NORTHWEST EUROPE
CANADIAN BATTLEFIELD & REMEMBRANCE TOUR

FRANCE, BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS

SEPTEMBER 6 - 17, 2027
(12 DAYS)

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Northwest Europe Canadian Battlefield Tour

amazing sites from WWI & WWII in France, Belgium and southern Holland

September 6-17, 2027

Join us for a wonder-filled journey walking in the footsteps of Canadian soldiers who fought for democracy and freedom. Your pilgrimage starts in the First World War battlefields of northern France and Flanders, extends into WWII sites in the Scheldt, explores the battles of the Somme and the Dieppe Raid, shifting finally to Juno Beach's Second World War shores in Normandy.

Our Northwest Europe battlefield tours are 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 southwest 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
The Breskens Pocket Paris
and more ...

ITINERARY

Sunday September 5
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 - Monday September 6
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 adventure. Overnight Paris. [D]

Day 2 - Tuesday September 7
The day 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 cemetery at Caberet Rouge to visit a special grave. Overnight Arras. [B,L]

Day 3 - Wednesday September 8
We look at Canada's Hundred Days to end WWI, featuring visits to the monuments at Dury, Bourlon Wood and more. We also visit the Royal Canadian Newfoundland Regiment at Monchy and Masnières. For lunch today, you will have free time to explore the historic town center of Cambrai. Overnight Arras. [B]

Day 4 - Thursday September 9
We will tour the Ypres Salient with visits to Hill 62, Passchendaele, The Brooding Solider, Essex Farm, Tyne Cot Cemetery, and Langemarck German Cemetery. In the evening we attend the inspiring Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. Overnight Ieper (Ypres). [B]

Day 5 - Friday September 10
Discover the Scheldt Estuary campaign as we make a full-day excursion into the Breskens Pocket, including stops at the Leopold Canal, Hoofdplaat and an authentic WWII Bailey bridge. We also visit Adegem Canadian War Cemetery. Overnight Ieper (Ypres). [B,L]

Day 6 - Saturday September 11
Walk the historic battlefields of the Somme, featuring amazing Canadian history at the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial Park. We also tour the imposing Thiepval Memorial, Lochnagar Crater and the monument at Courcelette. Overnight Amiens. [B,L]

Day 7 - Sunday September 12
Tour the Dieppe main beach to consider Operation Jubilee of 1942, followed by visits to the nearby beaches at both Puys and Pourville. View the town from the cliffs high above, and visit the Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery. For lunch, explore the many restaurants along the inner harbour. Overnight Dieppe. [B]

Day 8 - Monday September 13
Depart for the Normandy coast to consider the pre D-Day 'Atlantic Wall' defenses including the amazing Longues-sur-Mer coastal gun battery. Take a walk at Pegasus Bridge and see the first house liberated on D-Day, Café Gondrée. Overnight Bayeux. [B,L]

Day 9 - Tuesday September 14
Take a morning walk along the sands of Juno Beach, followed by a self-guided tour inside the Juno Beach Centre. We also see the iconic Canada House on the beach at Bernières-sur-Mer and visit the coastal villages of Saint-Aubin and Courseulles. Overnight Bayeux. [B,L]

Day 10 - Wednesday September 15
Visit the British landing zone at Gold Beach and the Mulberry Harbour at Arromanches, including a tour of the Musée du Débarquement. You will also see the incredible Normandy American Cemetery at Omaha Beach, and La Cambe German War Cemetery. Overnight Bayeux. [B,L]

Day 11 - Thursday September 16
Our final stops on the tour include a pilgrimage to Ardennes Abbey, and the hallowed grounds of Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery located just off the coast of Juno. After a farewell lunch we make our way to Paris for a late afternoon / early evening arrival. Overnight Paris. [B,L]

Day 12 - Friday September 17
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 Paris. [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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AN AMAZING ADVENTURE.

Vimy Ridge

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, including a must-see guided tour of the tunnels.

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

Beaumont-Hamel is forever etched into the memory of Newfoundlanders. They are the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, and 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. Their battleground is renowned as one of the best preserved WWI sites in all of France.

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.

Ieper (Ypres)

Ypres was destroyed during The Great War but the citizens proudly rebuilt their town brick by brick. Enjoy a little shopping and a lot of great food, or perhaps a walk along the old city ramparts and cobblestone streets. The daily Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate is a very special highlight.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The war cemeteries of Europe, from both the First and Second World Wars, are places of peace and respect. They are immaculately maintained by CWGC staff around the world, with a majority of those cemeteries in northern France and Belgium.

Meet your Guide: **John Goheen**, retired educator, writer and publisher, and veteran traveler with many year's experience leading tours for the Royal Canadian Legion.

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STEP INTO HISTORY

INCLUDED

- An expert Canadian Historian, and an expert Canadian Tour Director, both of whom will accompany you on the full tour
- Eleven 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
- One coach transfer at each end of the tour: from Charles de Gaulle Airport to the hotel in Paris on September 6, 2027 in coordination with the arrival of Air Canada AC872; and from the hotel in Paris to Charles de Gaulle Airport on September 17, 2027 in coordination with the departure of Air Canada AC873; travelers on different days/flights and not utilizing these transfers will make 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

ground transportation by:

TRAFALGAR

$6450
Land Only, per person
based on double occupancy
(two people sharing a room)

$1800
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:
May 21, 2027

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