



## ITINERARY FOR FIVE DAY TOUR TO YPRES, WORLD WAR ONE

### Day One

Depart school at 07:00 on executive coach. Coffee making, DVD and toilet facilities on board. **Shuttle** crossing to France and a chance to visit:

**Bruges** for an afternoon visit.

Onward transfer to the hotel and evening meal. Talk on fire procedure.

### Day Two

Breakfast and departure for a day studying the Ypres Salient. Our first visit will be to **Poperinge** and a visit to the **Talbot House Museum**. The students will see a 'Life Behind the Lines' exhibition in the Concert Hall, the garden, the Slessorium and the 'Concert Party'.

There will be an opportunity to go to the **Essex Farm Cemetery** and former dressing station before our next scheduled visit to **Sanctuary Wood (Hill 62) Museum**.

Transfer to **a German Cemetery**

Evening meal and then the **Last Post Ceremony** at 20:00. There will be an opportunity to walk around this area before returning to the hotel.

### Day Three

Breakfast.

We will then head for the **Musée des Abris** in **Albert** where the group will complete a questionnaire on the Somme battlefields.

Travelling north, the group will view the vast **Lochnagar crater** at La Boisselle. This was an explosion in the opening moments of the Battle of the Somme and needed hundreds of metres of tunnels dug beneath the fields to be detonated.

Onwards, past **Ulster Tower**, to the Franco-British Memorial at **Thiepval** and the visitor centre.

Next, there will be a visit to the **Accrington Pals Memorial** at **Serre** and also **Sunken Lane**. This is the only area of the Somme battlefield to have been preserved by the British.

Finally, we will head for **Beaumont-Hamel** and the **Newfoundland Park**, with its two opposing trench systems. There will then be a guided visit here.

Time permitting, we may stop at the Memorial at **Delville Wood** before heading back to our hotel and our evening meal.

Evening meal at our accommodation at the hotel. **Bowling.**

## **Day Four**

Breakfast and onward journey to **Arras**, where the group will have a guided tour of the **underground tunnels** beneath the town.

Departure for **Vimy Ridge**.

Evening meal.

## **Day Five**

There may be an opportunity to visit a **hypermarket** before the **shuttle** crossing and arrival back at school.

**Unlike so many tour operators, our prices are fully inclusive. Our travel programmes include ALL of the features outlined below:**

- Shuttle crossing to the Continent
- Executive coach travel during the tour with toilet and video on board
- Accommodation in specified hotel
- The services of at least one Tour Director throughout the visit, who will travel with the group, lead excursions, provide lessons and some activities and organise meals
- All meals
- One free member of staff per 10 pupils
- Risk assessments on venues and accommodation
- Worksheets
- Choice of leisure activities
- ALL ENTRANCE FEES