

## Day 1 Mon 16 Oct 23

### Ypres

**0345** Students to arrive at Olney Campus

0400 Depart School.

**0920 Outbound Crossing - Folkestone to Calais via Eurotunnel**

1100 Arrive France local time

Sandwich and bottle of water to be delivered to the first stand by local supplier

### **Lijssenthoek CWGC Cemetery**

Causes of the Great War, 1914 battles, ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Empire troops, the role of women in the Great War.

### **Langemarck**

German Military Cemetery; 'Slaughter of the Innocents'; the significance of Hitler's 1940 visit; links to the causes of WW2.

### **Vancouver Corner – possible drive by**

Poison gas and its effects, WMD today.

**1500 Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 – Show & Tell - Booking Confirmed**

Museum with a British bunker system; an opportunity for the group to handle equipment and weaponry and for a member of the group to dress in Great War uniform.

### **Tyne Cot CWGC**

British Military Cemetery; 3rd Ypres the Battle of Passchendaele. The Advance to Victory and all arms warfare.

Opportunity for chocolate shopping

**1800 Dinner in Ypres**

**1930** Menin Gate briefing for Last Post.

**2000** Last Post Ceremony.

Depart for accommodation

### **Accommodation:**

**Poppies 2 – Booking Confirmed**

**G de Stuersstraat 2, 8900 Ieper**

**Reusable water bottle required for packed lunches**

**Towels Required**

## Day 2 Tue 17 Oct 23

### **The Somme**

0830 Check out and depart accommodation with packed lunch.

### **Newfoundland Park**

The Somme 1916; Kitchener's Army & the Pals Battalions; recruitment (incl the Empire); the plan; going over the top 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916.

### **Lochnagar Crater**

The use of Mine warfare in the Great War. The role of the RFC and the importance of effective communications. Cecil Lewis' 'Sagittarius Rising'.

### **Thiepval Memorial to the Missing**

The Somme – a British victory? The impact of the battle; a chance for reflection.

1330 Depart Somme for Caen (approx 4 hours).

1730 Arrive Caen

**1800 Dinner in accommodation**

1915 Check into accommodation:

**Balladins Caen Memorial Hotel – Booking Confirmed**

**Rue du Clos Barbey**

**14280 Saint Contest**

## **Day 3 Wed 18 Oct 23**

### **Normandy**

0830 Depart accommodation with packed lunch.

**0900 British Airborne, Pegasus Bridge**

Examine the introduction of Airborne troops during WW2. Why and how were they used here?

### **Pointe-du-Hoc**

2<sup>nd</sup> US Rangers assault on fixed gun positions by climbing vertical cliffs.

### **Longues-Sur-Mer**

German Battery at Longues sur Mer: a German naval gun position, having had the guns removed from a German battleship, which managed to fire a total of 170 shells throughout the day. The battery finally being captured by the Devonshire Regiment. The forward observation bunker was used during the making of the film, 'The Longest Day'.

### **Arromanches 360° Cinema – Booking Requested**

Mixes archival footage filmed in June 1944 by war correspondents, with current shots on these sites today.

### **Arromanches, Mulberry Harbour**

Why all the effort to construct this and bring it across the Channel, whose idea, who built it and where?

1730 Depart for accommodation.

**1800 Dinner in accommodation**

## **Day 4 Thurs 19 Oct 23**

### **Normandy**

0830 Check out and depart accommodation with packed lunch.

**0930 View of Omaha Beach and St Laurent US Cemetery**

Situated, overlooking Omaha Beach and maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission, the Normandy American Cemetery and memorial, has 9,387 burials and another 1,557 names on the Memorial in the Garden of Remembrance.

**1100 Normandy Memorial - The British Normandy Memorial at Ver Sur Mer**

The Memorial sitting on the slopes above Gold Beach, was unveiled on 6 June 2021, the 77th Anniversary of the D Day landings. Its panels record the names of 22,442 servicemen and women who died while serving under British command, both on D-Day and during the subsequent Battle of Normandy, which lasted until 25 August 1944. The names include personnel from all the services and commemorates personnel from over 30 nations.

The site also includes a French Memorial, dedicated to the memory of French civilians who died during the Normandy Campaign.

1200 Depart for Calais (approx 4.5 hours).

**1820 Inbound Crossing – Calais to Folkestone via Eurotunnel**

1800 Arrive UK (local time).

2300 Arrive school (approx. time only).