

Denman on Tour

World War 1 Battlefields

Ypres, Somme and Arras 22-27 July 2018

Sunday 22 July

Afternoon arrival at Denman, followed by a welcome meeting and introductory lecture by our tutor and tour guide, Simon Gregor.

Monday 23 July

0900 Depart Denman (with packed lunches)

1200 Check in at Eurotunnel

1250 Outbound crossing.

1430 Arrive in France (local time)

1545 Lijssenthoek

Causes of the Great War, 1914 battles, ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; Empire troops, the role of women in the Great War.

1700 Ypres - Menin Gate, rebuilding Ypres.

Check into hotel

Novotel Ieper Centrum

Sint – Jacobstraat 15

8900 Ieper

Tel: 0032 57 42 96 00

www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-3172-novotel-ieper-centrum-flanders-fields/index.shtml

1900 Briefing for Menin Gate ceremony.

2000 Last Post Ceremony.

2030 Dinner in Ypres

Return to hotel

Tuesday 24 July

0900 Depart accommodation after breakfast

Essex Farm CWGC and Advanced Dressing Station

Young soldiers – Pte V J Strudwick; the treatment of casualties, medical advances; John McCrae 'In Flanders' Fields'

Langemarck Germany Cemetery - German Perspective
German cemetery ethos, Slaughter of the Innocents, Hitler's 1940 visit, causes of WW2, reconciliation.

1100 Collect packed lunches from Limento in Langemarck

1130 Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917
Excellent museum with a British bunker system. The development of Trench warfare; use of ground, trench construction, daily routine, technology, problems with trench fighting.

1300 Coffee stop and picnic lunch in the grounds

Vancouver Corner – Gas - (*Drive By*)
Poison gas and its effects, WMD today.

Tyne Cot - Remembrance
1917 – 3rd Ypres (Passchendaele), 1918 – the end of the war, Remembrance – option of wreath-laying.

Poperinghe – The Firing Post
Military discipline in the Great War; Courts Martial; punishment and executions.

1600 Poperinghe – Talbot House
Thousands of British soldiers passed through Talbot House during the three years it was open from the end of 1915. It was a quiet and unique place behind the British lines where men could spend time relaxing, writing letters and meeting with serving friends, brothers and fathers, in what must have felt like a British “home-from-home”.

Depart Poperinghe and drive down to the Somme.

1930 Check into hotel in Arras
Hotel Moderne
1 bd Faidherbe – 62000 Arras
Tel: 0033 321 233 957
www.hotel-moderne-arras.com

2000 Dinner in local restaurant

Wednesday 25 July

0900 Depart hotel after breakfast

Arrive Somme - may include:

Serre and Sheffield Memorial Park
The Somme 1916; Kitchener's Army and the Pals Battalions; Recruitment; The Plan; Going over the top 1st July 1916.

Newfoundland Memorial Park
The Newfoundland Regiment on 1st July; Preserved trench system and an opportunity to walk across the battlefield.

1300 Auchonvillers
Light Lunch and WWI kit and equipment demonstration.

Ulster Tower (opportunity for a cup of tea)
The Story of the 36th Ulster Division, background to the Troubles: the story of Billy McFadzean VC.

Lochnagar Crater
The use of Mine warfare in the Great War.

Thiepval Memorial to the Missing (Visitors' Centre and facilities)
The Somme – a British victory? The impact of the battle; A chance for reflection;

1730 Return to hotel

1930 Evening meal – restaurant TBC

Thursday 26 July

0900 Check out of hotel after breakfast with packed lunches

Faubourg D'Amiens
Arras Memorial to the Missing; 2nd Lt W D Tull 23rd Middlesex Regt; Flying Services Memorial.

1000 Carrière Wellington
Guided tour of the underground tunnels; the underground war.

1200 Vimy Ridge
Trench and mine warfare; battlefield walk to view the Douai plain – the Battle of Arras April 1917 – initial successes.

Notre Dame de Lorette
French National Memorial and the largest French Great War Cemetery.
French cemetery ethos, Basilica of Notre-Dame and ossuaries.
Also an opportunity to visit the 'Ring of Remembrance', the new international memorial commemorating 579,606 men of all nationalities who fell in Nord-Pas-de-Calais during the Great War which opened on 11th November 2014.

1400 Depart Vimy

1620 Inbound crossing.

1600 Arrive UK (local time).

1900 Arrive Denman (approx. time only).

The final morning at Denman will give you the opportunity to reflect on the trip, to consider other sources to learn more about the Great War, and to discuss any photographs you have taken.

Your itinerary may be subject to change at short notice due to a variety of factors. Whilst every effort will be made by the guides to visit all the sites included in your itinerary, there may be times when this will not be possible.

Course Fees - Single Room Occupancy

Members £1140

Non-members £1240

Course Fees – Shared Room Occupancy

Members £999

Non-members £1099

All meals and accommodation are included in the course fee.

A deposit of £250 is required to guarantee a place on this course, per person.