



A Great War Tour October 5 - 12

Day 1 – Departure – Saturday, October 5
Air Lingus – Departs at 5:10 pm.

Day 2 – Sunday, October 6
Arrive at 9:30 am -CDG
Transfer to Lille (Approx. 2 hours).
For those arriving on later flights, assistance can be provided in booking a train from CDG to Lille.
(11:30 – 1:30) Upon arrival in Lille, have lunch.
Explore the Berks Cemetery and Prowse Point Cemetery. Stop at the Christmas Truce Monument which commemorates the series of ceasefires along the Western Front of World War I around Christmas 1914.
Overnight Ypres – [Novotel Ieper Centrum Flanders Fields](#)

Day 3 – Monday, October 7
Ypres Salient Battlefields.
Visit the Passchendaele Museum.
Visit Hill 60 and explore the concept of the war underground
Continue to the Hooghe Crater and Hill 62
Dinner on your own this evening. Gather by 7:30 pm for the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate
Overnight in Ypres - Novotel

Day 3 – Tuesday, October 8
Drive Ypres to Thiepval
Beaumont-Hamel memorial park (also see if this includes Sunken Lane and Hawthorn Ridge Crater)
Memorial of missing in Thiepval
Then the Trench (Somme 1916) museum in Albert.
Continue to the Lochnagar Crater and the city of Albert where we will explore the Somme 1916 Museum.
Overnight in Amiens – [Moxy Amiens](#)

Day 4 – Wednesday, October 9
9:00 am depart Amiens and drive to Verdun
12:00 pm free time in Verdun for lunch
Continue to explore areas around Verdun including Colonel Driant's Command Post and the trenches that surround it, lost village of Fleury, the Ossuary, a peaceful home to 120,000 human remains and the forest near Verdun with a visit to the museum of the epic French defense and victory and see the famed forts of Vaux and Douamont.
Either lecture on bus today or lecture before dinner on their own this evening.
Overnight Verdun - [Les Jardins du Mess](#)

Day 5 – Thursday, October 10

- Follow Pershing in the St Mihiel Salient and visit the commanding heights of Montsec
- Visit the St Mihiel American Cemetery
- Drive approximately 2 hours and stop for lunch in Reims
- Continue to the Aisne-Marne and Oise-Aisne offensives. Follow its advance, including a visit to the famed Croix Rouge Farm where lies the division's moving memorial.
- Belleau Wood

Overnight in Soissons - [BW Plus Hotel des Francs](#)

Day 6 – Friday, October 11

Visit the Grewat War Museum in Meaux.

Continue to the historic town of Compiègne, including Chateau de Compiègne, a royal residence built for Louis XIV; the railway car site for the surrenders in November 1918 and June 1940

End the day at the Glade of the Armistice.

Final group farewell dinner.

Overnight in Soissons.

Day 7 – Saturday, October 12

Air Lingus 10:10 am departure

Transfer to the Charles de Gaulle airport for your flight home.