

# Battlefields of Europe Tour 2017

**Tour Dates: August 20 - September 01, 2017**

*"The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian Army at Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele"*



The year 2017 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the two major victories of the Canadian Army along the Western Front, the capture of Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele. We will be examining the actions of the Canadian Corps in 1917 as well as discovering their other actions in the Great War. In addition, the tour will focus on some of the main campaign areas of the Canadian, British and American Armies that fought in Belgium and France during the First and Second World Wars. Join retired history teacher and battlefield guide John Hetherington on this unique educational journey across the battlefields of Western Europe. This is a custom tour designed for all ages and anyone with an interest in military history.



## ITINERARY & TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

### Day 1: Flight

Toronto - Paris Overnight service to Paris

### Day 2: Amiens

Depart from Paris, Travel to Amiens. Day at your leisure to visit Amiens Cathedral. Overnight Amiens, France.

### Day 3: Battle of the Somme

Lochnagar crater, Beaumont Hamel battlefield, Tank memorial, Courcelette. Overnight Amiens, France.

### Day 4: Battle of Vimy Ridge

Wellington caves, Vimy Ridge and Neuville St. Vaast war cemetery. Overnight Ypres, Belgium.

### Day 5: In Flanders Fields

Essex Farm cemetery. "John McCrae"

Vancouver Corner memorial, Langemarck, Passchendaele, Last Post ceremonies. Overnight Ypres, Belgium.

### Day 6: Atlantic Wall

Todt gun battery Audinghen, John McCrae grave. Overnight Boulogne, France.

### Day 7: Dieppe

Dieppe raid tour. Overnight Dieppe, France.

### Day 8: Battle of Normandy Eastern Approaches

Merville battery, Pegasus Bridge museum. Overnight Bayeux, France.

### Day 9: Normandy Eastern Approaches

Juno Beach. Beny-sur-mer Canadian war cemetery, Mulberry Harbour, Longue gun battery. Overnight Bayeux, France.

### Day 10: Normandy Western Approaches

American war cemetery Omaha Beach. Afternoon at your leisure in Bayeux Overnight Bayeux, France.

### Day 11: Bayeux to Paris

Morning departure from Bayeux to Paris Afternoon at your leisure in Paris.

### Day 12: Paris

Full day of Paris at your own leisure. Overnight Paris, France.

### Day 13: Departure

Morning departure flight Paris to Toronto.

FOR DETAILED ITINERARY  
INFORMATION VISIT  
[www.battlefieldsofeurope.ca](http://www.battlefieldsofeurope.ca)

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**PRICE: \$3,895. pp (double occupancy) single supplement upon request**

#### Price Includes:

- Hotel accommodations.
- Meals: daily breakfast and 5 dinners.
- daily lunch - casual picnic style
- battlefield reader
- photo package (upon request), e format
- entrance fees (4 sites)
- All ground transportation by luxury touring coach.
- Roundtrip air transportation Toronto - Paris return.
- The services of John Hetherington as tour escort.

#### Not Included:

- Airport taxes, security fees, fuel surcharges, additional \$595.
- Travel insurance.
- Beverages and items of personal nature.
- tip to coach chauffeur.

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## 2017 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

### **BOOKING PROCEDURE:**

Please complete and sign the booking Form. Send it (along with deposit) directly to: Verstraete Travel 14845 Yonge St. Suite 300, Aurora, Ontario L4G 6H8

### **DEPOSIT:**

**\$950.00 per person. The deposit is non-refundable and due at time of booking.** Your insurance premium is also due at this time.

### **FORM OF PAYMENT**

Cheque payable to: Verstraete Travel & Cruises.

### **PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD:**

There is a \$95.00 pp surcharge for payment by credit card.

### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Deposit is due at time of booking with your selected insurance premium.

**Final Payment:** Due: June 01. 2017

### **BOOKING DEADLINE:**

All reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Since we are limiting the number of participants, we recommend that you book as soon as possible.

### **INSURANCE:**

**We strongly recommend the purchase of Non Medical or All Inclusive insurance.**

The rates are outlined on the Booking Form.

### **PASSPORTS:**

It is your responsibility to make sure that you have a **valid passport**. It must be valid for at least 6 months after your return date. Canadian passport holders do not need a visa. If you are travelling with a non-Canadian passport it is your responsibility to inform our staff so that they can advise you of entry requirements.

### **PRICING:**

All prices are based on minimum group size, current exchange rates and supplier quotations. In the event that significant changes take place due to circumstances beyond our control, we reserve the right to adjust the prices.

### **Minimum Group Size: 24**

### **CANCELLATION:**

If you have to cancel, you must inform Verstraete Travel in writing. The cancellation penalty is based on the date your cancellation is received. Cancellation penalties are shown in the chart below:

- Deposit is non-refundable.
- 6 months - 2 months prior to departure - 50%,
- 2 months or less prior to departure - 100%

### **FINAL ITINERARY & TRAVEL DETAILS:**

It is anticipated that all the final details will be included in the travel documents and distributed

21 days before departure. Due to the nature of the tour program we reserve the right to make changes and substitutions wherever necessary.

### **REFUNDS:**

Refund requests must be received in writing within 60 days of the date of the cause of cancellation. Please allow four to six weeks for processing.

### **UNUSED TOUR ARRANGEMENTS:**

Portions of tour arrangements, or any other service or feature of the package which are not used are neither refundable nor exchangeable.

### **RESPONSIBILITY:**

Verstraete Travel, hereinafter called the "Operator" and/or its agents and suppliers of services, assume no responsibility for injury, death, damages, loss or delay incurred by any person in connection with the tour, or by reason of any event beyond the control of the Operator, or loss occasioned by neglect, default, strike, war, hostility, civil disturbance or resulting directly, or indirectly, from acts of God. The Operator reserves the right to withdraw any or all packages at any time should conditions warrant, to refuse to accept or retain any person as a participant, to alter or cancel the itinerary whenever the Operator deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the members of the tours. Verstraete Travel reserves the right to make any and all changes at anytime, as they deem necessary.

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