

Northwest Europe Canadian Battlefield & Remembrance Tour

FROM PARIS TO AMSTERDAM

SEPTEMBER 18 - OCTOBER 2, 2026
(15 DAYS)



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follow the **Maple Leaf Route**
from Normandy to the Netherlands

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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 Schedt Arnhem
Paris Amsterdam and more ...*





Thursday September 17

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 assist with 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 - Friday September 18

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

Day 2 - Saturday September 19

Depart for the Normandy coast to consider pre D-Day 'Atlantic Wall' defenses including the Longues-sur-Mer coastal gun battery; tour the Memorial Pegasus Museum followed by a walk to the Café Gondrée. Overnight Bayeux/Caen. [B]

Day 3 - Sunday September 20

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

Day 4 - Monday September 21

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 Caen. [B,L]

Day 5 - Tuesday September 22

This morning we explore inland from Juno, with visits to Putot-en-Bessin, Carpiquet, Buron and more. After a visit to Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery we travel north up the French coast. Overnight Dieppe. [B,L]

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Day 6 - Wednesday September 23

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

Day 7 - Thursday September 24

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 - Friday September 25

The morning is dedicated to a visit at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial, standing proudly on the highest point of Vimy Ridge. In the afternoon we visit the Commonwealth War Graves headstone factory in Beaurains. Overnight Arras. [B,L]

Day 9 - Saturday September 26

We look at Canada's Hundred Days to end WWI, including Dury, Brouillon Wood and more. We then drive north over the border to Belgium for the first of two nights. Overnight Ieper (Ypres). [B,L]

Day 10 - Sunday September 27

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 - Monday September 28

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 - Tuesday September 29

Discover the Scheldt Estuary campaign as we make visits in Woensdrecht, Bergen op Zoom, and more. In the afternoon we visit the Vrijheidsmuseum (Freedom Museum) and pay respects at Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery. Overnight Nijmegen/Groesbeek/Arnhem. [B,L]

Day 13 - Wednesday September 30

In the morning we visit John Frost Bridge in Arnhem, "A Bridge Too Far," to discuss the now infamous Operation Market-Garden. We work our way northeast to Zutphen, followed by a visit to Holten Canadian War Cemetery. We gather in the evening for a wonderful Farewell Dinner. Overnight Nijmegen/Groesbeek/Arnhem. [B,D]

Day 14 - Thursday October 1

Today is a free day to enjoy the beautiful capital city of Amsterdam at your leisure. Overnight Amsterdam. [B]

Day 15 - Friday October 2

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. Others guests will depart for home or continue their travels on other routes. [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.



Groesbeek

Want to feel great Canadian pride? There can be no better place than Holland. The Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery and the Groesbeek Memorial are important pilgrimage sites in the Netherlands, situated just near the German border.



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 ...

"The trip was more than I expected. All the logistics and accommodations were beautiful. The learning and historic material provided was spectacular. The guides were very knowledgeable, and more importantly, brought the history to life. Lastly, the fellow travelers were delightful and I made some good friends in the process." - Dave Friesema, 2023.

"I recommend this trip for all Canadians. John and Phil did an excellent job and treated us all like family. From the opening cocktail get-together to the final good-byes everyone was included on the journey with their own family history and contribution to the Canadian WWI and WW2 war efforts. We walked in many of the same footsteps as our fore-fathers and experienced some of what they may have experienced so many years ago. This trip was

all that I expected and more. This has been such a wonderful memorable experience and one that I am so glad I was able to take with Phil and John. - Dawn Smith, 2023.

"My husband and I were part of the wonderful April 2023 group and agreed that the tour exceeded our expectations! My husband was initially hesitant on travelling by bus but found it immensely comfortable and it gave us the opportunity to connect and bond with many of our fellow travellers. The information submitted by members of our group of relatives and friends who served in WWI/II were beautifully woven into the stories provided by Phil, creating a very personalized tour. We have recommended this trip to many of our friends and relatives." - Dave & Gail McLellan, 2023.

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
- Fourteen 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
- One coach transfer at each end of the tour: pick-up from Charles de Gaulle Airport to the hotel in Paris on September 18, 2026 in coordination with the arrival of Air Canada AC872; and from the hotel in Amsterdam to Schiphol Airport on October 2, 2026 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
- Gratuities to coach driver and local guides (note: these gratuities are extra on most other tours and can add up to \$200 CAD or more, be sure to compare!)
- 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
- Passport & related fees
- Any optional excursion not specifically stated
- Items of a personal nature

NOTATIONS

- As with all our trips, this tour features occasional walks of some distance, ascending stairs, walking up/down hills/slopes of varying degree, walking on sand or rough 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, canes, walking sticks or other assistance devices would not be successful on this trip
- Hotels have been pre-booked but are subject to change
- This tour requires a minimum of 20 passengers to operate
- Non-refundable deposit of \$750 per person due upon booking
- Read Liberation Tours' [Terms & Conditions](#) prior to booking

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