
WORLD WARS I AND II TOUR OF BELGIUM, FRANCE AND ENGLAND



A Christian Heritage tour of sites from
World Wars I and II across Belgium,
France and the UK



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DAY 1: BELGIUM

We leave early morning on the Eurostar from London to Brussels where our bus will pick us up for **Ypres, Belgium**. After checking into our Hotel, we leave for the Cloth Hall and the Flanders Museum, in the centre of Ypres.

DAY 2: BELGIUM

Today we tour the **Ypres Salient** following the story of John McCrae the Canadian medic who wrote the world famous poem "In Flanders Fields". The Ypres area tells the story of the war through visiting a German cemetery at **Langemark** and the **Commonwealth War Cemetery** at **Tyne Cot**. On our return we visit the beautiful **Ypres Town Hall**. We then attend the solemn ceremony at the **Menin Gate**, which has been held every evening at the same time since the end of World War I.

DAY 3: BELGIUM

We leave for the beautiful city of **Bruges**, famous for its Belgian chocolate and beautiful lace. We enjoy a guided tour of the city before lunch. In the afternoon, our bus takes us back to Ypres.



Ypres, Belgium



The Commonwealth War Cemetery



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DAY 4: FRANCE

We travel on our bus back through the Belgian countryside into France. Just before crossing the border we visit **Thiepval** in the **Somme**, where the deadliest battle of World War I took place. We will reach **Normandy** where we stop at the **Bayeaux Tapestry**.

DAY 5: FRANCE

We travel along the narrow hedge-lined roads to the small town of **St Marie Eglise** depicted in the famous movie *The Longest Day*, where the airborne assault of the 101 Airborne action first began. You see the famous tower upon which the American paratrooper John Steele became entangled. We then travel on to **Brecourt Manor**, where 2nd Lieutenant Dick Winters and Easy Company (of the *Band of Brothers* book and TV series) made his heroic attack saving countless lives on Utah Beach. After a great day we will return to **Bayeaux** for dinner in a local restaurant before returning to our hotel.

DAY 6: FRANCE

We travel to **Omaha Beach**, the site of the American landings, where so many Americans paid the ultimate price for freedom. We visit the Batteries of **Longues-Sur-La-Mer**, where



St Marie Eglise, France



D-Day Landings at Omaha Beach



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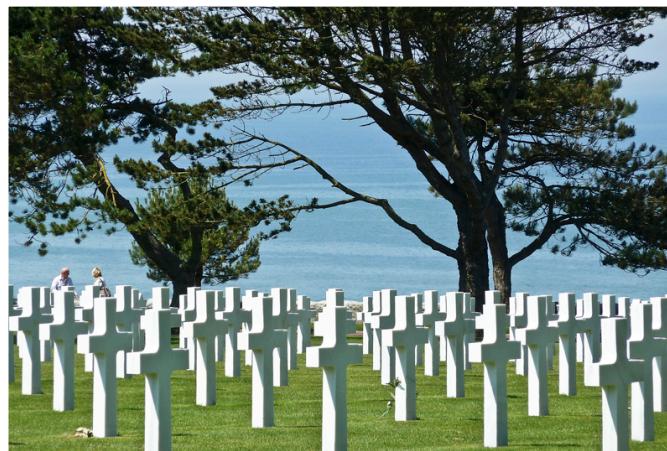
the formidable Nazi fortifications and their bunkers are still well preserved today. We will also visit **Pointe Du Hoc**. We then travel to the **American Cemetery** of **Colleville-Sur-Mer** containing the remains of 9387 servicemen and women killed for our freedom.

DAY 7: FRANCE

Today we leave and travel to **Pegasus Bridge**, the scene of the first actions of D-Day, where Airborne troops using gliders to storm this position, taking control of this strategic bridge thereby holding up the link with the attack on Sword Beach. We then visit the **Pegasus Bridge Museum**, where the original bridge is still located. Afterwards we visit the historic **Juno Beach** and at the end of the day we arrive at **Arromanches**, where the floating **Mulberry Harbour** was assembled.

DAY 8: LONDON

We leave Bayeux and travel by ferry from Calais to **London**. After settling into our hotel we will have free time to explore London before dinner.



American Cemetery, Colleville-Sur-Mer



Arromanches, France



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DAY 9: LONDON

We explore the historic **Churchill War Rooms** and the **Imperial War Museum**.

DAY 10: CAMBRIDGE

After a great English breakfast we travel to **Cambridge**, where we visit **Duxford** and the **American Cemetery**. We have dinner at the pub, before returning to London.

DAY 11: BLETCHLEY PARK AND UXBRIDGE

Today, we travel north to **Bletchley Park**, where we see the very site the Enigma code was broken. On the way back, we visit the bunker at **Uxbridge**, where Churchill worked on planning strategies many times during the war.

DAY 12: RETURN HOME

We return home to conclude this wonderful tour.



The Imperial War Museum, London



Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes



GENERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in organising a tour, please contact **Ilona Greyling**.

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All tours include: land transportation, hotels, Specialist Guides, breakfasts, entrances and tours.

Not included: airfares, lunches and dinners, and some supplementary entrances.



A colourised image of World War I soldiers