

Honouring Canadians

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



Honfleur -Juno Beach Centre at Courseulles-Sur-Mer
Arromanches D-Day Landing Beaches & Cinema Circulaire 360°
Vimy Ridge Memorial & Trenches * Dieppe
Ypres & The Menen Gate's Nightly Last Post St. Julien Memorial
Passchendaele & Tyne Cot Cemetery
In Flanders Fields Museum & John McRae's Bunker Hospital
Bruges Atlantic Wall

Join us in Spring 2019

Honouring Canadians Tour

April 6 – 14, 2019

\$3550 CDN

Based on 6 participants in double occupancy

Book by Jan. 6/19. Non-refundable deposit of \$500 is due at the time of booking.

Final balance due on Feb. 6, 2019

see itinerary on the following page

Not included in this tour: International flight to and from Paris, meals not mentioned, tips and gratuities, travel & medical insurance,

What is included in This tour itinerary?

LODGING * TRANSPORT * SITES * MEALS

* 2 NIGHTS IN HONFLEUR

* 1 NIGHT IN ARRAS

* 1 NIGHT IN DIEPPE

* 2 NIGHTS IN YPRES

* 2 NIGHTS IN BRUGES

* ALL GROUND TRANSPORT IN MINIVAN

* ENTRANCES TO ALL MUSEUMS & SITES

* CANALTOUR OF BRUGES

* PERSONAL GUIDE & INTERPRETER

* ALL BREAKFASTS

* WELCOME MEAL IN HONFLEUR

* FAREWELL DINNER IN BRUGES



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Friday, April 5 – Day 1 IN TRANSIT

Individual International flight to Paris, France. Enjoy the in-flight meals and entertainment.

Saturday, April 6 – Day 2– HONFLEUR

Morning transfer from Charles de Gaulle Airport to Honfleur, France for an afternoon walking tour of this beautiful port city on the Seine from where Champlain sailed 8 times to Canada. Check into our accommodation in Honfleur. Evening welcome dinner.

Sunday, April 7 Day 3–HONFLEUR

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. Stop at the Beny-Sur-Mer Canadian Cemetery and then you'll be off to Arromanches 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 to Honfleur. There will be free time to shop and taste the local treasures of Normandy! We recommend a meal of crepes, or 'moules frites'. Over night in the Honfleur hotel.

Monday, April 8 - Day 4– DIEPPE

Morning departure for Etretat, a picturesque coastal village which Monet painted several times. Continue on for lunch in the town of Dieppe. Check in to the Hotel de la Plage, with a great view of the sea. Afternoon visit to the 1942 Operation Jubilee Canadian War Memorial along with the stories of M. Jaspert as he guides you through this unique museum. Dieppe is another town where the Canadian troops fought for the allied forces in WWII, first in 1942, then again for liberation of the town in 1944. Just out of town you will see the beaches of Pourville where the Canadian troops landed. The Canadian Cemetery where some 700 Canadians who fell in Dieppe is close by. Free time to walk along the boardwalk with many commemorative plaques and café bars. Evening free in Dieppe. Try the scallops, Dieppe is famous for them! Pass an evening of reflection.

Tuesday, April 9- Day 5 –ARRAS (VIMY RIDGE)

An early morning drive through the countryside will have you arrive at Vimy Ridge in time for the 102nd Anniversary celebration of the taking of the ridge. Stand in the shadows of the huge marble monument before you walk in the WWI trenches, guided by a Canadian student. Evening free in Arras.

Wednesday, April 10 - Day 6–IPRES

Close by is the border with Belgium is where we will spend the night at Ypres. Check in to the Hotel Ambrosia and catch lunch in the nearby square. The Ypres salient was the site of the bloodiest and most atrocious trench warfare, in which the Canadians played a big part. Today 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 the Belgian waffles and 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, there are many options near the cloth hall where the Belgian beer is brewed locally!

Thursday, April 11 – Day 7 –IPRES

Today we will wander through the countryside of the Salient. First we will stop at the Canadian War Memorial and the Tribute to John McRae, the Canadian army surgeon who wrote the poem 'In Flanders Fields'. Nearby is the St. Julien Memorial to Canadian troops. In Paschendaele the Museum focuses on the efforts of the allied troops to advance the front line. Tributes to Canadians, Australians and Kiwis have us appreciate these efforts. On the museum grounds there is a unique restaurant for you to enjoy a gourmet meal. Afternoon back in Ipres to relax before our departure for Bruges.

Friday, April 12 - Day 8 – BRUGES

This morning we will drive north to the city of Bruges, incredibly untouched by either of the wars. We will pass by the sea and visit a unique German bunker from both World Wars on the Atlantic Wall. We will spend a couple of hours on a self-guided tour of this fortress which only exists today thanks to the Belgium King's summer house. Continue on to Bruges and check into the hospitable Groenighe House for your stay in Bruges.

Saturday, April 13- Day 9 – BRUGES

Today you will explore what Belgium is famous for: Belgian Waffles, Frites and Chocolate! First enjoy a canal cruise to acquaint you with the historical building of this canal city, some dating back to the 15th century. If you feel energetic climb up the nearly 400 steps to the Clock Tower to see the city from way above! Next, visit the Friet-Museum to find out why the 'french' fry is really Belgian! Have some 'frites' with mayonnaise at the end of your visit – the perfect Belgian lunch! Nearby is the Choco-Story, the chocolate museum where you will discover the roots of the cocoa bean and learn how it was introduced to Europe! See the demonstration by chocolate makers before you have a taste of this special treat! If you are still hungry, try out a Belgian Waffle-maker stand in the street and add your favourite toppings! The afternoon will be free with options to explore the city or shop. The Groening Museum is home to the Flemish Primitive paintings. See the Vismarket (fish market) in action, or visit Bruges oldest Zot Brewery. There is a sculpture of marble made by Michaelangelo in the Our Lady Cathedral.

Sunday, April 14- Day 10 – BRUGES

Morning departure from Bruges by train to Bruxelles and then for your flight back to Canada. Or continue on your tour. Ask Corinne to help you with arrangements.



Dieppe, France