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Components

- Historical context
- Chronology of events
- Operational overview
- Opposing commanders
- Leadership
- Quality of troops
- Terrain & weather conditions
- Plans & forces available
- Weapons & tactics
- Unit organisation
- Communications
- Key moments
- Significant locations

Meal Arrangements

- Meal arrangements on board the ferry & at your accommodation will be in accordance with group your requirements
- B&B, half-board or full-board meal options available

Battlefield Notes

- Notes provide an overview of each battle or campaign
- It includes narrative detail & analysis drawn from primary & secondary sources.
- Information on each location visited is supported by maps & diagrams.

Guides

- We can provide our own tour guides with a military &/or academic background
- You also have the option to use your own guide or one drawn from the Guild of Battlefield Guides.

Somme, Arras & Vimy Ridge

Four Days via Hull

Day One: Outward Travel

Local pick-up & travel to Hull for overnight crossing to Zeebrugge with en-suite cabin accommodation. On-board meal arrangements as chosen by group

Background to the Somme

The failure of the Schlieffen Plan
The stalemate of 1915
Kitchener's New Armies
The terrain

Day Two: The Somme

Disembark in Zeebrugge & travel to the Somme to visit:

Newfoundland Park Preserved Battlefield
Ulster Tower
Thiepval Memorial to the Missing
Ovillers & "Mash" Valley
La Boisselle & Lochnagar Crater
Mansel Copse & Devonshire Cemetery

Check-in at accommodation in/near Arras. Evening meal arrangements as chosen by group

The Offensive

Attempts to break the deadlock
Verdun & the plan for the Somme

Trench warfare & tactics in 1916
German defences on the Ancre Heights
Remembrance
Machine guns & artillery
The Tyneside Scottish & Irish brigades
Results & lessons of the Somme

The Somme in context

Day Three: Arras & Vimy Ridge

09.00: Depart after breakfast to visit:

Arras Memorial to the Missing
Vimy Reconstructed Trenches
Vimy Memorial & Visitor Centre
Grange Tunnel (Apr-Nov – subject to availability & weather)

Travel to Zeebrugge for overnight ferry to Hull with en-suite cabins. On-board meal arrangements as chosen by group

Mine Warfare

Hindenburg Line & Nivelle Offensive

Remembrance
Byng's plan for Vimy Ridge
The Canadian Corps
Living underground

Arras & Vimy Ridge in the context of the Great War

Pick-up & drop-off times are dependent upon the group's proximity to Dover

Precise times will be indicated on Final Tour Details

This itinerary is suggested only. We are happy to tailor the above to suit your particular requirements

Day Four: Return

Disembark in Hull
Return to drop-off point

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