



Australian War Memorial

Western Front Battlefield Tour 2010 17 April – 3 May

“GOLD” Group Escorted by: Peter Burness

- Day 1. Saturday 17 April**
Depart home ports via Singapore Airlines.
- Day 2. Sunday 18 April**
Arrive Paris, met by luxury coach and tour manager and historian/guide; settle in at our central city hotel. In the evening attend a spectacular ‘welcome’ dinner river cruise on the Seine to see Paris by night.
Overnight: PARIS
- Day 3 Monday 19 April**
Breakfast at hotel. In the morning we are met by our coach for a city tour of the highlights of the beautiful city of Paris. The afternoon is free for shopping, visiting galleries and museums (perhaps Napoleon’s tomb and the Army Museum!) or taking advantage of a range of available optional tours. Lunch & dinner own arrangements.
Overnight: PARIS
- Day 4. Tuesday 20 April**
Breakfast at hotel. Your free day in wonderful Paris, or an opportunity for optional tours eg. Normandy Landing Beaches. Lunch & dinner own arrangements.
Overnight: PARIS
- Day 5. Wednesday 21 April**
Breakfast at hotel. Depart for the battlefields stopping at Compeigne to see where the Armistice that ended the fighting was signed in a railway carriage on 11 November 1918. Lunch own arrangements. Travel on to Arras and settle into our hotel. Dinner own arrangements.
Overnight: ARRAS
- Day 6. Thursday 22 April**
Breakfast at hotel. Visit Somme 1916 battlefields, including La Boiselle, Thiepval, and New Foundland Park. This is a special opportunity to look closely at the Australians experience at Pozieres and Mouquet Farm. Here the AIF suffered its heaviest casualty rate of the war. Visit the 1st Australian division Memorial. Lunch at Albert, dinner own arrangements.
Overnight: ARRAS

- Day 7. Friday 23 April**
Breakfast at hotel. Visit Somme 1918 battlefields extending from the support areas up to Villers-Bretonneux, Dernancourt and Le Hamel. See the Richthofen crash site and visit the 3rd Division Memorial. Following the course of the August battles and the eventual capture of Peronne and Mont St Quentin; visit the 2nd Division's memorial. Lunch at Peronne with Dinner own arrangements.
Overnight: ARRAS
- Day 8. Saturday 24 April**
Breakfast at hotel. Travel on to the 1918 Hindenburg Line battlefields to see the scenes of the final Australian victories. Visit the 4th Division Memorial and the St Quentin tunnel and look over the site of the Australians' last battle at Montbrechain. Lunch at Bellicourt. Check in to our hotel opposite the beautiful cathedral at Amiens. Dinner own arrangements.
Overnight: AMIENS
- Day 9. Sunday 25 April (ANZAC DAY)**
Attend the annual ANZAC Day commemorative service at Villers-Bretonneux, the Australian National Memorial with late breakfast at hotel. After lunch with the locals at Marquion College, we travel to Bullecourt for the commemorative service there. Full program of activities will be advised by the Department of Veterans' Affairs when finalised. Dinner own arrangements.
Overnight: AMIENS
- Day 10. Monday 26 April**
Breakfast at hotel. Travel to Bullecourt visiting the Australian 1916/17 winter lines en route. See Bapaume and following the advance towards the Hindenburg Line and the battles of the outpost villages. Examine the battlefield of the two battles of Bullecourt and visit the *Digger* memorial. We have a special lunch with the locals. Dinner own arrangements.
Overnight: AMIENS
- Day 11. Tuesday 27 April**
Breakfast at hotel. Travel to Fromelles to see the 1916 battleground of the terrible battle of Fromelles where an Australian division suffered the worst single day losses of the AIF. Visit the *Cobbers* memorial and VC Corner. Attend a small reception and have lunch with locals. Check into hotel in Ypres. Dinner own arrangements.
Overnight: YPRES
- Day 12. Wednesday 28 April**
Breakfast at hotel. Today we tour the Ypres Salient and cross the notorious 1917 battlefields. We go to Hellfire Corner and on to Hill 60 to see the Australian tunnellers' memorial. Then we follow the Australian advances from Menin Road, Polygon Wood and Broodseinde. We see the 5th Australian Division Memorial and the Zonnebeke museum, Tyne Cot War cemetery and the village of Passchendaele. Lunch in Ypres. Dinner own arrangements.
Overnight: YPRES

- Day 13. Thursday 29 April**
Breakfast at hotel. Go to historic and beautiful Brugges for shopping, sight-seeing and lunch (own arrangements). Afternoon is free for visits to 'special request' cemeteries and memorials or to rest before attending the evening "Last Post" ceremony where we will lay a wreath during the ceremony at the Menin Gate memorial. Dinner at a local restaurant in Ypres. YPRES
Overnight: YPRES
- Day 14. Friday 30 April**
Breakfast at hotel. Travel to Lille to join the Eurostar to London.
Upon arrival enjoy a city sightseeing tour before checking into our central London hotel. Remainder of day at leisure.
Meals own arrangements.
Overnight: LONDON
- Day 15. Saturday 1 May (May Day)**
Breakfast at hotel. Morning visit to the world-famous Imperial War Museum, travelling via the Australian War Memorial and Horseferry Road where the AIF headquarters were located. Lunch own arrangements. Afternoon free (opportunity for shopping, or visiting the renowned museums and galleries) before attending our stunning Thames river cruise farewell dinner.
Overnight: LONDON
- Day16. Sunday 2 May**
Breakfast at hotel.
Morning departure for airport for return flight home.
- Day 17. Monday 3 May**
Arrive Australia early evening.