

Your Holiday Itinerary

4-Day Break

- **Day 1 – Local departure by coach then onwards to Belgium or northern France for a three night stay.**
 - **Day 2 – Battlefields of Flanders** Today we look at the battlefields around Ypres; this was the main British battlefront in World War I where more than 250,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers died. We start at the preserved trenches at Sanctuary Wood and see the museum before moving on to Tyne Cot Cemetery. In the afternoon we head to the Messines Ridge sector and the nearby Irish Peace Tower which commemorates the role of Irish troops from both North and South. At Ploegsteert we study the story of the Christmas Truce and see the Ploegsteert Memorial. We end the day at the 'Last Post Ceremony' in Ypres. Each night, at 8pm the Last Post is played at the Menin Gate which commemorates approximately 55,000 men who were never found. **B**
 - **Day 3 – The Somme, Death of a Generation** The haunting Somme battlefield is our destination today. We begin at the Historical Museum at Péronne and then to the largest British Mine Crater on the Western Front at La Boisselle. At Thiepval we visit the Memorial and the visitors' centre then the Ulster Tower, which commemorates those from Ulster who fell on the Somme, before seeing Newfoundland Park with its preserved trenches. We end the day at Serre and see the area where war poet Wilfred Owen fought. **B**
 - **Day 4 – To Calais and return home. B**
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5-Day Break

- **Day 1 – Local departure by coach then onwards to Belgium or northern France for a four-night stay.**
- **Day 2 – Battlefields of Flanders** Today we look at the battlefields around Ypres; this was the main British battlefront in World War I where more than 250,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers died. We start at the preserved trenches at Sanctuary Wood and see the museum before moving on to Tyne Cot Cemetery. In the afternoon we head to the Messines Ridge sector and the nearby Irish Peace Tower which commemorates the role of Irish troops from both North and South. At Ploegsteert we study the story of the Christmas Truce and see the Ploegsteert Memorial. We end the day at the 'Last Post Ceremony' in Ypres. Each night, at 8pm the Last Post is played at the Menin Gate which commemorates approximately 55,000 men who were never found. **B**
- **Day 3 – Tunnels and Trenches** We begin the day at Arras and spend the morning in the Wellington Quarries – a massive system of tunnels used by British troops in WW1, and dug by New Zealand Tunnellers. We then visit the Arras Memorial and travel out to Monchy le Preux to look at the defence of the village by the Newfoundland Regiment. We end the day at Vimy Ridge, captured by the Canadians in April 1917, seeing the preserved trench system, visitors' centre and impressive memorial on Hill 145 – the highest point on Vimy Ridge. Vimy was a defining moment for Canada in World War I and this is arguably one of the finest memorials on the Western Front. **B**
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- **Day 5 – To Calais and return home. B**

Included Meals: B=Breakfast

Please Note: Entrance fees to museums and places of interest are at extra cost.

Tour Include

- Free [local joining points](#)
- **Travel by executive coach**
- **3 or 4 nights' accommodation with breakfast**
- **Specialist Battlefield Guide**
- **Battlefield visits:**
 - **Battlefields of Flanders**
 - **Tunnels and Trenches (5-day break only)**
 - **The Somme, Death of a Generation**

Reduced Children's Prices

To make these tours more accessible to families, we are pleased to offer reduced prices for children (aged 17 and under) on selected dates in the school holidays.

- **1 child sharing a room with 1 or 2 paying adults pays £159 (4 days) £199 (5 days).**
- **2 or 3 children, occupying their own room, pay £199 each. Offer subject to availability.**
- **4-day break departing Feb 16; Apr 6; Jul 27; Aug 24 and Oct 25. 5-day break departing Feb 13; Apr 9; Jul 30 and Oct 22.**

Luxury Service

Upgrade to luxury service and enjoy these extras

- **Travel by luxury coach which includes:**
 - **Extra legroom for your added comfort**
 - **Comfortable rear lounge to relax and chat**

- **FREE personal headphones with a choice of music & DVDs**
- **Porterage in all hotels**
- **Smaller, more personal group**

Your hotels

Executive coach departures will stay for three or four nights at the 4-star Best Western Ambassador in Menen. The hotel has a bar and lift. All bedrooms have T.V., telephone and hairdryer.

Luxury Service departures will stay for three or four nights at the 4-star Best Western Hotel Alize situated close to the main square of Mouscron in Belgium.

The hotel does not have a restaurant, but snacks are available from the bar. There are also a number of restaurants and bars nearby.

The hotel has a lift and all bedrooms have T.V., telephone, tea/coffee-making facilities, hairdryer and air-conditioning.

When demand is high other hotels of a similar standard will be used such as the 3-star Hotel Altia or Des Acacias in Neuville-en-Ferrain.