



CANADIAN WAR MEMORIALS

PARIS | NORMANDY | CAEN | FLANDERS | VIMY RIDGE | SOMME

8 DAYS
from
\$3,495

CAD\$, PP, DBL. OCC.

TOUR OVERVIEW

- ▶ Total of 7 nights accommodation; 4-Star hotels, Standard Rooms
 - 2 nights in Paris
 - 2 nights in Bayeux
 - 3 nights in Ypres, Belgium
- ▶ Comfort Class Train tickets: Paris – Bayeux – Paris – Lille – Paris
- ▶ Private transfers; private and shared group tours
- ▶ Continental breakfast daily
- ▶ Hotel taxes and service charges

HIGHLIGHTS

- Small group* tour of Paris
- Private tour of Landing Beaches, Caen Memorial
- Full-day tour of Ypres and Flanders Battlefields
- Full-day tour of Vimy Ridge and Somme

OPTIONAL ADD-ON TOURS

- Visit of Mont Saint-Michel

International airfare not included.
Minimum 2 passengers travelling.

*Small group tour sizes and schedules may vary based on seasonality.

Price as indicated valid March 1, 2017, subject to availability at time of booking. For alternative dates, inquire for pricing. Itineraries are fully customizable. Not valid during trade shows, bank holidays and other special events. Blackout periods may apply.

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This tour of Canadian War Memorials pays tribute to those Canadians who served their country in World Wars I and II. Visit museums, memorials and sites, which commemorate the fallen soldiers. Sites include the three Commonwealth Landing Beaches of Normandy, the Caen Memorial, Ypres and Flanders Battlefields as well as the Vimy Ridge Memorial and the battle area of Somme.

Day 1

PARIS, FRANCE Welcome to **Paris**, the *City of Lights*! Situated on the River Seine, Paris is the capital of France and one of the most popular destinations in the world. Arrival and private transfer to your hotel. Take some time at leisure to begin exploring this magical city. *Hotel le Senat* ★★★★★

Day 2

PARIS After breakfast, enjoy your morning at leisure. In the early afternoon, depart from your hotel for your shared small group tour to discover Paris. Drive through **Concorde Square**, past the **Louvre Museum**, see the Seine River and its bridges, **Notre-Dame Cathedral**, the famous **Champs-Élysées Avenue**, the **Eiffel Tower** and stop for free time in **Montmartre** near **Sacré-Coeur Basilica**. We recommend an optional tour at **O-Château Wine Bar** near the Louvre for a tasting of six wines from six different regions in France with a very knowledgeable sommelier – fantastic for beginners or wine connoisseurs alike (not included). *Hotel le Senat*

Day 3

PARIS – BAYEUX After breakfast, transfer to the train station for your train to **Bayeux**, the first town to be liberated after D-Day in June 1944. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Your driver-guide is at your disposal to customize your Canadian War Memorials itinerary as you wish. We suggest a visit to the **three Commonwealth beaches of Sword, Juno and Gold**; also see the famous **Mulberry Harbour** at Arromanches. Stop at the **Cassine Bunker** for more explanation and sites of interest like pillboxes, the seawall, the House of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, the rue du Régiment de la Chaudière and the House of the British and Canadian reporters. Visit the **Caen Memorial**. Return to Bayeux. *Hotel Villa Lara* ★★★★★

Day 4

BAYEUX After breakfast, enjoy your day at leisure to explore the medieval center of Bayeux with cobbled streets, half-timbered houses and its towering cathedral. *Hotel Villa Lara*

Day 5

BAYEUX – PARIS – LILLE – YPRES, BELGIUM After breakfast, transfer to Gare du Nord and continue your journey to **Lille** which lies near the border of Belgium. Upon arrival, take your

private transfer to your hotel in **Ypres**, notable for its place in World War I history. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. *Hotel Ariane* ★★★★★

Day 6

FLANDERS BATTLEFIELDS After breakfast, begin your tour of **Ypres**. Walking around this pretty Belgian city, it is hard to imagine the incredible highs and lows it has endured. Extreme wealth in the Middle Ages and then, less than one hundred years ago, reduced to rubble during World War I. The Ypres Salient battlefields in **Flanders**, Belgium, are among the most visited on the entire Old Front Line. Visit the **Ploegsteert Memorial to the Missing**, the site of the Christmas Truce of 1914, **Passchendaele Ridge**, and the many cemeteries, memorials and bunkers that line the Salient. Visit **Essex Farm**, where Canadian John McRae penned the unforgettable Flanders Fields poem that resounds in the hearts of many each year during Remembrance and Veterans Day ceremonies. Every evening at 8pm since 1928, the **Last Post** has been sounded under the imposing memorial arches of the **Menin Gate**. The Last Post is the traditional salute to the fallen and is played in honour of the memory of the soldiers of the then British Empire, who fought and died in Ypres. Return to your hotel. *Hotel Ariane*

Day 7

VIMY & SOMME Enjoy breakfast at your hotel. Depart towards Vimy and visit the **Vimy Ridge Memorial** the most important and impressive to the nation of Canada, the immediate surrounding cemeteries along with **Cabaret Rouge Cemetery** site where the unknown Canadian soldier was exhumed and repatriated to Canada, **Neuville St. Vaast German Cemetery** and the **Notre Dame de Lorette**. Continue to the area of **Somme** to visit cemeteries and memorials synonymous with the Battle of the Somme: **Beaumont Hamel**, Newfoundland Park, **Delville Wood**, **Lochnagar Crater**, **La Boiselle**, **Thiepval Memorial** and the **Ulster Tower Memorial**. Return to Ypres for overnight. *Hotel Ariane*

Day 8

YPRES – LILLE – PARIS – HOME After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the train station to begin your journey home via Paris and on to Charles de Gaulle Airport.