



## 2019 Remembrance Day Canadian Battlefield Tour November 11<sup>th</sup> at Vimy Ridge

**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* fighting force which will win them the nickname *shock troops* as they earn important victories at Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Passchendaele, Amiens and more. Canada will earn its place as a signatory to the Treaty of Versailles - it is the "Birth of a Nation."

Your pilgrimage begins in Paris, extends to the Normandy coast for a special visit to Juno Beach, and then moves back in time to visit all fourteen of Canada's Great War monuments in France and Belgium - including the "Trail of the Caribou."

**Travelers will observe Remembrance Day at Vimy Ridge on November 11th.**

You will be part of a typically all-Canadian group, usually an even mixture of men and women. Come to northern France for a truly special Remembrance Day experience, on the 101st anniversary of the Armistice.



- Vimy Ridge on Remembrance Day
- All 9 of Canada's Great War Memorials
- All 5 of Newfoundland's Great War Memorials (the "Trail of the Caribou")
- Monument to Canadian Private George Lawrence Price, the last soldier of the British Empire to die in WWI
- St. Symphorien Cemetery, Mons, the burial location of the first and last soldiers to die in WWI
- Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, Ypres
- Juno Beach, Pegasus Bridge & the Ardennes Abbey



November 3-13, 2019  
Eleven Inspiring Days





# Itinerary

## Day 1 - Sunday November 3

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 - Monday November 4

Arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport, transfer to downtown and enjoy a tour of the city aboard our private coach with a local expert guide, followed by a cruise on the River Seine. We gather in the evening for our Welcome Dinner. Overnight Paris - Mercure Tour Eiffel. [D]

## Day 3 - Tuesday November 5

Depart for the Normandy coast to consider WW2 pre D-Day 'Atlantic Wall' defenses including Longues-sur-Mer coastal gun battery; group lunch in Normandy; a visit to the Memorial Pegasus Museum. Overnight Bayeux - Churchill Hotel (2 nights). [B,L]

## Day 4 - Wednesday November 6

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. [B,L]

## Day 5 - Thursday November 7

Morning visit to Abbaye d'Ardennes; free time for lunch in historic Honfleur. Overnight Amiens - Mercure Cathedrale. [B,L]

## Day 6 - Friday November 8

Walk the battlefields The Somme beginning at the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Park; see the Thiepval Memorial and Lochnagar Crater; CEF memorials at Le Quesnel and Courcellette; group lunch on the Somme; visit Royal Newfoundland Regiment memorial at Gueudecourt. Overnight Lille - Novotel Centre Grand Place (2 nights). [B,L]

## Day 7 - Saturday November 9

Visit Royal Newfoundland Regiment memorials at Masnières and Monchy-le-Preux, and the CEF memorials at Bourlon Wood and Dury; group lunch in Cambrai; visit Debra WWI Tank Museum. Overnight Lille. [B,L]

## Day 8 - Sunday November 10

Visit the monument to Canadian George Lawrence Price at Ville-sur-Haine; free time for lunch in historic Mons; Canada-Belgium WWI monument; visit St. Symphorien Cemetery; evening torchlight vigil at Passchendaele (tbc). Overnight Kortrijk - The Parkhotel (3 nights). [B,L]

## Day 9 - Monday November 11

Observe Remembrance Day at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial; visit includes walking the trenches (tunnels tbc); group lunch across the valley; La Cabaret Rouge British Cemetery. Overnight Kortrijk. [B,L]

## Day 10 - Sunday November 12

Tour of the Ypres Salient with visits to the battlefields and CEF memorials at Passchendaele (Crest Farm), St. Julien (The Brooding Soldier) and Hill 62; visit to Essex Farm, Tyne Cot Cemetery; Farewell Lunch followed by free time in leper in the afternoon; Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate at 8pm. Overnight Kortrijk. [B,L]

## Day 11 - Monday November 13

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

*Itinerary is tentative and is subject to 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.



### 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.



## The Trip.

### Paris

There is so much to see in this magical city, including the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, The Louvre, the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées ... it is a city of monuments and amazing history. Considering heading to Paris ahead of the tour for extra time to relax and unwind on a side street café.



### Ypres (Ypres)

Discover the beautiful town square with its many restaurants and terraces, steps from the famous and inspiring Menin Gate. 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.



### 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 host and guide for this inspiring tour will be Liberation Tours' chief historian **Phil Craig**, Professional Actor and Co-Founder of the Georgina Military Museum.

### 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



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### Included in your Package

- Nine nights accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities in Trafalgar First Class Hotels (*European standards*)
- 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/diners 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 4, 2019 and return group transfer to the airport on November 13, 2019 (*individual transfers would be the traveller's responsibility*)
- Liberation Tours Lapel Pin

### Excluded

- Airfare - check our website for details!
- 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

- Pre-booked hotels may be subject to change.
- **Final payment is due no later than August 2, 2019.**
- **All deposits & payments are non-refundable.**

**Reserve Your Seat Today!**

**\$4750**

Land Only, based on double occupancy

**\$1020**

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*Non-Refundable Deposit at time of Booking:*

**\$500**

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## Terms & Conditions

- 1. Deposits & Final Payments:** A Deposit is required at the time of booking in order to secure a place on the trip. A Final Payment is required on or before the final payment deadline to ensure your place on the trip is fully vested. Deposits and Final Payments, once paid, are non-refundable.
- 2. Insurance:** In consideration of No.1 above Liberation Tours strongly recommends the purchase of Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance, plus out-of-country medical coverage, etc. You can obtain a quote from Manulife Insurance via our booking agent, or from Sanderson Insurance via our website, or from your favourite local travel or insurance agent. You could also check your credit card provider in case you have coverage by purchasing your trip on your credit card.
- 3. Itinerary:** Every effort is made to deliver the itinerary of a given tour as outlined on the website and within the published literature, however due to circumstances beyond our control (including but not limited to weather, construction, passenger illness, mechanical breakdown, civil unrest, etc.) Liberation Tours reserves the right to alter the published itinerary by substituting where possible alternate venues and/or sightseeing locales so as to make the best possible accommodation under the circumstances.
- 4. Hotels:** All hotels listed on the itinerary have been pre-booked at time of publishing. Whereas Liberation Tours will do its utmost to prevent our pre-booked hotels from 'booking out' we cannot accept responsibility for this eventuality. Similarly, there may be occasions where Liberation Tours is not able to secure our contract hotels due to conferences, sporting events etc. in which case a hotel of similar standard will be booked. Liberation Tours reserves the right to accommodate within 80 km of locations listed on the attached itinerary.
- 5. Food Allergies:** Some tours may include one or more pre-booked group meals. For such meals Liberation Tours will make every effort to accommodate food allergies that you declare to us in advance, however please be aware that such accommodations cannot be entirely guaranteed. Our responsibility will be limited to requesting of the restaurant(s) to provide a safe, allergy-free meal and to extend to you whatever the restaurant can offer. Failing this, should you find it necessary to substitute one of these pre-booked meals in some alternate way (ie different restaurant, hotel meal, etc) you will need to be responsible for cost of same. Liberation Tours regrets we cannot refund or otherwise transfer the value of pre-booked meals.
- 6. Coach Seating:** We employ a seating rotation program whereby all clients are shuffled through the coach to new seats daily, thereby ensuring everyone has an opportunity to be seated in different areas of the coach and also providing for different neighbours across the aisle. Requests to be accommodated in a fixed seat location must respectfully be declined.



- 7. Group Air Seating:** Clients who choose to take seats with the group air booking should note that, while every effort is made to seat couples together, it cannot be guaranteed that they will sit side-by-side. Group air bookings are such that seat selection is usually not offered, and that seats are not always guaranteed as side-by-side, rather whatever free seats are available on that flight as determined by the airline. Please be prepared for the possibility that you will not sit together. Requests to be seated together should be made at the check-in desk at the airport, or otherwise a request can be made with in-flight cabin crew.
- 8. Individual Bookings for Air Travel, Hotels, etc:** Clients who plan to arrange their own air travel (ie. not reserving a seat with the group air booking), or extra hotels before/after the tour, should not make any non-cancellable bookings prior to the booking deadline. Once the booking deadline has passed and the tour is officially a 'go' with the minimum required number of passengers, individual bookings can then be made!
- 9. Passport & Visa:** Canadians do not require a visa to travel to countries within the *Schengen Area* for stays of up to 90 days in any 180-day period. If you leave the Schengen Area and return within the same 180-day period, the previous stay will count against the permitted 90 days. Complete details can be found at <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/schengen-area> . The Schengen Area includes Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

A tourist visa is also not required for the United Kingdom (for stays of six months or less). Complete details can be found at <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/united-kingdom> .

It is the responsibility of each client to obtain a valid passport, and to obtain any visa(s) (where necessary) for countries to be visited other than those listed above. Please ensure you have the relevant documentation required. Liberation Tours will not accept responsibility for clients who do not have a passport and the appropriate visas. Any interruption in travel to the client resulting from lack of proper documentation will be at the client's expense.

- 10. Surcharges:** Prices may be subject to a Surcharge to cover any unexpected costs over which Liberation Tours has no control, including but not limited to fuel surcharges, government taxes and country visas. The Surcharge shall not exceed 7% of the Land-Only booking price and shall, if needed, be applied no later than the date of final payment. If a Surcharge of more than 7% is necessary clients may, at their option, cancel their booking and receive a full refund of any payments made, with no penalties. No Surcharges shall be applied after the booking deadline.



**11. Baggage:** Maximum baggage allowance on motor coach tours is one large suitcase per person, plus a small hand luggage item (ie. backpack/satchel) which can be stored in the shallow overhead bin inside the coach cabin. All hand luggage must be carried personally aboard the coach. Although the Tour Manager and Coach Driver supervise the transfer of luggage to and from the motor coach and every effort is made to handle luggage as carefully as possible, Liberation Tours cannot assume liability for loss, theft or damage due to breakage, fire, water, etc. Porterage is available at most hotels, although it is often the case that clients will need to port their own luggage between the coach and the hotel lobby. Some hotels do not offer porterage and thus clients will need to handle their own luggage.

**12. Responsibility:** You acknowledge and agree that Liberation Tours (the "Organizer") acts solely as an organizer of the tours outlined in this brochure and as such is a middle-person between you and the carriers, hotels, tour operators and other service/product providers which form part of this tour. Consequently, Liberation Tours shall not be held liable for the services rendered, and/or the products offered, by such third-party providers. Liberation Tours shall not be liable and assumes no risk for the obligations, or any default or negligence, of third-party providers and for any damages including, among other things, damages due to delay, cancellation, loss of goods, sickness, injury, accident, quality of services, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment, disappointment, acts of God or force majeure. The Organizer reserves the right to make any changes before or during the tour for the comfort and enjoyment of the clients.

The Organizer reserves the right to decline any person as a member of the tour at any time before or during the tour should such person's presence be considered, at our sole discretion, detrimental to the interest, comfort or enjoyment of the other tour members. Persons leaving the tour during operation will not receive a refund of unused services.

**13. Itinerary:** All tour itineraries are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. Tour managers and/or historians designated for a particular tour are subject to substitution where deemed necessary.

**14. Acceptance:** Liberation Tours, its agents and all clients agree that conditions set out herein are part of the terms between the client and the Organizer. Acceptance of the ticket for the tour or any deposit given to the Organizer's agents represents acceptance by the client of all the aforementioned Terms and Conditions.