



LiberationTours
THE CANADIAN LEGACY

Canadian Battlefield Tour of Northwest Europe 2019

Normandy to the Liberation of Holland

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 2019 battlefield tour is the most comprehensive tour of its kind - a pilgrimage to the Canadian battlefields of WWI and WWII where Canada came of age as a nation and forged a reputation as *the* army to be called upon for some of the most difficult and challenging battles of the wars.

Your tour also includes free time to enjoy a little culture, with the opportunity to visit several UNESCO World Heritage Sites and to explore two of Europe's most beautiful capital cities ... Paris and Amsterdam. You'll stay at quality hotels throughout, selected for their great location and service. And you'll be part of a typically all-Canadian group.

Join us for an unforgettable, life-changing journey through France, Belgium and The Netherlands.

"Thank you for the trip of a lifetime. I have been on many tours and this was the best in every respect."
-Anne D., Winnipeg MB

"I had the honour of traveling on the 2014 tour, I know what lies ahead for future guests ... and I am jealous! Given the chance I would do it all over again."
-Jeffery S., Calgary AB

"The most amazing sixteen days of my life."
-Brock W., Orillia ON

22 April - 7 May 2019
Sixteen Life-Changing Days



*Juno Beach • Gold Beach • Omaha Beach
Vimy Ridge • Ypres • Passchendaele
Dieppe • Beaumont-Hamel • Arnhem
and so much more ...*





Itinerary

Day 1 - Monday April 22

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 - Tuesday April 23

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 Novotel Tour Eiffel.

Day 3 - Wednesday April 24

Free day at your leisure in Paris. Overnight Novotel Tour Eiffel. *Breakfast.*

Day 4 - Thursday April 25

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 Churchill Hotel Bayeux. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

Day 5 - Friday April 26

Walk the sands of Juno Beach on this morning in advance of the 74th Anniversary of D-Day; visit the Juno Beach Centre at Courseulles-sur-Mer; see Canada House on the beach at Bernières-sur-Mer; visit Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer; Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery. Overnight Churchill Hotel Bayeux. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

Day 6 - Saturday April 27

Visit British landing zone at Gold Beach and the Mulberry Harbour at the village of Arromanches, including the Musée du Débarquement; Omaha American Landing Beach; Pointe-du-Hoc; La Cambe German War Cemetery. Overnight Churchill Hotel Bayeux. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

Day 7 - Sunday April 28

Today is a scheduled free morning with time to visit the Bayeux Tapestry and/or wander the village; afternoon visit to Abbaye d'Ardennes; departure to Dieppe for the evening. Overnight Hôtel Mercure Dieppe La Présidence. *Breakfast.*

Day 8 - Monday April 29

Tour the Dieppe main beach to consider Operation Jubilee, followed by visits to the beaches at Puits and Pourville; Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery; departure to Amiens for the evening. Overnight Mercure Amiens Cathédrale. *Breakfast.*

Day 9 - Tuesday April 30

Walk the fields of the Battle of the Somme at the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Park; Thiepval; Lochnagar Crater; other points of interest in the area including Canada's monument at Courcellette. Overnight Najeti Hotel Arras. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

Day 10 - Wednesday May 1

The morning is dedicated to Vimy Ridge including walking the trenches and tunnels; points of interest below the ridge at Souchez; depart for Belgium, to Ieper for the evening; Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. Overnight Novotel Ieper Centrum. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

Day 11 - Thursday May 2

We tour the Ieper (Ypres) salient including Hill 62, the monument at Passchendaele, The Brooding Soldier at St. Julien, Essex Farm, Tyne Cot Cemetery. Free afternoon in Ieper. Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. Overnight Novotel Ieper Centrum. *Breakfast.*

Day 12 - Friday May 3

Depart Belgium for the Netherlands, Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, Operation Market Garden and the John Frost Bridge; at Arnhem for the evening. Overnight Best Western Haarhuis. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

Day 13 - Saturday May 4

Attend the Annual Remembrance Service at Holten Canadian War Cemetery; visit monument to Canada at Apeldoorn. Overnight Hampshire Hotel Delft. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

Day 14 - Sunday May 5

Onward to Amsterdam, canal boat cruise. Free afternoon. Overnight Wyndham Apollo Hotel Amsterdam. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

Day 15 - Monday May 6

Free day at your leisure in Amsterdam. Overnight Wyndham Apollo Hotel Amsterdam. *Breakfast.*

Day 16 - Tuesday May 7

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

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 encountered 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.



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.



What our Clients Say ...

"Every morning since I got home I have to get up and go over my photos just to make sure that I really did go on our trip as it tends to feel surreal. From time to time, I still experience the exhilaration of "actually being there." Everything seemed to mesh - from your meticulous planning and attention to detail, the location of hotels near sightseeing venues, the selection of prime sites from WW1 and WW2 as well as the excellent commentary. Definitely, going in a group had some serendipitous advantages as we shared each person's "story." I am so glad I made the choice of going with Liberation Tours. Thank you, THANK YOU!" -Darlene T., Calgary AB

"Thank you again for everything you did for us: an amazing trip, and great people to share moments with. And your attention to detail will always be remembered and appreciated. Several times you went above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you so much for making our experience such a positive and forever memorable one." -Audrey & Sam D., Burlington ON

"A truly awesome retreat 'into the trenches' of both wars." -Vivian H., Millet AB

"Fabulous time, one that none of us are likely to forget for a very long time. A life-long dream fulfilled. Simply excellent." -Neil & Linda S., Whitby ON

The Trip.

Paris

Enjoy your first two days unwinding while you absorb Paris in the Spring! 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 ...



Ieper (Ypres)

You'll stay in the best hotel in town in the most ideal location, steps from the town square and the 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 often cross paths with other battlefield tourists from Canada.



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.

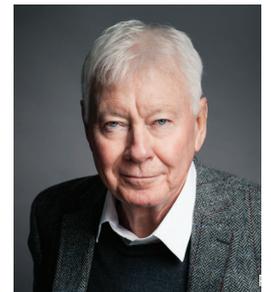


Amsterdam

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 take a stroll through the quirky yet world famous Red Light District.



Your guide will be Liberation Tours' lead historian **Phil Craig**, Professional Actor and Co-Founder & Curator 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 **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 April 23, 2019 and return group transfer to Schiphol airport on May 7, 2019
(*individual transfers would be the traveller's responsibility*)
- Liberation Tours Lapel Pin

Excluded

- Airfare: optional group air booking available, check our website for the latest information
- 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.
- Hotels have been pre-booked but are subject to change.
- **Final payment is due no later than December 15, 2018.**
All deposits & payments are non-refundable.
- Download our Terms & Conditions from www.liberationtours.ca prior to booking.



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\$6490

Land Only, based on double occupancy

\$1820

Single Supplement

Non-Refundable Deposit at time of Booking:

\$500

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