

# NORMANDY D DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

**Tour Dates: JUNE 02 - 13 2024**

**Tour Leader: John Hetherington**



*Join retired history teacher and battlefield guide John Hetherington on this unique educational journey across the battlefields of Normandy, Dieppe and the WW1 Western Front. This is a custom tour designed for all ages and anyone with an interest in military history. The tour will begin with a focus on the D-Day landings and the struggle that confronted the Canadian and Allied armies as they moved inland. Following this we will move up the coast to Dieppe and then pick up the trail of The Canadian Army during World War 1 along the Western Front. We invite you to join this journey of remembrance creating memories that will last a lifetime.*



## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDING VISITS TO WW1 VIMY MEMORIAL AND MENIN GATE

### **Day 1: Sunday June 2**

Overnight flight on Air Transat from Toronto to Paris.

### **Day 2: Monday June 3**

Arrival at Paris CDG airport and transfer to Normandy. Check in at Hotel Overnight Normandy. (TBA)

### **Day 3: Tuesday June 4 Normandy**

Visit and tour selected sites along Normandy Beaches Eastern approaches. Sites TBA. Overnight Normandy. (TBA)

### **Day 4: Wednesday June 5 Normandy**

Visit and tour selected sites along Normandy Beaches Eastern approaches. Sites TBA. Overnight Normandy. (TBA)

### **Day 5: Thursday June 6 Normandy**

D Day ceremonies TBA for sites and events.. Overnight Normandy (TBA)

### **Day 6: Friday June 7**

Arromanche (Mulberry Harbour) and Longue Battery. Overnight Normandy (TBA)

### **Day 7: Saturday June 8 Dieppe**

Travel to Dieppe and tour main landing beach and Western flank landing at Pourville. Overnight Dieppe.

### **Day 8: Sunday June 9 Ypres**

Travel from Dieppe to Ypres, Belgium with visit to Todt coastal battery. Overnight Ypres.

### **Day 9: Monday June 10 Ypres- In Flanders Fields**

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

### **Day 10: Tuesday June 11 Vimy Ridge**

Vimy Ridge memorial and surrounding sites. Overnight Amiens

### **Day 11: Wednesday June 12 Battle of the Somme**

Lochnagar crater, Newfoundland Memorial and battlefield park, Pozieres. Overnight Amiens

### **Day 12: Thursday June 13**

Transfer to CDG Paris for return flight to Toronto

**Tour Leader: John Hetherington Retired History Teacher & Battlefield Guide**

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**PRICE: \$4,995.** 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 plus 5 dinners and 3 casual lunches
- All ground transportation by luxury touring coach .
- The services of John Hetherington as tour leader.

#### **Not Included:**

- Airport taxes, security fees, fuel surcharges, additional \$825.
- Travel insurance.
- Beverages and items of personal nature.
- Tip to coach chauffeur.

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## BOOKING PROCEDURE:

*Please complete and sign the booking Form. Send it (along with deposit) directly to: Verstraete Travel 14845 Yonge St. Suite 300, Aurora, Ontario L4G 6H8*

## DEPOSIT:

**\$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: March 15, 2024

## 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.

## PRICING:

All prices are based on minimum group size, current exchange rates and supplier quotations. In the event that significant changes take place due to circumstances beyond our control, we reserve the right to adjust the prices.

## Minimum Group Size: 30

## CANCELLATION:

Cancellation penalty and charges: If you have to cancel your trip there is no refund of monies paid to Verstraete Travel. This applies to the deposit and final payment. Both of these are non refundable.

## FINAL ITINERARY & TRAVEL DETAILS:

It is anticipated that all the final details will be included in the travel documents and distributed 21 days before departure. Due to the nature of the tour program we reserve the right to make changes and substitutions wherever necessary.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

You are fully responsible for acquiring and having up to date all entry requirements, including health and vaccinations, etc. for all the countries that are being visited.

## UNUSED TOUR ARRANGEMENTS:

Portions of tour arrangements, or any other service or feature of the package which are not used are neither refundable nor exchangeable.

## RESPONSIBILITY:

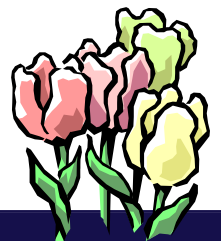
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