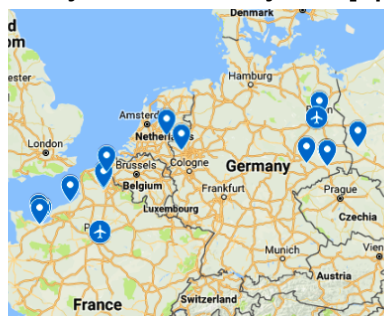


[B] D-DAY 75th Anniversary *The Road to Berlin Tour*

[B] *Normandy - Dieppe - Somme - Vimy - Hill 70 - Flanders -
Nijmegen - Dambusters - Colditz - Berlin*

Photograph taken by Battlefield Tour Guide, Samantha Cowan
overlooking the Mulberry Ports in Arromanches, Normandy
[May 2017]

D-Day 75th Anniversary Tour: [Option B] Normandy - Somme - Vimy - Hill 70 - Flanders - Colditz - Dambusters - Berlin



Tour Highlights:

- 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
- Continue to the Netherlands as we explore the Canadian Liberation of Holland
- Continue through to Germany as follow the Allied footsteps to the final "Fall of Berlin"

Pricing:

\$4,965CAD

Land Only

\$1,010CAD

Single Supplement

Flight Path:

(JUN-04) Air from your major gateway > CDG (Paris)

(JUN-18) TXL (Berlin) > Home

Inclusions:

- Breakfast Daily, 12 Dinners
- Superior Tourist Class Hotels (2-4*)
- Full Time Tour Manager
- All Entrances on Itinerary
- Executive Motor Coach
- Custom Map Kit & Resource Guide

The D-DAY 75th Anniversary Tour [B]

Normandy - Dieppe - Somme - Vimy - Hill 70 - Flanders - Nijmegen - Dambusters - Colditz - Berlin

-- June 04, 2019 | Flight Departures

Canadian flight departures to **Paris** [Dinner and breakfast will be served on board]



Activity Level: *Moderately Challenging*

Day 1 | June 05 2019 | Arrival in France to Normandy

Arrive at **Charles De Gaulle International Airport** this morning, to be met by our tour guide and driver. Tour to Normandy with visits to **Pegasus Bridge** and the **Café Gondree**. Finish with visits to the **Abbaye des Ardenne** and then on to **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 our **"Welcome Dinner"** [Overnight – Caen // **BritHotel Nord Memorial or similar (D)**]

Day 2 | 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 3 | June 07 2019 | Normandy

Orientation of the D-Day Normandy invasion begins with a solemn morning visit to the **Beny-sur-Mer Canadian Military Cemetery**. We continue to the 'Juno' sector of the beaches to view the **Queens' Own Rifles House** + an orientation of the Juno Beach sectors of **Courseulles-sur-Mer**. After lunch, we visit the **Mulberry Harbours** in **Arromanches**, the **'La Chaos' German offshore battery**, + an orientation along **'Omaha'** the American landing beaches. We finish with a visit to **Pointe du Hoc** to view the cratered landscape before heading back to our hotel. [Overnight – Caen // **BritHotel Nord Memorial or similar (B, D)**]

Day 4 | June 08 2019 | 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** seafloor. Lastly, we explore the **Blue Beach** at **Puys**, before continuing to **Arras** for our hotel check-in, dinner, and overnight. [Overnight – Arras // **Holiday Inn Express or similar (B, D)**]

Day 5 | June 09 2019 | Exploring the 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 by the wonderful owners of the **Old Blighty Cafe**, we continue on to view the **Lochnagar Crater**, before our return to Arras, to enjoy dinner + overnight at your own pace. [Overnight – Arras // **Holiday Inn Express or similar (B)**]

Day 6 | June 10 2019 | Vimy to 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, **BW Flanders Lodge or similar (B, D)**]

Day 7 | June 11 2019 | In Flanders Fields

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, we 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, **BW Flanders Lodge or similar (B, D)**]

Day 8 | June 12 2019 | Departure to Holland

We return our focus back to the Canadian story in the Second World War. Travelling up into the **Netherlands**, to **Nijmegen** to visit the **Canadian Military Cemetery at Groesbeek**. We continue to **Arnhem**, to see a **"Bridge Too Far"**. We finish with a stop at the **Hartenstein Hotel**, now the **Museum to the Airborne**. [Overnight – Nijmegen // **Amrath Hotel Belvoir, or similar (B, D)**]

Day 9 | June 13 2019 | To Rhineburg

This morning we continue our tour into **Germany**. En-route we take visits at the **Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery at Rheinberg**, and on to the **Mohne Dam** in the **Ruhr Valley** - heroically breached by the Lancasters of 617 Squadron in 1943. We continue through **Germany** to **Kassel** for our dinner and overnight. [Overnight – Kassel // **BW Plus, or similar (B, D)**]

Day 10 | June 14 2019 | Exploring the Colditz Castle

Today we visit **Colditz**, to discover the **castle** and **museum** of the infamous "bad boys camp". Then, onto **Dresden** for some free time, and our overnight. [Overnight – Dresden // **Park Inn by Radisson, or similar (B, D)**]

Day 11 | June 15 2019 | The Dresden Raids and Swiss Saxony

We discover the tumultuous history in the great city of **Dresden**. In the Swiss Saxony area we come across the **Bastai**, rising to 1000 ft above the **Elbe Valley**. [Overnight – Dresden // **Park Inn by Radisson, or similar (B, D)**]

Day 12 | June 16 2019 | To Zagan for "The Great Escape"

This morning - to **Zagan**, to visit the **Polish camp** from where "The Great Escape" was planned + a visit to the Memorial before our transfer to **Berlin**. [Overnight – Berlin // **Hotel Alexanderplatz or similar (B, D)**]

Day 13 | June 17 2019 | The "Fall of Berlin"

Today - the **"Fall of Berlin"**. At the **Berlin War Cemetery**, we pause for reflection. See the remains of the **Anhalter Bahnhof**. + **The Brandenburg Gate**, **The Unter Den Linden** areas, the **Babelplatz**, **The Royal Palace**, **The Humboldt University**, **The Berliner Dom**, **Alexanderplatz** and the **TV Tower** as well as the **Flakturm**. Plus, we make a stop at the **Checkpoint Charlie Museum** before viewing the **Reichstag Building**. This evening, we enjoy our **"Farewell Dinner"**. [Overnight – Berlin // **Hotel Alexanderplatz or similar (B, D)**]

Day 14 | June 18 2019 | Departure Day

After breakfast we transfer to **Berlin's international airport** for flight departures back to Canada. (B) Meals onboard. [or take a personal travel extension to Paris/Brussels/Amsterdam]. [(B) Lunch and snacks served onboard]

Destinations: NORMANDY - SOMME - VIMY - FLANDERS - NIJMEGEN - DAMBUSTERS - COLDITZ - BERLIN

Dates: JUN-05-2019 to JUN-18-2019

Group Air: Departure JUN-04-2019 from your major gateway to Paris [CDG]. Return - Berlin [TXL]

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

Accommodation: Superior Tourist Class 2-4**** Accommodation

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
- 12 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 DH Tour 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

\$4,965 CAD | Land only - per person, in twin occupancy

\$1,010 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 Wednesday, March 6, 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 (Print & distribution available at additional cost)

— 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****

