

WWI AND WWII BATTLEFIELDS

12 DAYS

4 COUNTRIES

16 MEALS

FROM A\$4295 PP*

EXPLORE THE MOMENTS OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS, INFAMOUS SOMME AND THE BATTLE OF DUNKIRK, IMMORTALISED IN THE MUSEUMS, MEMORIALS AND CEMETERIES DOTTING THE FRENCH, BELGIAN AND DUTCH COUNTRYSIDES.

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ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR** with a Local Specialist in London and Paris
- **ORIENTATION** of Normandy, Bayeux, Amiens, the Somme Region, Ypres, Bruges and Amsterdam
- **VISIT** the D-Day Landing Beaches in Normandy, the Bayeux Tapestry Museum, Saint-Sulpice Church in Paris, Amiens Cathedral, military cemeteries throughout northern France and Belgium, the Australian National Memorial, the Caen Memorial, WWI & WWII Battlefields, the Dunkirk War Museum and evacuation beaches and the Memorial Museum Passchendaele in Zonnebeke
- **VIEW** Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe in Paris and the cobblestone streets and canals of Bruges



● START ● END ● OVERNIGHT ● SIGHTSEEING

Menin Gate, Ypres

DAY

1 ARRIVE LONDON (2 NIGHTS) From tragic battles to tales of triumph, this special-interest exploration of two World Wars kicks off in the vibrant British capital of London. Meet your Travel Director and fellow companions this evening for a traditional English pub Welcome Reception. **(WR) Hotel: Park Plaza Riverbank**

2 LONDON – SIGHTSEEING AND INCLUDED IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM VISIT Towering Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey feature on this half-day introductory sightseeing tour with a 'Local Specialist', which also includes views of Buckingham Palace. This afternoon, we visit the Imperial War Museum, which tells the story of those whose lives were shaped by war, from World War I to today. **(B)**

3 LONDON – FERRY TO CAEN – BAYEUX (2 NIGHTS) We journey south to Portsmouth and leave British shores bound for Caen by ferry this afternoon. After dinner on the ferry, transfer to your hotel in Bayeux. **(B, D) Hotel: Novotel**

4 BAYEUX – D-DAY NORMANDY BEACHES We journey to the historic D-Day Normandy Landing Beaches and learn about Canadian, American, and Commonwealth involvement in this unbelievable battle for supremacy. Later, we see the famous Bayeux Tapestry, depicting the Norman conquest of England. **(B, D)**



Pay tribute to the brave Allied soldiers who lost their lives in the largest seaborne invasion in history when you visit the iconic D-Day Landing Beaches.

5 BAYEUX – VISIT MEMORIAL DE CAEN – PARIS (2 NIGHTS) Take yourself back to June 6, 1944. Imagine the terror and bravery of thousands of soldiers who landed on the beaches of Normandy to free Europe from the Nazis. This morning, we visit the Memorial de Caen to learn about the significance of Normandy and the day that changed World War II. You'll also receive a souvenir D-Day Landings souvenir booklet, before travelling to Paris, the 'City of Lights'. **(B) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Neuilly**

6 PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Join your 'Local Specialist' to visit the remarkable church of Saint-Sulpice, then delve into the lives of Parisians, wandering through the enchanting hidden squares and secret passages of one of Paris's oldest neighbourhoods. Our walking tour concludes in one of the city's loveliest squares which is a real favourite among the locals. Spend the rest of the day on your own to see the sights. Consider an Optional Experience to the opulent Palace of Versailles. This evening, you may wish to enjoy a traditional Parisian Cabaret. **(B)**

7 PARIS – SOMME BATTLEFIELDS – AMIENS The bloody battlefields of the Somme take centre stage today. Stop at Villers-Brettonneux to visit the memorial to Australian soldiers who lost their lives in WWI. Carry on to Thiepval to see the poignant memorial which honours the 72,337 missing British and South African men who died with no known graves. We journey to Amiens for an evening at leisure. **(B) Hotel: Mercure Cathedrale**

8 AMIENS – VIMY RIDGE – DUNKIRK – FROMELLES – LILLE (2 NIGHTS) Today we visit the memorial at Vimy Ridge dedicated to the Canadian soldiers, who fought a battle here in 1917. This horrific battle, and the bravery of the men who fought in it, came to symbolise Canada's coming of age as a nation. We then journey to Dunkirk, where Operation Dynamo miraculously saw over 330,000 Allied troops evacuated to Britain. We stop in Fromelles, where there was a combined operation between British troops and the Australian Imperial Force, described as the 'worst 24 hours in Australia's military history'. **(B, D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza**

9 LILLE – EXCURSION TO YPRES BATTLEFIELDS – MENIN GATE Some of the biggest battles of World War I are explored at Ypres Salient in Belgium, where we will see such sites as Tyne Cot, Langemark and Vancouver Corner. Stop in Zonnebeke for an included visit to the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917, where you can see a replica trench. See Essex Farm Cemetery where over 1,200 brave servicemen are buried and where Lt. Col. John McCrea wrote his immortal poem, 'In Flanders Fields'. Spend the rest of the afternoon on your own, before making your way to Menin Gate to witness the moving Last Post Ceremony to pay tribute to over 100,000 soldiers who laid down their lives more than a century ago. **(B)**

10 LILLE – BRUGES – AMSTERDAM (2 NIGHTS) Travel to Bruges and perhaps try the delicious local chocolate and Belgium's famous *frites* – the perfect fried chip! Explore the cobblestone streets and medieval façades reflected in the still waters of the canals. Continue to Amsterdam, where we spend the next two nights. **(B) Hotel: Mercure City**

11 AMSTERDAM ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME Gabled townhouses dating back centuries and leafy canals provide a beautiful backdrop for our orientation tour. Enjoy free time afterwards to explore the city on your own. Later, we 'Dive Into Culture' and gain insights into the art of making cheese and wooden clogs, before we 'Connect With Locals', joining the Pauw family for a *gezellig* 'Be My Guest' Farewell Dinner. **(B, BMG, 🍷, 🍷)**

12 DEPART AMSTERDAM Say farewell to this magical country and your newfound friends at the end of a remarkable trip. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(B)**



YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER

Price PP			Price PP		
Start London	End Amsterdam	Twin Share	Start London	End Amsterdam	Twin Share
SA 28 MAR	WE 08 APR	4295	SU 07 JUN	TH 18 JUN	4575
FR 10 APR	TU 21 APR	4295	FR 19 JUN	TU 30 JUN	4550
TU 14 APR	SA 25 APR	4395	SU 12 JUL	TH 23 JUL	4450
SA 25 APR	WE 06 MAY	4395	FR 24 JUL	TU 04 AUG	4450
FR 01 MAY	TU 12 MAY	4395	SU 09 AUG	TH 20 AUG	4450
SU 10 MAY	TH 21 MAY	4575	FR 21 AUG	TU 01 SEP	4450
FR 15 MAY	TU 26 MAY	4575			
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HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS

Here's just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.



CONNECT WITH LOCALS

Go Dutch and share a *gezellig* 'Be My Guest' dinner, savouring delicious local cheeses, with the Pauw family on their dairy farm near Amsterdam. **(Day 11)**



DIVE INTO CULTURE

The charming countryside of North Holland reveals its secrets behind perfecting Dutch cheese and crafting the traditional clog. **(Day 11)**

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

* All prices are per person, twin share.

London Airport Transfers: Transfers available to purchase, conditions apply. See page 259 for details.

Airport Transfers: Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Amsterdam Airport at 8am and 10am.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A\$140 per person.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

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