

[D] D-DAY 75th Anniversary The Normandy 75 Tour

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Vimy - Hill 70 - Flanders

Photograph taken by Battlefield Tours Traveller Phil Tucker at
Beny-sur-Mer Canadian Military Cemetery [Nov 2017]

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Tour Highlights:

- A chance to explore & enjoy Paris upon arrival
- Commemorate 75 years since the D-Day Normandy Landings
- Visit the Vimy Ridge Memorial + new interpretation centre
- Beaumont Hamel: The largest fully intact, First World War battlefield in the world
- Honouring 101 years with The Last Post Ceremony at The Menin Gate
- In-Depth exploration of Flanders, including stops to Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery & the Talbot House in Poperinge

Pricing:

\$3,780CAD

Land Only

\$795CAD

Single Supplement

Flight Path:

(JUN-03) Air from your major gateway > CDG (Paris)

(JUN-13) BRU (Brussels) > Home

Inclusions:

- Breakfast Daily, 8 Dinners
- Superior Tourist Class Hotels (2-4*)
- Full Time Tour Manager
- All Entrances on Itinerary
- Executive Motor Coach
- Custom Map Kit & Resource Guide
- All surcharges, fees, departure taxes

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-- Flight Departures from Canada

Depart from your major gateway airport for your flight to Paris. [Dinner and breakfast will be served onboard]

Day 1 | June 04 2019 | Welcome to Paris!

Arrive into **Charles De Gaulle International Airport** this morning, to be welcomed by our tour guide and driver. We begin our journey to **Paris** with a coach orientation enroute, before a **river cruise** of the **Seine**. Tonight, we will enjoy an early welcome dinner at the **Jardin du Notre Dame [Overnight – Paris // Hotel Opera Cadet, or similar (B, D)]**

Day 2 - | June 05 2019 | Journey to Normandy

We continue our journey to **Normandy** with visits to **Pegasus Bridge** and the **Café Gondree**. We will also visit the **Abbaye des Ardenne** as well as **Verrieres Ridge**, where the **Black Watch** suffered severe casualties in **Operation Spring**. We make our way to our hotel for some rest and relaxation before dinner. **[Overnight – Caen // Brithotel Nord Memorial or similar (B, D)]**

Day 3 - - June 06 2019 | D-Day 75 Ceremony

Today marks 75 years since the D-Day invasion began in the opening of the Battle of Normandy. Our entire day today will be left open in anticipation of the **ceremonial events** to be hosted by **Veteran Affairs Canada** and the French Authorities. Please come prepared for an outdoor event. **[Overnight – Caen // Brithotel Nord Memorial or similar (B, D)]**

Day 4 -- June 07 | Orientation of Normandy Beaches

Orientation of the D-Day Normandy invasion with visits to **Pointe du Hoc, Omaha Beach, Colleville-sur-Mer American Cemetery**, and **La Chaos**. This afternoon, we visit the **Mulberry Harbors in Arromanches** before continuing to **Courseulles-sur-Mer** for orientations of **Juno Beach** and the **Queens' Own Rifles House**. Day will end with a solemn sunset visit to the **Beny-sur-Mer Canadian Military Cemetery** to honour the fallen Canadians **[Overnight – Caen // Ouistreham (B, D)]**.

Day 5 -- June 08 | Dieppe

We head east along the French coast to **Dieppe**. Visit the **Dieppe Canadian Cemetery** before visiting **Green Beach at Pourville + the main landing beaches of Red and White** on the **Dieppe** seafont. Lastly, we explore the **Blue Beach at Puys**, before continuing to **Amiens** for our hotel check-in, dinner, and overnight. **[Overnight - Amiens // Grand Hotel de L'Univers or similar (B, D)]**

Day 6 -- June 09 | Somme

We explore the **Somme** - shifting our focus from the Second World War to the First, with visits to the **Memorial to the Missing at Thiepval**, as well, the preserved battlefield memorial park at **Beaumont Hamel**. After enjoying a locally made picnic lunch at the **Old Blighty Cafe**, view the **Lochnagar Crater**, before our return to **Amiens**, to enjoy dinner + overnight at your own pace. **[Overnight - Amiens // Grand Hotel de L'Univers or similar (B)]**

Day 7 -- June 10 | Vimy + Hill 70

Today we tour the **Vimy Ridge Canadian Memorial Park**. Tour the **tunnels, trenches and memorial**, as well as the brand **new interpretation centre**. In the afternoon, we view the **new Canadian Memorial at Hill 70**. Here we will discuss the **Forgotten Battle of Hill 70**. Tonight, we continue to **Ypres, Belgium** for our dinner and overnight. **[Overnight – Ypres // Regina Hotel, or similar (B, D)]**

Day 8 -- June 11 | Ypres Salient Battlefields

Today we will take the full day to explore the **Ypres Salient Battlefields**. We begin our introduction with a visit to **Essex Farm**, where **John McCrae** wrote "*In Flanders Fields*". We also visit the **Tyne Cot Commonwealth Cemetery** and discuss the **Battle of Passchendaele** at the **Crest Farm Memorial**, in **Passendale**. Explore the **German Cemetery of Langemark**, and the '**Brooding Soldier**' at **St Julien**. Lastly, take a visit to the **Hooghe Crater**, and **Hill 62**. We finish the day in **Ypres**, (the 'City of Peace') with an early meal. **Tonight, at 8PM, we witness the Last Post Ceremony**, at the **Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing**, led by the **leper Fire Department & the Last Post Association [Overnight – Ypres // Regina Hotel, or similar (B, D)]**

Day 9 -- June 12 | Ypres Salient Battlefields Part II

This morning, we travel to **Poperinge**. In 1915, this town lay immediately behind the front lines, and was widely regarded as a resting area for allied troops fighting on the salient. Enjoy an **orientation tour** before we visit the **Talbot House**, the famous wartime soldier club. This afternoon, we continue to the **Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery** to learn of the evacuation hospital that led to the cemetery's creation. This evening, we head back to **Ypres** to enjoy our **group farewell dinner** together, before heading in for an early night to prepare for our transfer home [or on to our independent travel extensions!] **[Overnight – Ypres // Regina Hotel, or similar (B, D)]**

Day 10 -- June 13 | Flight Departure Day

This morning after an early breakfast we transfer to **Brussels' International Airport** for our group flight departure home, **[or take a personal travel extension to Paris/Brussels/Amsterdam]**. **[(B) Lunch and snacks served onboard]**.

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TOUR END



Activity Level: *Moderately Challenging*

Destinations: PARIS - NORMANDY - SOMME - VIMY - FLANDERS

Dates: JUN-04-2019 to JUN-13-2019

Group Air: Departure JUN-03-2019 from your major gateway to Paris [CDG]. Return - Brussels [BRU]

Number of Participants: 25-44 passengers per 58-seat coach

Accommodation: Superior Tourist Class 2-4***
Accommodation in either twin, double, or single occ

Transportation: Private Executive Coach w. A/C, Toilet, DVD, Beverages available onboard

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Accommodations in Superior Tourist Class (2 - 4 Star Hotels)
- Full-Time Canadian Battlefield Tour Manager
- All Entrances as per your Itinerary
- Executive Motor Coach with Washroom/AC/tea/coffee
- Breakfast (B) throughout
- 8 Dinners (D)
- Online Custom Map Kit & Tour Resource & Info Guide
- All surcharges, fees, and departure taxes

WHAT'S EXCLUDED:

- Lunches (L) throughout, 1 Dinner (D) + beverages
- Single Room Supplement
- Gratuities owed to tour staff (suggested 4/5 Euros per person/per day)
- Travel Insurance (please contact your agency should you need assistance booking medical or trip cancellation insurance)
- Custom Travel Extensions (either pre-tour or post-tour) (Discuss with your agent today!)

Tour Pricing

\$3,780 CAD | Land only - per person, in twin occupancy
\$795 CAD | Single Supplement

Tour Payment Schedule

Initial Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 per person, is due immediately to guarantee your space
Your Remaining Balance: Due by Tuesday, March 5, 2019 (90 days prior to departure)

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be provided in writing. You will receive a refund in full, less \$500 per person, up to 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation within 90 days of departure is subject to the following charges:

- | **90-31** days prior to departure - 50% of tour cost is non-refundable
- | **30-0** days prior to departure - 100% of tour cost is non-refundable

*You will receive an online custom tour info and resource guide approx. 3 weeks prior to departure

MORE INFORMATION

The official tour webpage: www.thebattlefieldtours.com/dday75D

Review our Group Terms & Conditions before booking: www.thebattlefieldtours.com/terms

— D-DAY CEREMONY NOTES —

****This itinerary involves official commemorative ceremonies and may be subject to changes****

****Limited seating available during commemorative events & reserved only for those with mobility concerns****

****The Juno Beach Center will be closed over ceremonial week****