



LiberationTours
THE CANADIAN LEGACY

Canadian Battlefield Tour Northwest Europe Summer 2015 WWI & WWII - From Paris to Amsterdam

Beginning in beautiful Paris with time to relax and unwind, your battlefield journey takes you to the Normandy Coast to visit momentous sites of WWII and D-Day 1944. Your journey works its way north into the French countryside to sites of both WWII and The Great War, culminating in the Netherlands and the splendor of the city of Amsterdam.

Liberation Tours is an all-Canadian company specializing in escorted tours to the battlefields or Northwest Europe.

This is our 'big' tour, ideal for those making their first trek to the battlefields and hoping to catch most of the significant points of interest in a single trip. It's also great for those who've visited previously and feel the emotion to return. Of course, no trip to Europe would be complete without taking in a little culture and shopping so we bring you free time in two great capital cities ... Paris and Amsterdam!

Along the way you will see where Canada forged her reputation as a defender of liberty and freedom, including sites of importance to Canada's allies:

*Juno Beach • Gold Beach • Omaha Beach
Vimy Ridge • Ypres • Passchendaele
Dieppe • Beaumont-Hamel • Arnhem
and much more ...*



July 18 - August 2, 2015 ... 16 Days!

\$4390

Land Only, based on double occupancy

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 14 nights accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities in Trafalgar First Class Hotels (European standards)
 - travel by luxury air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and on-board facilities
- daily buffet breakfast, numerous lunches & welcome reception
 - group pick-up from Charles de Gaulle Airport and return group transfer to Schiphol Airport
 - Liberation Tours Lapel Pin

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Itinerary

Day 1 - Saturday July 18

Departure from Canada, except for those who may choose to depart sooner to extend their trip.

Day 2 - Sunday July 19

Arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport, greeted by tour team; welcome reception lunch and tour of the city aboard our private coach; free time in the afternoon. Overnight Mercure Montmartre Sacre Coeur.

Day 3 - Monday July 20

Free day at your leisure in Paris. Overnight Mercure Montmartre Sacre Coeur. *Breakfast.*

Day 4 - Tuesday July 21

Depart for the Normandy coast to consider pre-D-Day 'Atlantic Wall' defenses including Longues-sur-Mer coastal gun battery; visit the Memorial Pegasus Museum followed by a walk to the Café Gondrée. Overnight Mercure Caen Cote de Nacre. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

Day 5 - Wednesday July 22

Walk the sands of Juno Beach on this morning to mark the 71st Anniversary of D-Day; visit the Juno Beach Centre at Courseulles-sur-Mer; see the Queen's Own Rifles House on the beach at Bernières-sur-Mer; visit Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer; Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery. Overnight Mercure Caen Cote de Nacre. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

Day 6 - Thursday July 23

Visit British landing zone at Gold Beach and the Mulberry Harbour at the village of Arromanches, including the Musée du Débarquement; Omaha American Landing Beach; Pointe-du-Hoc; La Cambe German War Cemetery. Overnight Mercure Caen Cote de Nacre. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

Day 7 - Friday July 24

Today is a scheduled free morning; in the afternoon we stop for a solemn visit at the garden of the Abbaye d'Ardennes; we depart Normandy and travel northeast to Dieppe for the evening. Overnight Hôtel Mercure Dieppe La Présidence. *Breakfast.*

Day 8 - Saturday July 25

Tour the Dieppe main beach to consider Operation Jubilee, followed by visits to the beaches at Puy and Pourville; Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery; departure to Amiens for the evening. Overnight Novotel Pole Jules Verne. *Breakfast.*

Day 9 - Sunday July 26

Walk the fields of the Battle of the Somme at the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Park; Thiepval; Lochnagar Crater; other points of interest in the area. Overnight Mercure Valenciennes Centre. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

Day 10 - Monday July 27

The morning is dedicated to Vimy Ridge including walking the trenches and tunnels; points of interest below the ridge at Souchez; depart for Belgium. Overnight Mercure Roeselare. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

Day 11 - Tuesday July 28

We tour the Ieper (Ypres) salient including Hill 62 the monument at Passchendaele, The Brooding Soldier at St. Julien, Essex Farm, Tyne Cot Cemetery. *Breakfast.*

Day 12 - Wednesday July 29

Depart Belgium for the Netherlands, Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, Operation Market Garden and the John Frost Bridge; at Arnhem for the evening. Overnight Best Western Haarhuis. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

Day 13 - Thursday July 30

Visit Westerbork Transit Camp; Rha in the afternoon, private tour of an authentic Dutch windmill. Overnight Best Western Haarhuis. *Breakfast, Lunch.*

Day 14 - Friday July 31

Tour of a fairytale castle in the Dutch countryside, onward to Amsterdam for the afternoon including a canal boat tour. Overnight Westcord Fashion Hotel. *Breakfast.*

Day 15 - Saturday August 1

Free day at your leisure in Amsterdam. Overnight Westcord Fashion Hotel. *Breakfast.*

Day 16 - Sunday August 2

Return flight from Amsterdam, except for those who may choose to extend their stay.

Itinerary is subject to minor change prior to departure. Minor variances are also possible during the actual tour based on the need to adapt to circumstances encountered during our travels.

(Group photographs are taken from the 2014 Tour.)



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The Tour.

Juno Beach

Stand on the very shore where Canadians stormed the beaches on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Learn how the Canadians made it further inland than any other allied force. Your visit includes a guided tour of the beaches and a tour of the Juno Beach Centre.



Vimy Ridge

The ground that could not be taken and held ... until the Canadians did it in April 1917. It was the first time all four divisions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force fought together, and their success resonates still to this day. See what many consider the most beautiful of all the war monuments, including a must-see guided tour of the tunnels.



Dieppe

August 1942. It was not an invasion but a raid. It was, amongst other things, a test for the Allies to prove to themselves that they could take and hold a port city occupied by the enemy. The task was given to the Canadians. Walk the shoreline and see where it all went horribly wrong.



Passchendaele

It's been called the ugliest fight of both World Wars. It's October 1917 and the Canadians will suffer gas attacks, infested trenches, misery. And yet they will once again prevail. What was then a barren, muddy landscape is now a quiet, lovely countryside. You'll see where they fought, and where John McCrae wrote his famous poem.



Beaumont-Hamel

Many Canadians don't know the name but Beaumont-Hamel is forever etched into the memory of Newfoundlanders. It was here in July 1916 that a thousand soldiers climbed up out of the trenches and into the gunfire, and were almost completely wiped out. They are the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and their battleground is renowned as one of the best preserved WWI sites in all of France.



Plus ...

- Pegasus Bridge and the Café Gondrée
- Mulberry Harbour, Arromanches
- a very special and unique WWI trench tour
- Thiepval Memorial to the Missing
- souvenir hunting!
- and much more ...



The Trip.

Paris

Enjoy your first two days unwinding while you absorb Paris in the summer! We'll take you on a guided tour of the city by coach. And there's so much to see at your leisure including the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, The Louvre, the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées ... bring good walking shoes!



The Normandy Coast

You'll discover that not much has changed along the Normandy Coast over the centuries, and there is much to see both with the eye and the camera lens. Even a simple farm outbuilding or a cluster of flowers will make for memorable images in your collection of photographs - bring extra digital cards!



Souvenirs

Naturally you'll want to bring home a few things to remember your trip. Some souvenirs are found in shops while others are to be sought on the battlefields. How about sand from Juno Beach? Or perhaps shrapnel balls from the Great War? You never know what you'll find if you look close.



Holland

You will find that Canadians are greeted with kindness wherever they go. You'll also discover that many people speak English, making your visit relaxed and enjoyable. Arnhem, for example, offers a wonderful pedestrian shopping district, and the Dutch love to enjoy the outdoors - with terraces (patios) seemingly on every square and around every corner.



Amsterdam

You will round out your fabulous trip with two nights in the beautiful city of Amsterdam. It's 17th century canals are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You may wish to visit the Rijksmuseum, the House of Anne Frank, or simply enjoy a local cup of great coffee.



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Included in your Package

- fourteen nights accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities in Trafalgar First Class Hotels (*European standards*)
- Travel by luxury air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and on-board facilities
- Buffet breakfast (cold and/or hot) at the hotel each morning, plus selected lunches as outlined in the itinerary
- All hotel service charges, local taxes, baggage handling of one bag per person
- Gratuities to Coach Driver, Trafalgar Agent and Local Guides are **included!** (*important note: these costs are extra on most other tours and can add up to \$150 CAD or more at the end of your trip, be sure to compare!*)
- Group pick-up from Charles de Gaulle Airport on July 19, 2015 and return group transfer to Schiphol airport on August 2, 2015 (*individual transfers would be the traveller's responsibility*)
- Liberation Tours Lapel Pin

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Excluded

- Meals other than stated on the itinerary
- Travel / Cancellation / Medical Insurance
- Passport & related fees
- Any optional excursion not specifically stated
- Items of a personal nature

Notations

- Airfare is not included, and quoted separately (or you can arrange your own airfare)
- Flights are not booked, and airfare prices are thus not confirmed, until we have reached our minimum 20+ passengers
- Prices are subject to change based on currency fluctuations, to be confirmed at time of final payment.
- Airfare pricing includes taxes and fees which have been approximated and are subject to change, to be confirmed at time of final payment.
- Hotels have been pre-booked but are subject to change.
- **Final payment is due no later than May 15, 2015.**



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\$1150

Single Supplement

\$95

Triple Reduction

Non-Refundable Deposit at time of Booking:

\$500

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