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Flanders & The Somme

Battlefields of World War 1

A nostalgic break to some of the most important battlefields of World War One where we tread in the footsteps of the brave and visit some moving and memorable sites

A range of local hotels, subject to availability, can be offered to suit individual requirements.

PLACES TO VISIT/THINGS TO DO

Flanders – Explore the infamous Ypres Salient visiting Hill 62 and Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest British War Cemetery in the world, from the notorious Battle of Passchendaele. We visit Ypres during the afternoon with its 'In Flanders Fields' museum and thought provoking Menin Gate.

The Somme – We discover the emotive Somme Battlefield, visiting Lochnagar crater at La Boisselle, the Thiepval and Beaumont Hamel memorials and the town of Albert with its 'Golden Madonna' church and museums. We return via Mametz passing the Devonshire's Cemetery and Carnoy, where the British Officers famously lead their men into battle on 1st July 1916 kicking footballs

Ostend – We drive to Ostend for a day at leisure in this delightful Belgian seaside resort. Keen historians may wish to visit the HMS Vindictive Memorial, to view the bows of this old cruiser, which took part in the daring raids on Zeebrugge and Ostend.

Vimy Ridge – On the morning of our return we visit the Canadian Memorial at Vimy Ridge before our return channel crossing.

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Grand National Weekend

The world's greatest steeplechase kicks off the racing season in April. This great race is a unique test of horsemanship, skill and stamina for the rider and the horse. At nearly two and a quarter miles in length, with some unique and challenging jumps, it is one of the toughest races in the world – and the race that most jockeys, owners and trainers want to win. The atmosphere is electric as the crowds gather in their thousands to witness this great spectacle.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

Coach travel from your local pick up point, one night half board at the 4* Park Royal Hotel Cheshire, and passes for the Steeplechase enclosure. **Upgrades to Tattersalls subject to availability – prices on request**

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The Normandy Beaches

Bayeux & The Caen Peace Memoria

Normandy has over 50 miles of historic coastline starting at Sword Beach, going through to Juno Beach, Gold Beach, Omaha Beach all the way through to Utah Beach. The area is literally an open-air museum dedicated to the D-Day landings and the 77 days of conflict in Normandy that followed.

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British & Canadian landings - We visit Pegasus Bridge, continuing along the beaches of Sword, Juno and Gold, calling at Arromanches, where you can view the remains of the Mulberry Harbour system. We conclude with a visit to the German Gun Battery at Longues Sur Mer.

Bayeux & Caen - We travel to the town of Bayeux, where you will be able to visit the Battle of Normandy Museum and nearby Cemetery. There will be time to visit the unique Bayeux Tapestry. In the afternoon we visit the Caen Peace Memorial

American landings - We drive to Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery at Coleville Sur Mer, then on to the fortifications at Pointe du Hoc. Next, we reach Utah Beach where you can visit the Museum containing landing crafts and weapons from the conflict. We journey through St Mere Eglise, home to the American Airborne Museum, concluding with a visit to the German Cemetery at Le Cambe, the resting place for 20,000 soldiers.

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The Edinburgh Military Tattoo

The Edinburgh Military Tattoo is a unique display of massed military bands, pipes, drums, and colourful Scottish dancers, in the tremendous atmosphere of Edinburgh Castle

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A typical 3 day itinerary includes; coach travel throughout, two nights bed and breakfast, dinner at hotel on Friday evening, Saturday Guided City Tour of Edinburgh, and Saturday evening performance of the Edinburgh Tattoo.

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