Battle of Vimy Ridge
110TH Anniversary Tour

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March 30 - April 10, 2027 (12 DAYS)

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Juno Beach, Vimy Ridge and Flanders

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November 11, 1918 at 11:00 in the morning. The eleventh hour of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month. So came to an end "the war to end all wars." The guns finally fell silent, bringing to a close four long years of unspeakable conflict. The Canadians will suffer gas attacks, infested trenches, misery. Yet through it all the Canadian Expeditionary Force will prove to be the lead fighting force, earning the nickname 'shock troops' as they win important victories at Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Passchendaele, Amiens and more. With this, Canada will earn its place as a signatory to the Treaty of Versailles. It is the 'Birth of a Nation.'

Join us on a pilgrimage to the Canadian battlefields of The Great War. You will begin with a visit to Juno Beach in Normandy, France, followed by an amazing, in depth look at The Great War and Canada's contribution to victory. You will 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.

On April 9, 2027, stand with fellow your citizens at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial in northern France on the 110th Anniversary of Canada's victory!

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Monday March 29
For many of our travelers it is departure day, for the overnight transatlantic flight to Europe. Some travelers may choose to leave sooner, to extend the start of the trip with additional nights for sightseeing in Paris. Let us know, and 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 - Tuesday March 30
We meet you at Charles de Gaulle Airport, where your coach is waiting to pick you up. After a brief stop in the city to pick up other travelers who have arrived in Paris on previous days, we hit the road for Normandy! Upon arrival, you will have some time to unpack and rest. In the early evening we gather for a meet and greet glass, then enjoy a Welcome Dinner to set the stage for our very special journey. Overnight Caen. [D]

Day 2 - Wednesday March 31
This morning we remember the historic allied landings of D-Day 1944. We explore all of the Juno Beach sector, including a walk along the shoreline with storytelling and much reflection. We then tour inside the Juno Beach Centre, your home away from home in Normandy. We wind down the day with a visit to the hallowed grounds of Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery. Overnight Caen. [B,L]

Day 3 - Thursday April 1
Our visit to Normandy is nearly complete. We'll walk in the village of Buron, then make a final stop to Ardennes Abbey where 20 Canadian soldiers were illegally executed in the early days following the D-Day landings. We then continue our journey northeast - pausing in historic Honfleur for lunch at your leisure. Overnight Arras. [B]

Day 4 - Friday April 2
Our first day on the Great War battlefields is steeped in history as we wind our way into the French countryside to consider the Battle of the Somme, one of the largest, bloodiest and most destructive battles of World War One. Visits include Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial Park, the Thiepval Memorial and Lochnagar Crater. Overnight Arras. [B,L]

Day 5 - Saturday April 3
This morning you have the option (no extra charge) to visit the Wellington Tunnels, a network of underground barracks which could accommodate up to 24,000 soldiers. The day is otherwise free for you to explore the beautiful town of Arras at your leisure. Overnight Arras. [B]

Day 6 - Sunday April 4
We spend the morning at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial, standing proud on the highest point of Vimy Ridge. The afternoon includes a visit to the German cemetery at Neuville-Saint-Vaast, and the memorial at Hill 70 in Loos-en-Gohelle which marks Canada's 'forgotten victory' of 1917. Overnight Arras. [B,L]

Day 7 - Monday April 5
As we journey north across the border into Belgium we make stops at the Ploegsteert Memorial and the Christmas Truce Memorial in Messines. The tour carries onward to the lovely town of Poperinge and a visit to Talbot House, where soldiers found brief respite behind the lines. Overnight Ieper. [B]

Day 8 - Tuesday April 6
Our day is spent in the Ypres Salient, with visits to The Brooding Soldier at St. Julien, Essex Farm, Hill 62, the Passchendaele Memorial and Tyne Cot - the largest Commonwealth War Graves cemetery in the world. In the evening select guests will lay a wreath on behalf of the tour group in the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, a daily act of remembrance stretching all the way back to 1928. Overnight Ieper. [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.

Day 9 - Wednesday April 7
We continue our exploration of the Great War memorials, returning to the French countryside to explore "Canada's 100 Days." We'll visit with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at Masnières and Monchy-le-Preux, and the Canadian Expeditionary Force at Bourlon Wood and Dury. The tour also makes a special visit to see an incredibly rare, original WWI tank. Overnight Lens. [B,L]

Day 10 - Thursday April 8
Our pilgrimage winds down with a visit to the monument to Canadian George Lawrence Price, the last soldier of the British Empire to die in The Great War. We also visit his final resting place at St. Symphorien Cemetery. Overnight Lens. [B]

Day 11 - Friday April 9
We join with dignitaries, officials and fellow Canadians in observing the **110th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge** hosted by Veterans Affairs Canada. The schedule is kept clear to accommodate the final event details. At the conclusion of the event, we venture a short distance down the ridge to a local restaurant in Thélus which will open exclusively for you! Here we gather for our Farewell Dinner, to raise a toast to Canada and all those who have served our nation in uniform - and continue to do so today. Overnight Lens. [B,D]

Day 12 - Saturday April 10
This morning is departure day, with the coach delivering travelers to CDG Airport for ~10:00. Some travelers may choose to remain in Europe longer to extend their trip - let us know if we can quote you on post-tour accommodations. [B]



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THE TOUR.

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. We also visit the nearby monument to the 'forgotten victory' at Hill 70.



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.



THE TRIP.

Free Time

Enjoy some time unwinding as you absorb the beauty and culture of Euope. You'll have free time to explore Arras, France and Ieper (Ypres), Belgium and their enchanting town squares. Consider an extra day at the end in Paris! There's so much to see, including the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre, the Arc de Triomphe, and much more.



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 Hetherington**, retired educator, researcher and veteran traveler with many year's experience leading tours through the battlefields of northwest Europe.





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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
- 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
- There is no sales tax on foreign travel from Canada, and no gratuities to be paid!
- One coach transfer at each end of the tour: pick-up from CDG Airport on March 30, 2027 in coordination with the arrival of Air Canada AC872; and drop-off to CDG Airport on April 10, 2027 in coordination with the departure of Air Canada AC873; travelers flying on different flights/days and not utilizing these transfers will be responsible for their own arrangements - contact us for additional details
- 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
- Read Liberation Tours' Terms & Conditions prior to booking

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(two people sharing a room)

$1460
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the additional cost if traveling on your own
(one person in the room)

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