

Western Front ANZAC Day 7 days



Starting in Bruges before continuing to Ypres, Belgium for ANZAC Day commemorations. Take in the key sites of the WWI battlefields of the western front before visiting the city of love and lights - Paris!

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Bruges / Ends in: Paris
- Departs: 22 April 2014
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:6, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 0
- Hotel Rating: 2-3 star
- Tour Guide: Yes

TOUR MAP:

ONLINE RESOURCES:

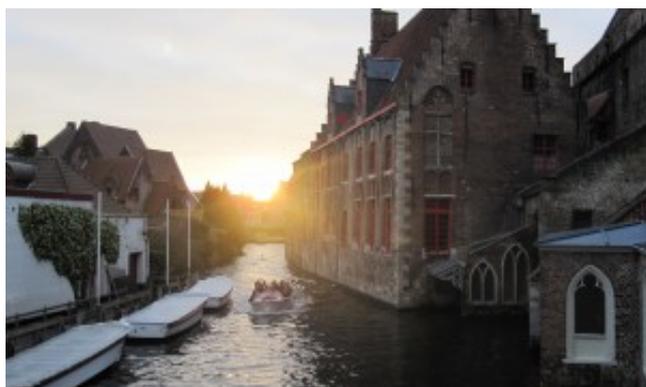
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Day 1:

Tuesday 22 April. Starting in the Belgian city of Bruges, which is known as the 'Venice of the North' check in to our hotel after which you will be able to enjoy a full evening of free time to explore this gorgeous medieval canal city and sample some of the Trappist beers and chocolates Belgium is famous for. Overnight - Bruges



Day 2:

This morning after breakfast, we check out of our rooms, store our luggage at the hotel and enjoy some more free time to see this wonderful historic town by daylight. Why not climb the 366 steps to the top of the town's most iconic landmark – The Belfry Tower – and enjoy the 360 degree city views. Alternatively, you could take a canal cruise, or visit a local brewery!

Late afternoon say farewell to Bruges and make our way over to the French city of Lille. Overnight - Lille

Day 3:

After an early breakfast at our hotel, we drive the short distance across the border into the Belgium region of Passchendaele. This area is one of the most heavily fought areas of the WWI battlefields, with some of the most tragic losses, and holds a staggering amount of history for all Commonwealth & ANZAC citizens. In order to guide us around the hundreds of Commonwealth Cemeteries and battlefield sites in the area, we will have the help of our local guides, who are all published authors and historians.

Our lunch and dinner breaks today will be in the medieval town of Ypres, the focal point of the Passchendaele region. We recommend attending the Last Post Ceremony at 8pm which is held at the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing in Ypres. This is the only place in the world where the Last Post is performed daily, in memory of the fallen soldiers of the Great War. A truly moving experience. Overnight - Lille



Day 4:

A very early start this morning as we head out to the Australian Memorial of Villers Bretonneux for the ANZAC service in the Somme region of France. This service is getting more and more popular every year, expect a moving memorial service and a chance to remember those who have given their lives to give us our freedom.

Once the service is finished, we will visit some important strategic sites along the WWI battlefield in the Somme. Time permitting, we will visit the newest Commonwealth Cemetery at Fromelles, which is the last resting place of 250 ANZAC soldiers which were found in a mass grave and reburied with full military honours in 2010. Another highlight is the visit to the town of Villers Bretonneux, where the locals have dedicated the names of their roads, schools and local establishments after the Australians who defended them almost 100 years ago, a touching experience.

This evening we have free time to enjoy Lille on our last night here. Overnight - Lille



Day 5:

After breakfast this morning, we depart Lille and head to the city of love and lights – Paris! We will arrive just after lunch, and the rest of the day is free time for you to experience this famous city, and it's sights. The evening is at leisure – why not take in a Parisian

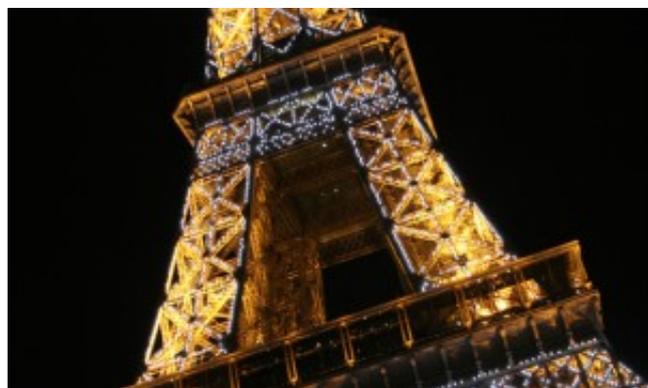
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Cabaret, or sample some of the local cuisine tonight? Overnight - Paris

Day 6:

Our second day in Paris gives you even more opportunity to explore the city. Highlights include the magnificent views from the top of the Eiffel Tower, or wandering through the world renowned Louvre Art Museum. For a more relaxing experience, you could take a scenic cruise of the Seine River, or relax in a café on the Champs Elysees Boulevard and people watch.

Today, your tour leader will be on hand at breakfast to assist you with planning your day in Paris at leisure. Overnight - Paris



Day 7:

All good things come to an end, and this morning after breakfast, we check out of our Paris hotel. Happy onward travels.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- The beautiful medieval city of Brugges - home to some of the world's finest beer and considered to be the Venice of the north.
- WWI Western Front battlefields - Paschendaele, the museum of Paschendaele, Hill 60, Essex Farm and others
- Armistice Day march at the Menin Gate in Ypres
- The stunning town of Ypres - completely rebuilt after WWI
- The French city of Lille on the Belgium border
- The city of love and lights - Paris
- Museums of Villers Bretennoux and Zonnebeke
- ANZAC Commemorations at the Australian Memorial at Villers Bretonneux

What's Included

- 2 nights accommodation Paris
- Museum entry into Villers Bretennoux and Zonnebeke
- ANZAC Day memorial service at Villers Bretonneux
- 1 night accommodation - Brugges
- 3 night accommodation - Lille
- 6 breakfasts
- Onboard tour leader
- Guided tour of Paschendaele, Messines and Ypres visiting the many battlefields including Hill 60, Essex farm, and the German cemetery.
- Executive coach with reclining seats, facilities and DVD player
- Private coach transport from London and throughout Belgium and France

What's Not Included

- International visas
- Tips for your tour leader and guide

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,499

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, (if another solo traveller of the same sex is already booked upon the tour), thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 6 travellers.

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Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
22 APR - 28 APR	USD \$1,499	-