

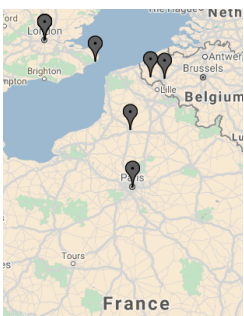
[A] D-DAY 75th Anniversary

The Road to D-Day Tour

[A] London - Portsmouth - Normandy - Dieppe - Somme - Vimy - Hill 70 - Flanders

Photograph taken by Battlefield Tours Traveller Phil Tucker at Longue sur Mer, also known as La Chaos German Battery at Sunset [Nov 2017] [www.wartimes.ca]

D-Day 75th Anniversary Tour: [Option A] London - Portsmouth - Normandy - Somme - Flanders



Tour Highlights:

- Explore the city of London through the lens of the Second World War
- Explore the new D-Day 75 Exhibits at the D-Day Museum in Portsmouth
- 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

Pricing:
\$4450CAD
Land Only

\$950CAD
Single Supplement

Flight Path:

(JUN-01) Air from your major gateway > LHR (London)
(JUN-12) BRU (Brussels) > Home

Inclusions:

- Breakfast Daily, 9 Dinners
- Superior Tourist Class Hotels (3-4*)
- Full Time Tour Manager
- All Entrances on Itinerary
- Executive Motor Coach
- Custom Map Kit & Resource Guide
- All surcharges, fees, and departure taxes

The D-DAY 75th Anniversary Tour [A]

London - Portsmouth - Normandy - Dieppe - Somme - Vimy - Flanders

-- Saturday, June 01 | Flight Departures

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

Day 1 -- Sunday, June 02 | A Warm Welcome to London

Upon your arrival into **London**, you will be met by our guide + driver. We will begin with a short tour of **Windsor** as well as a visit to the **Commonwealth Air Force Memorial** overlooking **Runnymede**. [Overnight with Welcome Dinner, London // Copthorne Tara Hotel or similar - (D)]

Day 2 -- Monday, June 03 | London in WW2

We take a tour of **London** through the lens of the Second World War, on a **restored 1940's Double Decker Bus**. We begin with a visit to the **Cabinet War Rooms** - where Churchill would spend his most historic years. We continue on to the **Imperial War Museum** to explore the **2019 D-Day 75 Remembrance Exhibitions**. This evening, we enjoy a **pub dinner** out on the town. [Overnight London // Copthorne Tara Hotel or similar - (B) (D)]

Day 3 -- Tuesday, June 04 | A Journey to Portsmouth

We travel down to **Aldershot** for a visit to the **Aldershot Military Museum**, housed in two Victorian barrack blocks. We will also visit the **Canadian Military Cemetery** at **Brookwood Cemetery** in **Surrey** before travelling on to **Portsmouth** as we continue our discussions of the **Allied D-Day preparations**. Tonight we check-in to our hotel for our dinner & overnight. [Overnight - Portsmouth // Queens Hotel or similar (B, D)]

Day 4 -- Wednesday, June 05 | Ferry Crossing to Normandy

We embark on a **ferry crossing** to **Normandy**. Upon arrival, we visit **Pegasus Bridge** and the **Café Gondree**. We will finish with visits to the **Canadian Memorial Garden** in the **Abbaye des Ardenne** and **Verrieres Ridge**, where the **Black Watch** suffered severe casualties in "*Operation Spring*". [Overnight - Ouistreham // BW Mare O Poissons (B, D)].

Day 5 -- Thursday, June 06 | 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 - // BW Mare O Poissons (B, D)].

Day 6 -- Friday, 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 at the **Beny-sur-Mer Canadian Military Cemetery** to honour the fallen Canadians [Overnight - // BW Mare O Poissons (B, D)].

Day 7 -- Saturday, 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** seafront. Lastly, we explore the **Blue Beach** at **Puys**, before continuing to **Amiens** for our hotel check-in, dinner, and overnight. [Overnight - Amiens // Hotel Le Carlton (B, D)]

Day 8 -- Sunday, 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 as 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 **Amiens**, to enjoy dinner + overnight at your own pace. [Overnight - Amiens // Hotel Le Carlton (B)]

Day 9 -- Monday, 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 **Battle of Hill 70**. Tonight, we continue to **Ypres, Belgium** for our dinner and overnight. [Overnight - Ypres // BW Flanders Lodge (B, D)]

Day 10 -- Tuesday, 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** to discuss the **Battle of Passchendaele**, + a visit to the **Crest Farm Memorial**, in town of **Passendale**. We also explore the **German Cemetery of Langemark**, and the **'Brooding Soldier'** at **St Julien**, where the Canadians stood against the first gas attacks ever to be used in modern warfare. 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**, 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 (B, D)]

Day 11 -- Wednesday June 12 | Flight Departure

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

TOUR END

the
Battlefield
tours¹⁹⁸



Activity Level: *Moderately Challenging*

Destinations: LONDON - NORMANDY - SOMME - VIMY - FLANDERS

Tour Dates: JUN-02-2019 to JUN-12-2019

Group Air: Departure JUN-01-2019 from your major gateway to London [LHR]. Return - Brussels [BRU]

Number of Participants: up to 25-44 passengers per 50-seat coach

Accommodation: Superior Tourist Class 3-4***
Accommodation in either twin, double, or single occupancy

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

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Accommodations in Superior Tourist Class (3 - 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
- 9 Set Group 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 (Should you need assistance booking medical or trip cancellation insurance, contact Dh Tour)
- Custom Travel Extensions (either pre-tour or post-tour) (Discuss your plans with Dh Tour today!)

Tour Pricing

\$4450 CAD | Land only - per person, in twin occupancy
\$950 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 Sunday, March 3, 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. 2 weeks prior to departure (Print & distribution available at additional cost)

MORE INFORMATION

The official tour webpage: www.thebattlefieldtours.com/tours
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 & Portsmouth D-Day Museums will be closed over ceremonial week****