

PROGRAMME

Day 1

Pickup from Birmingham International Station, Oxford Thornhills Car Park or Kings Cross Station
Drive to Folkestone and take the Eurotunnel crossing to Calais
Arrive at hotel in Lille

Day 2

Depart hotel at 8.30 am

Visit **Beaumont Hamel** and the **Hawthorne Ridge**: The village was attacked on July 1, 1916, and is the site of some of the most iconic images of the Battle of the Somme

Newfoundland Park: trenches preserved from 1916; memorial to the Newfoundland Regiment

Thiepval: memorial to the missing of the Somme, bearing the names of 73,000 men who have no known grave

-LUNCH-

La Boisselle: the Lochnagar mine crater, the largest mine exploded on July 1, 1916

Mametz: the village captured on July 1, 1916, and the story of the Devonshire Regiment

Guillemont: the grave of Lieutenant Raymond Asquith

Ecoust-St. Mein: the grave of Captain Auberon Herbert

Return to hotel in Lille

Day 3

Depart hotel 8.30 am

Visit **St-Laurent-Blangy**: Lieutenant Alastair Buchan was killed near here on the first day of the Battle of Arras. The village is now the site of three British cemeteries and one large German cemetery

Duisans British Cemetery: the burial place of Lieutenant Alastair Buchan

The Arras Memorial: Captain Thomas Nelson is buried here and Lieutenant John Stuart-Worsley is commemorated on the memorial to the missing

-LUNCH-

Free time in Lille

Day 4

Depart hotel at 8.30 am

Visit **Dikkebus**: the grave of Brigadier General Cecil Rawling

Hooge: The scene of bitter fighting and one of the most feared places on the Western Front. Cecil Rawling was killed near here

Polygon Wood: captured by the Australians in September 1917

-LUNCH-

The In Flanders Field Museum: the museum in the restored Medieval Cloth Hall in Ypres

-DINNER IN YPRES-

The Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate: Lieutenant Basil Blackwood is commemorated on the Menin gate

Day 5

Depart hotel at 8.30 am

Visit **Talbot House**: the restored place of rest and recreation for British servicemen in World War 1

Drive to Calais

Eurotunnel crossing to Folkestone

Drop off at Kings Cross Station, Oxford Thornhills Car Park and Birmingham International Station

NOTE: Sites visited or the order in which they are visited may change due to circumstances that arise and are beyond our control.

Wherever possible, sites will be compared with the account given by Buchan in his Nelson's History of the War.