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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.

Ypres, Somme & Vimy Ridge

Five 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

Day Two: Ypres

09.00: Disembark in Zeebrugge & travel to Ypres to visit:

Hooge

Gheluvelt

Langemark German Cemetery

Pilckem Ridge

The Menin Road & Hellfire Corner

Essex Farm Cemetery & Dug-Outs

In Flanders Fields Museum, Ypres *or*

Passchendaele Memorial Museum

Passchendaele Ridge

Tyne Cot Cemetery & Visitor Centre

Check-in at accommodation

Free time in Ypres

20.00: Last Post at the Menin Gate

Return to accommodation

Day Three: The Somme

09.00: Depart after breakfast & travel to the Somme to visit:

Newfoundland Park Preserved Battlefield

The Ulster Tower

Thiepval Memorial to the Missing

Ovillers & "Mash" Valley

La Boisselle & Lochnagar Crater

Mansel Copse & Devonshire Cemetery

Check-in at accommodation. Evening

meal arrangements as chosen by group

Day Four: 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

Day Five: Return

Disembark in Hull

Return to drop-off point

Background to War

The Alliance System in Europe

The causes of the First World War

Schlieffen Plan & "Race to the Sea"

Mobility, Stalemate & Attrition

The creation of the Ypres Salient

How the war came to Ypres

Importance of the high ground

First battle of Ypres

The role of the BEF in 1914

Stalemate & gas warfare

Supplies & logistics

Medics in the First World War

Museum visit: trenches, dug-outs & artefacts

1917 & Haig's Flanders Offensive

German defences & Flanders I Line

Remembrance

Offensive Action in 1916

Verdun & the plan for the Somme

Pals battalions on the Somme

The fate of the Newfoundland Regiment

German defences on the Ancre Heights

Remembrance

The 2nd Middlesex battalion

Mine warfare on the Somme

The results of the Somme

Mine Warfare

Hindenburg Line & Nivelles Offensive

Remembrance

Byng's plan for Vimy Ridge

The Canadian Corps

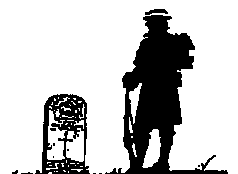
Living underground

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

Precise times will be indicated on Final Tour Details

We are happy to tailor the above to suit your particular requirements


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