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Canadian War Memorial Tour

April 5 - April 16, 2017



As each year passes, it takes us further away from the events that shaped our country and the world in which we live today. It has been many years since operation Overlord or D-Day but its importance is strongly remembered. 2017 marks the 103rd anniversary of the beginning of World War One, the war to end all wars. Canadians can be proud of our military achievements that gave freedom to so many.

This tour will focus heavily on the role Canada, along with our allies played in both World Wars.

Please join us in remembering those who served and paid the ultimate sacrifice.

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ITINERARY

Day One: **Wednesday, April 5**

Depart Toronto for Paris, France.

Day Two: **Thursday, April 6**

Upon your arrival in Paris we will be shuttled to the hotel. Tour the local area and visit the local Museum in Flanders Field. Meet and greet supper in Ypres, followed by the playing of Last Post ceremony at Menin Gate.

Day Three: **Friday, April 7**

Today we will explore Mons, the site of the first battle fought by the British Army in World War I on August 23rd and 24th. The British were forced to retreat and the town was occupied by the Germans until its liberation by the Canadian Corps during the final days of the war.

Day Four: **Saturday, April 8**

Throughout today we will witness the battle site of the Somme, Beaumont Hamel. It was at Beaumont Hamel that the Newfoundland Regiment and others attacked the German position known as the Y Ravine and within minutes lost 710 men to the German Machine Gun Located there.

Day Five: **Sunday, April 9**

This day is dedicated to the Battle of Vimy Ridge, an outstanding Canadian Victory in World War I. The battle which began April 9th, 1917, marks the first time all four divisions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force participated in the battle together, and has since become the symbol of Canadian nationalistic achievement and sacrifice.



Day Six: **Monday, April 10**

This morning after breakfast we check out of the hotel and we drive to the Normandy Coast line. If time permits we will be exploring the picturesque beaches of Dieppe, the scene of Canada's darkest day in World War II.

Day Seven: **Tuesday, April 11**

This morning we will visit the Juno Beach Memorial Centre, we continue to the Beny Sur Mere War Cemetery surrounded by peaceful groves of pine and maple trees.

Day Eight: **Wednesday, April 12**

This morning will start with a visit to the 11th Century Abbaye D'Ardenne and the memorial to the 20 Canadian soldiers who were illegally executed by the SS Troops. We will then be off to Arromanches to explore and enjoy the town, with an impressive 360 degree film of Normandy as it reflects the history of the beautiful coastline.

Day Nine: **Thursday, April 13**

On this morning we will visit the American Cemetery on Omaha Beach and pay our respects to our comrades.

Day Ten: **Friday, April 14**

Stop at the Pegasus Bridge. This important strategic position was assaulted by the British 6th Airborne Paratroopers with amazing precision in the early morning hours on June 6th. After a short 2 hour drive to Paris, we start the end of our incredible journey through the history of World War I and II.

Day Eleven: **Saturday, April 15**

On our final tour day, enjoy a walking tour with guides touring the historic sites. Stops will include the Eglise Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe. End the day with a farewell dinner and a 3 hour scenic cruise on the Seine.

Day Twelve: **Sunday, April 16**

After breakfast we make our way to the airport for our journey home back to Canada.





Designed by Canadians for Canadians, this special tour pays tribute to all who have served their country in the Great War and World War II. Take in the museums, memorials and special sites throughout France and Belgium that commemorate the contribution of Canadian soldiers.

COST:

\$3,798.00 CAD per person based on double occupancy

+ Taxes of \$697.00 CAD per person

please note - airfare is approximate at this time - and prices may change accordingly

EARLY BOOKING BONUS: Book by November 25, 2015

Save \$200.00 for all active and retired military members (including spouses)

Save \$100.00 for all non military

please contact Norm for terms and conditions

*Non refundable deposit of \$300.00 CAD per person is due at time of booking

*Final Payment is due by September 25, 2016

*Cancellation and Medical Insurance is highly recommended and is due at time of deposit

INCLUDES:

- Return airfare from Toronto - Paris, France
- Daily breakfast
- Daily lunch
- Baggage handling
- Meet and Greet Dinner *more information available at a later date*
- 3 hour Farewell dinner on the Seine River
- 4 nights accommodation at Hotel Mecure Roeselare ~ Ypres
- 4 nights accommodation at Hotel Mecure Cote Nacre ~ Caen
- 2 nights accommodation at Hotel Hyayt Etoile ~ Paris
- **Visits to the following** ; Somme Battle Fields, Lochnager Crater, Menin Gate, Essex Farms, Hill Sanctuary Wood, Beaumont Hamel, Juno Beach Centre, Pegasus's Bridge, Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Ardenne Abbey
- **Memorials we will be visiting**; Newfoundland, Thiepval, Vimy Ridge I
- **Common Wealth Cemeteries we will be visiting**: Beny Sur Mere, Normandy American, Tyne Cot, St Symphorien Military, Cabaret-Rouge British
- **Museums we will be visiting**: In Flanders Field, Mons Memorial, La Coupole, Le Memorial at Caen

Important Information:

- All passports must be valid for at least 6 months beyond travel dates

On April 9th, 1917, Canada came of age on the Battlefield of Vimy Ridge. This tour will take you there, along with many other locations of great importance to Canadians during the Great Wars of the 20th Century.