



# WESTERN FRONT 1916 – 1918 TOUR: BELGIUM & FRANCE

Wednesday 23 April to Tuesday 6 May 2025



Includes Anzac Day at  
Villers Bretonneux & Bullecourt

Frank Taylor Tour Director & Neville Browning OAM  
Historian and author team together to offer :

- 14 Day, 13 Night programme best balanced for both Australian military history and tourist interest content. Lead & guided by an Australian team
- Quality, air conditioned transport with experienced professional driver
- Services of Tour Director, Military Historian and local guides as required
- Quality accommodation throughout – centrally located in all towns
- All breakfast and most lunches included
- All entrance fees as listed in the itinerary inc Anzac Day commemorations
- Authoritative, truthful historical content and commentary with an Australian focus – professionally researched and geographically accurate
- An experienced, professional team – 40 years of tour operations
- Family history and persons of interest assistance – free of charge
- 14 days duration – 12 full days touring the battlefields with an expert team; with relaxed evenings in Belgium & France rural towns



**\$5100** per person  
share twin

**\$1045** single  
supplement

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Comprehensive, educational and entertaining programme for the history and the times of the AIF in France and Belgium during The Great War

## WEDNESDAY

### 23 April – Arrivals

- Gather at Accommodation in Millenium Hotel, Roissy-en-France (adjacent to Charles de Gaulle Paris International Airport)
- Overnight Roissy

## THURSDAY

### 24 April

- Coach pick up from Roissy Accommodation
- Le Hamel, battlefield visit
- Site of Axford VC & Dalziell VC actions
- Amiens, battlefield visit - Site of Gaby VC action
- Gaby VC Cemetery visit
- Site of McCarthy VC action & 11th Bn Lihons advance
- Lunch Amiens
- Visit Chateau Bertangles (Monash's HQ of note)
- Check in & overnight in Amiens

## FRIDAY

### 25 April – Anzac Day

- Depart Amiens approx 0330h, to Australian National Memorial Villers Bretonneux
- Dawn Service: Arrive at Memorial about 0400h. Service end about 0630h
- End Dawn Service, clear area about 0700h, return Amiens for breakfast
- Free time until lunch
- Depart Amiens 1230h
- Bullecourt Little Cross Memorial 1320h; Battlefield Tour & Inspect
- Noreuil Visit
- Bullecourt Town Service commence 1500h
- Australian Little Digger Memorial Service commence 1600h
- Bullecourt Town commemoration celebration participate
- Depart Bullecourt for Amiens about 1730h
- Amiens arrival about 1820h, to accom & dinner
- Overnight in Amiens

## SATURDAY

### 26 April – Amiens to Poperinge

- Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery & identities
- Flanders Fields Museum Ieper
- Lunch
- Poperinge execution site & cells
- Talbot House
- Check in Poperinge accommodation
- Overnight in Poperinge

## SUNDAY

### 27 April – Messines Areas

- Spanbroekmolen crater.
- Messines Church – Freckleton VC memorial & Hitler painting
- NZ Memorial – pill boxes & view of Messines attack
- Irish Tower
- Prowse Point, Mud Corner, 1914 Truce plaque
- Messines, battlefield visit J Carroll VC site
- Bethlehem Farm East Cemetery, 44th Bn connection
- Messines, battlefield visit - 48th Bn area near Huns Walk
- Messines, battlefield visit 12 & 13th Bde attack
- Lunch stop at Hooge Crater & Museum visit
- Hill 60
- Menin old city ramparts walk
- Menin Gate Ceremony Option
- Poperinge, to accommodation

## MONDAY

### 28 April – Menin Road & Passchendaele

- Menin Road & Hellfire Corner
- Ypres, battlefield visit - Glencorse Wood & Nonne Bosschen attack
- Ypres, battlefield visit - Polygon Wood attack
- 5th Division Memorial & Zonnebeke Five
- Lunch at Café de Dreve
- Passchendaele, battlefield & Museum visit
- Tyne Cot visit
- Overnight in Poperinge
- (Menin Gate Ceremony additional option)

## TUESDAY

### 29 April – Langemarck & Brugges

- Langemarck German Cemetery visit & battlefield
- Brugges visit – Free Time (lunch & afternoon)
- Overnight Poperinge

### 30 April – Fromelles to Peronne

- Depart Poperinge
- Merris (if necessary)
- Armentieres Nursery Sector visit, Bridoux Salient
- Black Anzacs
- Fromelles, battlefield visit Cobbers' Memorial, VC Corner
- Lunch at Fromelles
- Pheasant Wood Cemetery & Hitler Bunker
- Vimy Ridge – Monument & preserved battlefield trenches
- Drive to Peronne & check in. Suggest Historiale Museum visit.
- Overnight Peronne

### 1 May – Pozieres Experience etc

- Lochnagar Crater visit.
- Pozieres Trench, battlefield visit.
- 1st Division Memorial & site of K Trench visit
- Pozieres, Windmill battlefield visit.
- 7th Brigade attack
- Mouquet Farm, battlefield visit, scene of O'Meara VC
- Lunch at Le Tommy's
- Thiepval Memorial & shop visit
- Irish Tower
- Beaumont Hamel – Newfoundland Memorial visit
- Hebuterne, battlefield visit. – 16th Bn defence : to Amiens
- Overnight, dinner in Peronne

### 2 May – Winter 1916

- Delville Wood
- AIF Burial Ground visit
- The Maze, battlefield visit – 28th Bn attack
- Stormy Trench, battlefield visit – scene of Harry Murray VC
- Lunch in Bapaume
- Lagnicourt/Boursies, battlefields visit - scene of Lt Pope VC
- Overnight in Peronne

### 3 May – Albert & Villers Bretonneux

- Albert Museum visit
- Dernacourt, battlefield visit
- Morlancourt, battlefield visit
- Lunch at La Boisselle
- 3rd Division Memorial
- Red Baron scene visit
- Saille Laurette, battlefield visit
- Villers-Bretonneux Australian Memorial visit (Sir John Monash Centre)
- Victoria School, Adelaide Cemetery
- Overnight Peronne

### 4 May – Breaking the Hindenburg Line

- 2nd Division Memorial
- Mont St Quentin, battlefield visit.
- Hindenburg Outpost Line, battlefield visit. Last 11th & 16th Bn's attacks
- Le Verguier, battlefield visit. Scene of Woods VC
- 4th Division Memorial
- Lunch at Riqueval
- Somme American Memorial. Scene of 44th Bn last attack
- Beaufort Line, battlefield visit. Scene of 28th Bn last attack
- Estrees, scene of Wark VC. 32nd Bn last action.
- Maissemy German Cemetery if time permits.
- Overnight in Peronne

### 5 May – Armistice, Return to Paris

- Relocate to Roissy
- Visit Compiègne Railway carriage Museum – site of the Armistice Signatures to end The Great War
- Overnight stay at Roissy.

### 6 May – Departures (Tour End)

- Back to Home airports (Australia) or optional extension (Paris etc)

- **Not Included:** Expenses of a private nature (e.g. laundry & dry cleaning, telephone calls, alcoholic drinks, air travel to and from Australia, transfers to and from airportstravel insurance)
- Cost may adjust to major fluctuations of the Australian Dollar to the Euro
- Programme may adjust to local circumstance changes

