

WW2 LIBERATION TOUR

NORMANDY to HOLLAND

Tour Dates: JUNE 03 - 15 2023

Tour Leader: John Hetherington



Join retired history teacher and battlefield guide John Hetherington on this unique educational journey across the battlefields of Western Europe. This is a custom tour designed for all ages and anyone with an interest in military history. The tour will focus on some of the main campaign areas of the Canadian Army as they fought their way through France and Belgium, entering Holland in the Fall of 1944. Holland was eventually liberated in May of 1945. We invite you to join this remembrance and liberation journey that will create memories that will last a lifetime.



ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDING VISITS TO WW1 VIMY MEMORIAL AND MENIN GATE

Day 1: Flight on June 03

Overnight flight on Air Transat from Toronto to Paris.

Day 2: Normandy

Travel by coach to Normandy Beaches region & (stay 3 nights) Location TBA

Day 3: Normandy

Visit and tour selected sites along Normandy Beaches area. TBA for sites and events

Day 4: Normandy

Attend D Day ceremonies at the Juno Beach Centre as well as Canadian War Cemeteries, if taking place. TBA for sites and events D

Day 5: Dieppe

Travel to Dieppe and tour main landing

beach and Western flank landing at Pourville. Overnight Dieppe.

Day 6: Battle of the Somme

Lochnagar crater, Newfoundland Memorial and battlefield park, Pozieres Overnight Arras. D

Day 7: Vimy Ridge

Vimy Ridge memorial and surrounding sites. Overnight Ypres.

Day 8: In Flanders Fields

Tour Flanders sites, John McCrae, Vancouver corner, Passchendaele. Evening Menin Gate ceremonies.

Day 9: Scheldt battle/Bergen op Zoom

Depart Ypres and travel to Leopold Canal crossing, Scheldt battle area, and continue to Bergen Op Zoom. Overnight D

Day 10: Holland/Zutphen

Travel to Zutphen with a lunch stop at the Mondani Restaurant - RCL 005 head office in Lochem. Continue to Zutphen. Stay 3 nights L

Day 11: Zutphen

Free day in Zutphen. Enjoy this historic town. Do some shopping etc.

Day 12: Arnhem

Battle for Arnhem bridge Tour. Farewell dinner at the hotel. D

Day 13: Schiphol return flight on June 15

Transfer from the hotel to Schiphol for the return flight back to Toronto on Air Transat..

Tour Leader: John Hetherington Retired History Teacher & Battlefield Guide

For additional details contact: historyguy62@hotmail.com or phone 705-492-6975.

PRICE: \$4,450. pp (double occupancy) single supplement upon request

Price Includes:

- Roundtrip air flights Toronto/Paris and Amsterdam/Toronto on Air Transat.
- Hotel accommodation.
- Meals: breakfast daily and dinners D/lunch L as shown on the itinerary
- All ground transportation by luxury touring coach.
- The services of John Hetherington as tour leader.

Not Included:

- Airport taxes, security fees, fuel surcharges, additional \$750.
- Travel insurance.
- Beverages and items of personal nature.
- Tip to coach chauffeur.

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\$1000.00 per person. The deposit is non-refundable and due at time of booking. Your insurance premium is also due at this time.

FORM OF PAYMENT

Cheque payable to: Verstraete Travel & Cruises. Payment can be made by e-transfer

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD:

There is a \$95.00 pp surcharge for payment by credit card.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit is due at time of booking with your selected insurance premium.

Final Payment: Due: April 1, 2023

BOOKING DEADLINE:

All reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Since we are limiting the number of participants, we recommend that you book as soon as possible.

INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend the purchase of Non Medical or All Inclusive insurance.

The rates are outlined on the Booking Form.

PASSPORTS:

It is your responsibility to make sure that you have a **valid passport**. It must be valid for at least 6 months after your return date. Canadian passport holders do not need a visa. If you are travelling with a non-Canadian passport it is your responsibility to inform our staff so that they can advise you of entry requirements.

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Minimum Group Size: 30

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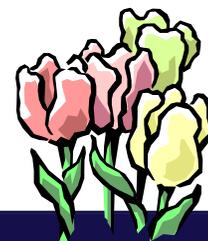
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