

NORTHWEST EUROPE CANADIAN BATTLEFIELD & REMEMBRANCE TOUR



FROM PARIS TO AMSTERDAM

APRIL 21 - MAY 6, 2027 (16 DAYS)

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Northwest Europe Canadian Battlefield Tour

**follow the Maple Leaf Route from
Normandy to the Liberation of Holland**

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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.



OUR SIGNATURE TOUR

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





Tuesday April 20

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 quote you on 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 - Wednesday April 21

In the mid-afternoon all clients can check into the group hotel. In the meantime, luggage is stored in the hotel baggage 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 share a glass and set the stage for our special journey. Overnight Paris. [D]

Day 2 - Thursday April 22

Depart for the Normandy coast to consider pre D-Day 'Atlantic Wall' defenses including the Longues-sur-Mer coastal gun battery; visit Pegasus Bridge. Overnight Bayeux. [B,L]

Day 3 - Friday April 23

Morning walk along the sands of Juno Beach, followed by a tour of the Juno Beach Centre including the German bunkers; see Canada House on the beach at Bernières-sur-Mer; visit the coast at Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer. Overnight Bayeux. [B,L]

Day 4 - Saturday April 24

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 - Sunday April 25

Morning visit to Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery and Abbey Ardenne, then onward up the coast of France. Overnight Dieppe. [B]

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Day 6 - Monday April 26

Tour the Dieppe main beach to consider Operation Jubilee, followed by visits to the beaches at Puits and Pourville; Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery. Overnight Amiens. [B]

Day 7 - Tuesday April 27

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 Courcellette. Overnight Arras. [B,L]

Day 8 - Wednesday April 28

Vimy Memorial, standing proud on the highest point of Vimy Ridge. In the afternoon we visit the War Graves Commission's factory in Beaurains, where the headstones are engraved with reverence and care. Overnight Arras. [B,L]

Day 9 - Thursday April 29

We continue our exploration of the WW1 and the importance of the battles in what has become known as 'Canada's 100 Days.' We also continue our journey along the Trail of the Caribou. Overnight Ieper (Ypres). [B]

Day 10 - Friday April 30

We will tour the Ypres Salient with visits to Hill 62, the Passchendaele memorial, The Brooding Soldier, 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 - Saturday May 1

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 - Sunday May 2

Discover the Scheldt Estuary campaign as we make visits in Woensdrecht, Bergen op Zoom, and more. We also visit John Frost Bridge in Arnhem, "A Bridge Too Far," to discuss the now infamous Operation Market-Garden. Overnight Groesbeek. [B,L]

Day 13 - Monday May 3

In the morning we visit Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, and then the brilliant Freedom Museum. Lunch in Zutphen is followed by another short visit along the IJssel River where Canadians are remembered. Overnight Groesbeek. [B]

Day 14 - Tuesday May 4

It is Remembrance Day in the Netherlands, and we'll attend the annual commemoration service at Holten Canadian War Cemetery in the morning. Afterward, we gather for our Farewell Lunch. At 8pm the entire nation pauses for two minutes of silence. Overnight Amsterdam. [B,L]

Day 15 - Wednesday May 5

Enjoy Liberation Day at your leisure exploring one of Europe's great capital cities. Overnight Amsterdam. [B]

Day 16 - Thursday May 6

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. [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.

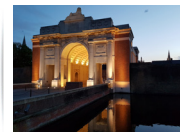
Paris

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.



Holten

Want to feel great Canadian pride? There can be no better place than Holland in the spring. You'll join with other Canadians, Dutch families, and most especially the local school children, in attending the annual remembrance service at Holten Canadian War Cemetery on May 4th.



Amsterdam

You will round out your fabulous trip with two nights 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 ...

"This was a trip of a lifetime! I am recommending it to everyone I talk to. I learned so much and have come home to do more of my own research regarding places we saw. The guides and historians were excellent. Phil sure knew how to paint a picture with his words of the battles. It was humbling and made you proud to be a Canadian. Thank you Liberation Tours."

- Mary Jo Sergeant-Kerr
Newburg, ON

"I have traveled extensively and this was far and away the best organized tour I have been on. From start to finish it was top quality."

- Thomas Archer
Winnipeg, MB

"As a proud Newfoundlander and Canadian, it was fulfilling to note how this tour went through great lengths to acknowledge that Newfoundland was a separate dominion in the British Empire during both world wars and remained so until it joined Canada in 1949. Newfoundland and Labrador played a monumental role in both wars. A visit to Beaumont-Hamel, amongst other sights, was testament to this. The highlights of this trip are too numerous to mention. Perhaps, the most poignant memory that will live with me forever is watching an elementary school child place two white fresh-cut flowers on a Canadian soldier's grave. This tour was one of my best travel experiences of all time."

- Allan Bradley
St John's, NL

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
- Fifteen 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 meals typically include drinks
- 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: from Charles de Gaulle Airport to the hotel in Paris on April 21, 2027 in coordination with the arrival of Air Canada AC872; and from the hotel in Amsterdam to Schiphol Airport on May 6, 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 features occasional walks of some distance, ascending stairs, walking on sand or 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 use walkers would not be successful 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
- All prices are in Canadian dollars
- Read Liberation Tours' [Terms & Conditions](#) prior to booking

ground transportation by:

TRAFALGAR

\$8425

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

\$2300

*Single Supplement
(the additional cost to have a solo room)*

\$750

*non-refundable deposit per person
due with booking
(all prices in Canadian dollars)*

Balance due by the booking deadline:

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