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## Armistice 100th Anniversary Canadian Battlefield Tour The End of the Great War 1918-2018

**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 war. The Canadians will suffer gas attacks, infested trenches, misery. Yet through it all the Canadian Expeditionary Force will prove to be *the* fighting force which will win them the nickname *shock troops* as they earn important victories at Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Passchendaele, Amiens and more. And Canada will earn its place as a signatory to the Treaty of Versailles. It is the birth of a nation.

November 11, 2018 will mark the monumental gathering in France and Belgium on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the end of the Great War, the final events which will bring to a close four years of remembrance and reflection - a centenary not to be missed. International dignitaries are expected to be on hand for this very special commemoration.

Your pilgrimage begins in Paris, extends out to the French coast for time to visit WWII Canadian sites at Juno Beach and Dieppe, and then moves back in time to visit all fourteen of Canada's Great War monuments in France and Belgium, centered upon the Centenary of the end of the Great War. You'll be part of a typically all-Canadian group, usually an even mixture of men and women.

Join us for an unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to Europe to mark the end of The Great War - 1918-2018.



**31 Oct - 15 Nov 2018**  
Sixteen Inspiring Days



- 100th Anniversary Commemoration events (details to be announced)
- All 8 of Canada's Great War Memorials
- All 5 of Newfoundland's Great War Memorials (the "Trail of the Caribou")
- Canada's newest National Memorial at Hill 70
- Unveiling and Dedication of a New Memorial in Belgium for Canadian Private George Lawrence Price, the last soldier of the British Empire to die in WWI
- Special Centenary Commemoration at St. Symphorien Cemetery, Mons, the burial location of the first (John Henry Parr, Britain) and last (George Lawrence Price, Canada) soldiers to die in WWI
- a visit to Vimy Ridge and a tour in the new Vimy Ridge Visitor Center
- free time in Paris and London ... and much more!





# Itinerary

## Day 1 - Wednesday October 31

Depart from Canada for your overnight transatlantic flight to Paris, except for those who may choose to depart sooner to extend their trip.

## Day 2 - Thursday November 1

Arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport, transfer to downtown where your hotel room is pre-booked for immediate check-in, for those who wish to take some rest. Afternoon tour of the city aboard our private coach; cruise of the Seine River. Welcome light meal. Overnight Paris - Novotel Tour Eiffel (2 nights).

## Day 3 - Friday November 2

Free day at your leisure in Paris. *Breakfast.*

## Day 4 - Saturday November 3

Depart for the Normandy coast to consider pre-D-Day 'Atlantic Wall' defenses including Longues-sur-Mer coastal gun battery; visit the Memorial Pegasus Museum followed by a walk to the Café Gondrée. Overnight Bayeux - Novotel (2 nights). *Breakfast, Lunch.*

## Day 5 - Sunday November 4

Walk the sands of Juno Beach with stories and reflection; visit the Juno Beach Centre at Courseulles-sur-Mer; see Canada House on the beach at Bernières-sur-Mer; visit Saint-Aubin; Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery. Overnight Bayeux. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

## Day 6 - Monday November 5

Today is a scheduled free morning with time to visit local sites; afternoon visit to Abbaye d'Ardennes. Overnight Dieppe - Mercure La Residence. *Breakfast.*

## Day 7 - Tuesday November 6

Tour the Dieppe main beach to consider Operation Jubilee, followed by visits to the beaches at Puy and Pourville; Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery; departure to Amiens for the evening. Overnight Amiens - Holiday Inn Express. *Breakfast.*

## Day 8 - Wednesday November 7

Walk the fields of the Battle of the Somme at the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Park; Thiepval; Lochnagar Crater; CEF memorials at Le Quesnel and Courcellette; visit Royal Newfoundland Regiment memorial at Gueudecourt. Overnight Lille - Novotel Centre Grand Place (3 nights). *Breakfast, Lunch.*

## Day 9 - Thursday November 8

Visit Royal Newfoundland Regiment memorials at Masnières and Monchy-le-Preux, and the CEF memorials at Bourlon Wood and Dury; lunch and visit in Arras. Overnight Lille. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

## Day 10 - Friday November 9

The morning is dedicated to Vimy Ridge including walking the trenches and tunnels; points of interest below the ridge at Souchez. Overnight Lille. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

## Day 11 - Saturday November 10

Special dedication in Ville-sur-Haine to new memorial for Canadian soldier G.L. Price, the last allied soldier to die in the Great War; special commemorative event at St. Symphorien Cemetery, Mons; Royal Newfoundland Regiment memorial at Kortrijk; solemn evening candlelight vigil and march at Passchendaele. Overnight Kortrijk - Parkhotel (3 nights). *Breakfast, Lunch.*

## Day 12 - Sunday November 11

Today marks the 100th Anniversary of the end of The Great War. The schedule is kept open to allow for flexibility to accommodate special centenary commemoration events as yet to be announced. Events likely to be focused upon the Menin Gate in Ieper, Belgium. Information to be posted online as soon as government details are announced. Overnight Kortrijk. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

## Day 13 - Monday November 12

We tour the Ypres Salient with visits to the battlefields and CEF memorials at Passchendaele (Crest Farm), St. Julien (The Brooding Soldier) and Hill 62; visits to Essex Farm, Tyne Cot Cemetery and more; free time in Ieper in the afternoon; Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. Overnight Kortrijk. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

## Day 14 - Tuesday November 13

Departing Belgium for London, England via the Channel Tunnel, with a stop to visit grave of John McCrae; farewell luncheon along the way; a visit to the Imperial War Museum and the cenotaph at Trafalgar Square. Overnight London - The Cumberland (2 nights). *Breakfast, Lunch.*

## Day 15 - Wednesday November 14

Free day at your leisure in London. Overnight London. *Breakfast.*

## Day 16 - Thursday November 15

Return flight from London, except for those who may choose to extend their stay.

*Itinerary is subject to minor change prior to departure. Please visit our website at [www.liberationtours.ca](http://www.liberationtours.ca) for the latest information and group flight details.*



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## The Tour.

### Vimy Ridge

The ground that could not be taken and held ... until the Canadians came. It was the first time all four divisions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force fought 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

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.



### 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.



### What our Clients Say ...

"We were amazed. This was the most seamless and well planned trip we have been on. The places we visited can only be called awesome. John & Phil were amazing, and the others on the tour awesome as well. Thanks for all the hard work that goes into making things so smooth - met some new friends and had an amazing time."  
-Brent & Laurie Schick, Regina SK

"After considering a battlefield tour for years I was delighted to find one focused on the Canadian experience. Liberation Tours are great people who definitely know their Canadian military history. Wonderful to visit so many places that I had read about for years."  
-Jeremy Lammi (M.A. Military History), Coaldale AB

"This tour is a must. It is both awe-inspiring and humbling. Well planned and laid out by two men who are not only knowledgeable but passionate about the experience they are delivering. It included many sites that were significant, but off the beaten path and known only to those who were students of the conflict and the areas. A once-in-a-lifetime experience!"  
-Randy & Marilyn Kilpatrick, Winnipeg MB

"Phil and John make great efforts to fulfill each person's requests to give them the best experience possible. They located my uncle's grave and took me there and also researched records on how he was killed. For me it was a quest to do this and they made it happen. They truly care about each person's interests!"  
-Daniel Rankin, Burlington ON

## The Trip.

### Paris

Enjoy your first two days unwinding while you absorb magical Paris! We'll take you on a guided tour of the city by coach. And there's so much to see at your leisure including the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, The Louvre, the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées ...



### Ypres (Ypres)

You'll enjoy some free time in an afternoon to discover the beautiful town square with its many restaurants and terraces, steps from the famous and inspiring Menin Gate. Enjoy a little shopping and a lot of great food, or perhaps a walk along the old city ramparts and cobblestone streets. Here you'll cross paths with other battlefield tourists from Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and more.



### London

You will round out your special tour with two nights in the amazing city of London. It's 17th century pubs, historic bridges, grand palaces and more will provide you with a long list of things to see and do.



### Normandy

The old Normandy coast, with its narrow streets, green countryside and delicious food make it a wonderful place to visit no matter the time of year. The memorials and monuments of D-Day of 1944 make it all the more special.



Your guide will be Liberation Tours' lead historian **Phil Craig**, Professional Actor and Co-Founder of the Georgina Military Museum.



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## Included in your Package

- Fourteen nights accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities in Trafalgar First Class Hotels (*European standards*)
- Premium airport departure lounge at the start of the tour (where available)  
*... an exclusive benefit not offered by other battlefield tours*
- Immediate early morning check-in available at your hotel in Paris  
*... an exclusive benefit not offered by other battlefield tours*
- 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 selected lunches as outlined in the itinerary
- All hotel service charges, local taxes, baggage handling of one bag per person
- Gratuities to Coach Driver, Trafalgar Agent and Local Guides are **included!**  
*(important note: these costs are extra on most other tours and can add up to \$150 CAD or more at the end of your trip, be sure to compare!)*
- Group pick-up from Charles de Gaulle Airport on November 1, 2018 and return group transfer to London Heathrow airport on November 15, 2018  
*(individual transfers would be the traveller's responsibility)*
- Liberation Tours Lapel Pin

## Excluded

- Airfare: optional group flight via Air Canada:  
AC880 31Oct dep Toronto 21:40 arr Paris 09:50  
AC857 15Nov dep London 12:00 arr Toronto 14:50  
\$305 base fare + ~\$743 departure taxes = ~\$1048
- Meals other than stated on the itinerary
- Travel / Cancellation / Medical Insurance
- Passport & related fees
- Pocket money for souvenirs
- Any optional excursion not specifically stated
- Items of a personal nature



## Notations

- Prices are subject to change based on currency fluctuations, to be confirmed at time of final payment.
- This tour requires a minimum of 20 passengers.
- Pre-booked hotels may be subject to change.
- **Final payment is due no later than July 27, 2018.**  
**All deposits & payments are non-refundable.**
- Download our Terms & Conditions from [www.liberationtours.ca](http://www.liberationtours.ca).

**Reserve Your Seat Today!**

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