my husband's bucket list and it did not disappoint.
Our guide was very informative and organized. The historian did such a wonderful job of making history come to life.
I will never take November 11 for granted again. Listening to stories on the battlefields, seeing the Memorials, and visiting the cemeteries has left an imprint on my heart. We are so grateful for the men and women who gave us our freedom. We highly recommend this tour!
- Elaine & Darwin W., 2025.

I went on the Northwest Europe Tour and it was so much more than I could have imagined. It started as a trip for my husband and became so much more! The stories Phil Craig shares made you feel like you are actually watching and hearing as the battle unfolded…so enlightening! John Cannon shard his knowledge as well and kept us together … he watched over us while he too shared his knowledge, his wit, and his way of making sure we got the most of this trip. Together John and Phil made this trip something I will never forget.
- Karen & Jim A., 2025.

Your guide will be Liberation Tours' chief historian **Phil Craig**, professional actor and Co-Founder of the Georgina Military Museum.



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INCLUDED

- An expert Canadian Historian, and an expert Canadian Tour Director, both of whom will accompany you on the full tour
- Fourteen nights accommodation in twin or double rooms with private facilities
- Travel by luxury air-conditioned coach with reclining seats, on-board facilities and free mobile Wi-Fi
- Buffet breakfast (cold and/or hot) at the hotel each morning, plus select meals as outlined in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner); group lunches and dinners typically include a glass of wine/beer!
- All hotel service charges and local taxes, plus entry fees to sites as outlined in the itinerary; there is no sales tax on foreign travel from Canada
- One coach transfer at each end of the tour: pick-up from Charles de Gaulle Airport to the hotel in Paris on September 18, 2027 in coordination with the arrival of Air Canada AC872; and from the hotel in Amsterdam to Schiphol Airport on October 2, 2027 in coordination with the departure of Air Canada AC809; travelers flying on different flights/days and not utilizing these transfers will be responsible for their own arrangements
- Tour package includes select daily detailed historical battle maps, period photographs, original audio recordings, and more; a complete digital copy of all this is also given to you at the conclusion of the tour!
- Liberation Tours will donate on your behalf to Forest Recovery Canada, to minimize the carbon footprint of your trip

EXCLUDED

- Airfare - we can provide a quote for flights from any gateway in Canada, to match your own individual preferences based on dates, routes, class of seating, etc; you can go over early, stay later at the end, carry onward to other destinations - whatever air travel arrangements work best for you
- Pre-tour and/or post-tour accommodations - ask for a quote and extend your stay!
- Travel Insurance Protection - ask us for a no-obligation quote from Manulife!
- Meals other than stated on the itinerary, any optional excursion not specifically stated
- Passport & related fees, items of a personal nature

NOTATIONS

- As with all our trips, this tour will feature walks of some distance, ascending stairs, walking up or down hills or slopes of varying degree, walking on sand or rough pathways, etc, in order to reach some of the amazing locations on the tour; good personal mobility is key to a positive experience. We regret those who require a walker would not succeed on this trip. If you use a cane or walking sticks and your mobility is reasonably good, you should be fine. If you are not sure about your particular situation, please do not hesitate to give us a call first ... 833-252-0001 or 705-483-1044. We would be happy to discuss it!
- Hotels have been pre-booked but are subject to change
- Never pay gratuities ... we look after our guides and drivers separately
- This tour requires a minimum of 20 passengers to operate
- Read Liberation Tours' Terms & Conditions prior to booking

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TRAFALGAR

$8270
Land Only, per person
based on double occupancy
(two people sharing a room)

$2430
Single Supplement
the additional cost if traveling on your own
(one person in the room)

$750
non-refundable deposit per person
due upon booking
(all prices in Canadian dollars)

Balance due by the booking deadline:
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