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Western Front WW1 Battlefields Plus Paris - 12 Day Tour

Depart Australia Apr & Sept 2020/2021

Proposed Itinerary

Day 1

Depart Australia.

Day 2

On arrival at Paris Charles de Gaulle airport you will be met and transferred by coach to your accommodation. HOTEL AMBASSADEUR – or similar.

Owing to the anticipated late arrival at the hotel after a long flight from Australia, it is unlikely there would be time to undertake any sightseeing this evening!
Dinner and overnight stay in Paris.

Day 3

Following breakfast at your hotel you will embark on your first full day of sightseeing in Paris! Using your metro cards, make your own way to the Notre Dame Cathedral. Admire the magnificent façade adorned with statues painted and set in gilded niches before marvelling at the interior of this Gothic masterpiece. The visit is free of charge and no reservation is necessary. Choose from one of the many choices of eateries in the city for lunch at your own leisure and expense. This afternoon your group will have a reservation for a visit of the Conciergerie. The north-western side of the Ile-de-la-Cité is dominated by the Conciergerie, the XIV century fortress-palace of Philip the Fair, boasting Paris' oldest clock. Later, it became death row for over 2,500 victims of the guillotine, including Marie -Antoinette and Robespierre. Please note: the total booking fee of Euros 30.00 for this attraction is payable on arrival for the group. This evening enjoy dinner at your leisure. Overnight stay in Paris.

Day 4

After breakfast, you will be met by your tour guide to commence your walking tour of Paris. Absorb the most famous parts of the city including the Latin Quarter, Montparnasse, Montmartre and more, whilst being educated en route by your experienced tour guide. You may wish to finish your tour in the atmospheric Montmartre where you will find cobbled streets and numerous charming shops. At the top of the Montmartre Hill is the impressive Basilica Sacré-Coeur. As well as being a popular attraction, from here, at 129 metres above sea level you and your group will also witness one of the best views over the city. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Paris.

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Includes

- Return air fare and taxes to Paris ex Australia
- 2 Free of Charge staff in single rooms
- Accommodation for students on a multi bedded room basis.
- Breakfast and evening meal throughout
- Airport coach transfer on day 1
- Coach hire from days 7 to 13
- Metro tickets from day 3 to day 6
- Attractions and excursions as specified

What's extra

- Lunches
- Attractions that are noted above as – payable locally (Approximately \$75)
- Tips (Approximately \$60)
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance (\$120)

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Proposed Itinerary - Cont.

Day 5

This morning you will make your own way to the Catacombs, also known as the Cemetery of the Innocent. This underground network of quarries and shafts supplied building material to the city from XI to XIX century. It is here that medieval stone masons quarried the limestone blocks for Notre Dame. Although a reservation will be made on your behalf, unfortunately the entrance cost cannot be pre paid and therefore the small charge of approximately €5.00pp is payable on arrival. No visit to Paris would be complete without experiencing the city's most iconic sight, the Eiffel Tower. This impressive attraction stands over 324m high, and was for many years the highest structure in the world and to which your reservation will give you 'to the top' access (subject to availability). Late afternoon/early evening we recommend taking your River Seine Cruise, which embarks at the foot of the Eiffel Tower. This favourite attraction for many of our groups will give you a different view of the city taking in sights such as Les Invalides, L'Assemblée Nationale and the Louvre. This evening enjoy dinner at your leisure. Overnight in Paris.

Day 6

Breakfast at your hotel. Begin your 5th day in Paris by heading to Paris' most famous avenue, the Champs Élysées. From here your group can stroll down to the western end of the Champs Élysées and arrive at the Arc de Triomphe. Afterwards you may wish to visit one of the city's major museums; EITHER the world famous Louvre with its unsurpassed collection of Grand Masters including the Mona Lisa, OR, the beautiful Musée D'Orsay, one of the most popular museums in Paris. The Musée D'Orsay houses a large collection of important Impressionist and post-Impressionist paintings by artists such as Monet, Renoir, Cézanne and Van Gogh. Enjoy the rest of your afternoon at leisure, perhaps shopping on Les Grands Boulevards. This evening enjoy dinner at your leisure. Overnight in Paris.

Day 7

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred by coach for a guided visit to Fontainebleau. The Chateau's history, architecture and art along with its seemingly never ending rooms and extensive gardens are overwhelming and will not only be insightful to you and your group, but will also offer fantastic photo opportunities. Please note: although a guided visit will be booked for your group the entrance fee of Euros 10.00 per person is payable on arrival. After the tour, board your coach and head back towards the city, stopping off enroute at Compiègne and the Armistice Memorial. Make the most of your last evening in this fantastic city and enjoy dinner at your leisure. Overnight in Paris.

Day 8

Breakfast at your hotel before checking out and boarding your coach. Say goodbye to Paris as you head north for Ypres. Arrive mid afternoon for a visit to In Flanders Field Museum. This museum offers an insight to the events that took place from 1914 to 1918 and allows you to follow the experiences of the people living in Westhoek at the time of the First World War. You are plunged into the Great War with original films of the completely destroyed city and the battlefields around it. Arrive at your hostel and check into your rooms, THE MENIN GATE SCHOOL HOSTEL – or similar. This evening dinner is included and will be taken at your accommodation. After dinner visit Menin Gate to hear 'The Last Post'. Every evening at 2000hrs a deeply moving ceremony takes place under the vast arch of the Menin Gate: the traffic stops and buglers from the local fire brigade play 'The Last Post'. The ceremony began in 1928, was banned during the German occupation of 1940-44 and re-established on the first day after the Liberation in September 1944. Overnight in Ypres.

Day 9

(English speaking tour guide and full day coach hire included)

Today you will have a guided tour of the Battlefields in the Ypres Salient. You and your group will get an insight into the 4 years of war around Ypres. You will also have entrance to Sanctuary Wood Museum discovering the preserved trenches from World War I. This evening dinner is included and will be taken at your accommodation. Overnight in Ypres.

Day 10

(English speaking tour guide and full day coach hire included)

This morning after breakfast you will check out of your accommodation and head by coach to the Amiens area. On the way you will stop off at the Australian memorial at Fromelles. Arrive at your destination by early afternoon and head straight to the Somme 1916 Museum. Set in the heart of the Somme Battlefields in a tunnel which was converted into an air-raid shelter in 1939, the museum recreates the life of soldiers in the trenches in the July 1916 offensive. In 1916 one of the most terrible battles of the First World War took place on the Somme. It was undoubtedly the conflict in which the largest number of armies of different nationalities participated. Check into your accommodation in the town of Albert. POPPIES HOSTEL – or similar. This evening dinner is included and will be taken at your accommodation. Overnight in Albert.

Day 11

(English speaking tour guide and full day coach hire included)

After breakfast, your first stop today will be Australian memorials at Pozières. Thiepval Memorial is a triumphal arch which overlooks the Ancre valley and is visible from afar. Surrounded by a lawn, the memorial bears the names of more than 72,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave. Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916. With your tour guide you will visit the Australian Corps Memorial Park at Le Hamel. Return to hotel for dinner & overnight stay.

Day 12

(English speaking tour guide and full day coach hire included)

After breakfast, visit the Australian National Memorial near Villers Bretonneux. Following this you will have a visit to Peronne to include the Museum Of The Great War and the Australian 2nd Division Memorial. Admission cost to the Museum of the Great War, payable locally is €3.20pp. Return to hostel for dinner & overnight stay.

Day 13

0900hrs Breakfast at hostel before checking out and boarding your coach. You will be transferred back to Paris Charles de Gaulle airport for your return flight back to Australia.

Day 14

Arrive back in Australia.



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