

FRANCE

Western Front Battlefields Tour

In this, the first year with no remaining veterans from the world war one, we offer a unique opportunity to learn, to remember and marvel at the horror and glory of what took place just across the channel.

This tour is specially organised for the National Service Assco RAF, who's members take their Wives along with them, they have invited any clients of Memory Lane who would wish to join the tour, not only to see the Battlefields & Memorials, but to pay homage to those who fell fighting for there King & Country. The tour is based in the Somme, at the very attractive City of Amiens with its beautiful Cathedral it is the tallest Gothic church and largest cathedral in France. Along with the cathedrals of Chartres and Reims. It became a World Heritage site in 1981. The Battle of Amiens (also known as the Third Battle of Picardy which began on 8 August 1918, was the opening phase of the Allied offensive later known as the Hundred Days Offensive that ultimately led to the end of World War I. Allied forces advanced over seven miles on the first day, one of the greatest advances of the war.

Depart	Coach	Days	Price	Single Supp
07 May	Executive	7HB	£489	175

At present we have a tour plan for each day, we may add and remove certain visits to suit requests

ITINERARY:

Day 1

An early start to arrive at The Channel tunnel for our 1pm crossing to France, on arrival we journey via Boulogne sur Mer and Abbeyville which of course played its major roll in WW1 with its hospitals from here we follow the route of the River Somme to Amiens

Day 2

ARRAS area, via Bapaume and some of - Commonwealth War Graves Commission HQ, Saturday morning market in wonderful Grand'Place and Place des Heros, after lunch we visit Vimy Ridge (Canadian).

Day 3

Ypres, and Tyne Cot the largest commonwealth war cemetery, we offer you the chance to visit the award winning Museum in Ypres 'In Flanders Fields' (entrance not inc) Today we do not return to the hotel for dinner but we stay in Ypres for the LAST POST at 8PM. Dinner tonight can be arranged if you wish or just do your own thing.

Day 4

Cambrai, The name of Cambrai is perhaps most associated with the battle of that name in November 1917, a British offensive which brought the successful use of large numbers of tanks into modern warfare for the first time - nearly 400 were employed, afterwards we go on to Landrecies one of the major offensives of the Irish guards.

Day 5

Morning to Albert and the Thiepval memorial, arguably Lutyens masterpiece and indisputably his gift to history, afternoon battlefield at Beaumont-Hamel and some nearby cemeteries.

Day 6

Half day in AMIENS. Walk around the old city (St Leu), visit France's largest cathedral, after whose bishop the old city is named. Short coach ride to les Hortillonages, a sort of marshy area of market gardens, canals etc.

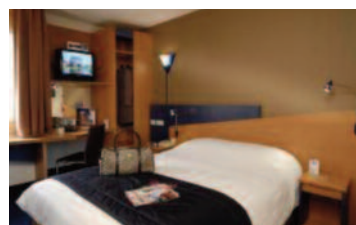
Day 7

Having admired many tributes and seen so much of the fine architecture of France & Belgium we sadly say goodbye to our old service friends who will never return, and travel back to the coast and our return crossing and England, arriving in the North West early evening.



PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 NIGHTS BED & BREAKFAST AT THE HOLIDAY INN AMIENS 4nights dinner on a fixed menu 1 nights (Sat) in a local restaurant 1 night (Sun) when we are in Ypres not included (we can highly recommend 2 places to eat)
- Shuttle Crossings
- Luxury Coach Travel
- Excursion and visits but no admission charges included most will be free
- Home pick up service



HOTEL:

- Lift
- En suite rooms
- Colour TV in room

HOLIDAY INN AMIENS ★★

Express by Holiday Inn Amiens is situated in the heart of the town, close both to the SNCF railway station and to the pedestrian district. Within 5 minutes walking distance you will find Amiens Gothic Cathedral, Saint Leu district, Jules Verne Museum and Picardie Museum and gives us one of the best locations for touring.