

# Honouring Canadians

WWI & WWII Sites in France and Belgium with VMT Travel Adventures



Vimy Ridge Memorial & Trenches  
In Flanders Fields Museum & John McRae's Bunker Hospital  
Ypres & The Menen Gate's Nightly Last Post  
Honfleur  
Juno Beach Centre at Courseulles-Sur-Mer  
Arromanches D-Day Landing Beaches & Cinema Circulaire 360°

## Honouring Canadians Tour

Sept. 28-Oct. 3, 2017

\$2466 CDN based on 4 PAX (double)

\$1896 CDN based on 6 PAX (double)

No taxes applicable ( 2 places already spoken for)

*This tour starts in Paris and ends in Bruges.*

*The extension ends in Lille or Paris*

Not included: International flight, meals not mentioned in the itinerary, travel insurance. \$500 deposit due at time of booking.

**Booking deadline: July 28, 2017**

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### What is included in this tour itinerary?

LODGING \* TRANSPORT \* SITES \* MEALS

\* 2 NIGHTS IN CRÉPON

\* 1 NIGHT IN ARRAS

\* 1 NIGHT IN YPRES

\* 2 NIGHTS IN BRUGES

\* ALL GROUND TRANSPORT IN MINIVAN

\* ENTRANCES TO ALL MUSEUMS & SITES

\* CANAL TOUR OF BRUGES

\* PERSONAL GUIDE & CHAF

\* ALL BREAKFASTS

\* WELCOME MEAL IN CRÉPON

\* FAREWELL DINNER IN BRUGES

### **OCTOBER 3 - 5, 2017**

3 Day Extension includes:

- Guided visit in Bruges
- Atlantik Wall - German bunkers
- Dieppe - Operation Jubilee Museum
- Canadian War Cemetery
- Overnight in Dieppe
- Return to Lille or Paris

*Based on 2 \$1195 each or 4 \$710 each*



**Thursday, Sept. 28– Day 1– CRÉPON**

Morning transfer from your Paris hotel to Honfleur, France. Enjoy walking around the old port at the mouth of the Seine where Champlain sailed 8 times to Canada. Monet also painted this unique quai with houses dating back to 17C. Catch a seafood lunch. Continue towards the Beaches of Normandy to nestle into La Ferme de la Ranconniere in the Normandy countryside. Welcome gourmet dinner.

**Friday, Sept. 29- Day 2– CRÉPON**

The Normandy beaches await as you take a tour of the Juno Beach Centre to learn about the D-Day landings of the allied forces in WWII. Picnic on the Landing Beach. Stop at the Beny-Sur-Mer Canadian Cemetery and then you'll be off to Arranches to spend some time at the beach amongst the cement bunkers. At the end of the day you will see the 20 minute film at the Cinema Circulaire, a 360 degree panoramic movie on 9 screens. Evening back La Ferme de la Ranconniere for a gourmet meal.

**Saturday, Sept. 30 Day 3–ARRAS (VIMY RIDGE)**

A morning drive across the suspension bridge Pont de Normandie to the stunning beach of Etretat, with its pebble beach and pierced rocks. Catch lunch at an historic hotel from the 14<sup>th</sup> c. Continue through the countryside to Arras. Checkin to the Ibis hotel just off the main squares before wandering through the rebuilt streets of this city decimated by the Great War. Enjoy dinner in one of the many restaurants in Les Places!

**Sunday, Oct. 1- Day 4– IPRES**

The VIMY ridge memorial where Canadians took the ridge for the allied forces in 1917 is a 20 min. drive away. Stand in the shadows of the huge marble monument before you walk in the WWI trenches, guided by a Canadian student. Visit the recently inaugurated Interpretation Centre (100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary). Close by is the border with Belgium where you will spend the night at Ypres. Check in to the Hotel Ambrosia and catch lunch in the nearby the square. The Ypres salient was the site of the bloodiest and most atrocious trench warfare, in which the Canadians played a big part. Optional afternoon excursion to: Paschendale Museum, Brooding Soldier, Tyncot Cemetery, German Cemetery, Tribute to John McRae, the Canadian army surgeon who wrote the poem 'In Flanders Fields. OR ride the bikes from the Ambrosia hotel to Hill 60 along a bike path. Return to Ypres. Enjoy the Belgian waffles & chocolate shops before walking to the nearby Menen Gate to see the "Last Post", a nightly evening tribute at to fallen soldiers in the Ypres Salient Battles of WWI. Evening free to have dinner where you please. Overnight at Hotel Ambrosia.

**Monday, Oct. 2- Day 5 – BRUGES**

Here you will understand why the Great War started, with a visit to the In Flanders Fields Museum. Climb the bell tower to the dizzying heights. Enjoy lunch in center square before leaving for Gent to see the famous Altar piece, painted by the Van Dyck brothers in 1432 entitled The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb, a fine example of Flemish primitive painting. Continue along the autoroute in Belgium to the beautiful city of Bruges dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Zac your guide will treat you to a farewell dinner as he returns to Paris the next day. Overnight in the Family run Hotel Groeninghe.

**Tuesday, Oct. 3 Day 6– BRUGES**

With helpful advice from Zac you will have the whole day to enjoy the magnificent city of Bruges. TOUR ENDS IN BRUGES.