

**CANHIST REMEMBRANCE TOUR**  
**BELGIUM AND FRANCE**  
**NOVEMBER 1 – 15, 2025**  
**(ET #788-25)**

**Preliminary Itinerary – December 10, 2024**

Note: It is the responsibility of all participants to be in possession of the correct documentation needed to meet the entry requirements of your destination and return to Canada. Failure to do so will result in participants being denied entry/boarding and returned home at the expense of the individual. Please check entry and transit requirements before you make a deposit. You may be required to travel to another city or province to obtain the correct documents.

Restrictions and requirements for all destinations, as well as re-entry requirements for Canada, are subject to change at any time. More details can be found at <https://travel.gc.ca> and <https://www.ellisontravel.com/sherpa>

~ **Canadian Citizens require a valid passport.** Authorities at your destination require that Canadian passports are valid for 3 months beyond your return date. Ellison Travel & Tours recommends passports are valid for a minimum 6 months beyond your return date.

~ **Non-Canadian travellers:** Please contact Ellison Travel & Tours by filling in this request form <https://www.ellisontravel.com/documentation>. Please note that wait times for visas and other documents can be extremely long. We suggest checking wait times before making a non-refundable deposit on your trip. We will provide information on the entry and transit and/or visa requirements. It is the responsibility of the traveller to have the correct travel documents for your trip.

**\*\*NEW\*\* Canadian Citizens will ALSO require an electronic authorization to enter Europe:**

**European Union -** As of mid-2025 (exact date still to be announced), the European Union will require an ETIAS Travel Authorization for all travellers who do not require a Schengen visa (including Canadian citizens). Without this ETIAS, entry to the European Union will not be permitted. Travellers will be required to complete the application/purchase the ETIAS individually (cost: €7 Euro). Further information about the application process will be provided by your planner/group leader at the appropriate time.

**Day 1 – Saturday, November, 1 in FLIGHT**

**M**

- For the safety of others, and for your convenience, consider bringing a mask in case you are feeling unwell and/or it is required for entry during your tour.
- meet at **Pearson International Airport - Terminal 3 to check in with Air France** for your flights (groups traveling internationally are to check in 3 hours prior to the scheduled departure time)
- 7:25pm - **depart on Air France flight 357 to Paris, France**
- **meal** served at the discretion of the airline

**Day 2 – Sunday, November 2 to IEPER, BELGIUM**

**M/D**

- **breakfast** inflight prior to landing (new time zone)
- 7:45am - **arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport – Terminal 2, Paris, France**

**\*\*NEW** – As of November 2024, the European Union will launch the Electronic Entry/Exit System (EES), which will monitor non-European travellers' entries and exits to Europe. Upon arrival, you will be asked to provide personal data, have your fingerprints scanned and a photo taken of your face. Anticipate delays as your group completes these formalities. Travellers are not required to do anything in advance of travel.

- clear customs and collect your luggage

- 9:30am - **meet your coach and driver from Verhenne/Keolis** that will remain with you for the duration of the trip
- a motorcoach safety briefing including the use of seat belts when available, will be completed prior to departure (always use seat belts when available and locate the emergency exits if your coach changes during your tour)
- 9:45am - travel to Ieper (approx. 3.5 hrs plus a stop)
- 1:30pm - **check in at the Novotel Ieper Centrum for a 3-night stay** (luggage will be stored if rooms are not ready)
- time to purchase lunch
- 3:00pm - **visit Talbot House and Museum** which was a safe haven during the First World War without distinction of rank or status
- 4:00pm - return to the hotel with time to freshen up and rest
- 7:30pm - **group dinner** at the hotel or a nearby restaurant

### **Day 3 – Monday, November 3 IEPER**

**B**

- 8:00am - **breakfast** included at the hotel
- 9:30am - this morning **visit In Flanders Fields Museum** – You are given a poppy bracelet to move around the interactive museum where you learn the history of the First World War in Ypres
- time to purchase lunch
- board the coach and depart to visit **Tyne Cot Cemetery**, which is the burial site of nearly 12,000 casualties of conflict in the Salient, more than 8,000 of which are unknown soldiers
- stop at **St. Julien Canadian Memorial** at Vancouver Corner commemorating the Canadian 1<sup>st</sup> Division in action on April 22 to 24, 1915
- 4:30pm - return to the hotel
- purchase dinner at a restaurant of your choice
- 8:00pm - take part in the **Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate** – a member of your group will be selected to lay a wreath *\*EE\**
- **The Last Post Ceremony** has become part of the daily life in Ieper (Ypres) and the local people are proud of this simple but moving tribute to the courage and self-sacrifice of those who fell in defense of their town during the Great War
- at the conclusion of the ceremony group members will have free time to spend the remainder of the evening as they wish before returning to the hotel on foot

### **Day 4 – Tuesday, November 4 IEPER**

**B**

- 8:00am - **breakfast** included at the hotel
- 9:00am - board the coach and depart for a **day trip to Bruges** also known as the “Venice of the North” which was liberated by the Manitoba Dragoons on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1944
- 10:30am - on arrival **meet your guide for a walking tour**
- 12:30pm - the remainder of the day is for independent exploring
- an optional trip to the Adagem War Museum and the Leopold Canal will be available (rate to be advised)
- purchase dinner at a restaurant of your choice
- 7:30pm - meet the coach for the return to Ieper
- 9:00pm - arrive back at the hotel

### **Day 5 – Wednesday, November 5 to DIEPPE, FRANCE**

**B/L/D**

- 8:00am - **breakfast** included at the hotel followed by check out
- 9:00am - board your coach and depart for **The Canadian National Memorial Park at Vimy Ridge**, where the Canadian Corps accomplished a great victory using innovative combat techniques over a strategically important and well-defended sector
- 10:00am - on arrival there is time to walk to the monument and enjoy the grounds of the memorial park

- **student led guided tours** of the battlefield trenches and underground tunnels **depart from the Education Centre** every 30 minutes - availability is based on a first come, first served basis with each tour group numbering no more than 25 persons – pre-booked reservations are NOT available so suggest proceeding to the Education Centre / Tour Departure area a little before noon
- 1:00pm - board the coach and travel to Auchonvillers
- 2:00pm - **group lunch at Ocean Villas**
- 3:00pm - continue to the **Beaumont Hamel Newfoundland Memorial**
- enjoy an **independent walking tour** of one of the best preserved WWI Battlefields in Europe, where on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1916 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment was decimated, only minutes after being ordered out of their trenches to “go over the top” - this was only one of the battles that contributed to the loss of a full generation of Newfoundlanders on the Western Front in World War I (student docents are located at various locations to answer your questions)
- 4:15pm - continue to **Dieppe** (approx. 2 hrs)
- 6:30pm - on arrival **check in at the Mercure Dieppe for a 2-night stay**
- 8:00pm - **group dinner** at the hotel or a nearby restaurant

### **Day 6 – Thursday, November 6 DIEPPE**

**B**

- 8:00am - **breakfast** included at the hotel
- 9:00am - **today will be spent visiting the Landing Beaches**
- On August 19, 1942, the disastrous Operation Jubilee took place here, resulting in more than 3,000 Canadian casualties, 916 of them fatalities in a single morning of fighting. This operation continues to be one of the most controversial in Canadian military history as it was a suicide mission carrying an unacceptable loss of life. But those who defend the attack point out that it proved that when a major invasion finally took place, it could not be on a fortified port. Others argue that the valuable intelligence gathered in the raid was worth the cost.
- **tour the main Landing Beaches (Red and White)** where the main thrust of the attack took place on August 19<sup>th</sup>, and **Green Beach at Pourville**, where Lieut-Col Charles Merritt of the South Saskatchewan won the Victoria Cross.
- **Blue Beach at Puys**, was the most difficult of all, and where the Royal Canadian Regiment suffered grievous casualties.
- **visit the Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery** located on the outskirts of Dieppe, in the town of Hautot-Sur-Mer. This cemetery is unique in that its headstones have been placed back-to-back in long double rows, a reflection of a typical German cemetery design. This design remained as the cemetery was established in August 1942, while Dieppe remained in German hands until September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1944, when it was liberated by the Royal Regiment of Canada.
- Canadian fatalities at Dieppe were 916 men; there were 1,946 captured and held as prisoners of war
- 4:30pm - return to the hotel and purchase dinner at a restaurant of your choice

### **Day 7 – Friday, November 7 to BAYEUX**

**B/D**

- 8:00am - **breakfast** included at the hotel followed by check out
- 9:30am - board the coach and depart for **Bayeux** (approx. 3 hrs)
- 12:30pm - on arrival there is time to purchase lunch
- 2:00pm - **meet your local guide for a walking tour of Bayeux**
- 4:00pm - **check in at the Grand Hotel du Luxembourg for a 5-night stay**
- time to freshen up before dinner
- 7:00pm - **group dinner** at a nearby restaurant

### **Day 8 – Saturday, November 8 BAYEUX**

**B**

- 8:00am - **buffet breakfast** included at the hotel
- 9:15am - board your coach and depart Bayeux for **Courseulles-sur-Mer** site of the **Juno Beach Centre** – Canada’s Second World War Museum and Cultural Centre which pays homage to the 45,000 Canadians who lost their lives during the War, 5,500 of which were killed during the Battle of Normandy (359 on D-Day alone)
- 10:00am - enjoy a **guided tour of the beach & bunkers** with a Canadian student guide
- 12:15pm - board the coach and transfer to Courseulles-sur-Mer to purchase lunch (Hotel de Paris or other restaurant of your choice)
- 2:15pm - board the coach and continue your journey
- 2:30pm - arrive in Bernieres-sur-Mer at **Canada House** (formerly Queen’s Own Rifles House) which is one of the most iconic buildings in Canadian military history. It was one of the first houses liberated by Canadian soldiers on D-Day, 6 June 1944, and has since become a familiar historic landmark, standing in the backdrop of the many black-and-white photographs showing troops landing on the sands of this village in Normandy. Around the house, more than 100 Canadian soldiers were killed or wounded in the first minutes of the invasion (tentative to operating schedule)
- stop at **Beny-Sur-Mer** to visit the **Canadian War Cemetery**
- a stop will be made at **Abbaye d’Ardennes – Canadian War Memorial** where 20 Canadians were executed
- 5:30pm - estimated arrival back at the hotel with dinner and the evening at leisure

### **Day 9 – Sunday, November 9 BAYEUX**

**B**

- 8:00am - **buffet breakfast** included at the hotel
- 9:00am - board the coach and depart for a day of touring
- 9:30am - visit the **D-Day Beaches** including Sword Beach, St. Aubin and the Gold Beach
- 10:30am - continue to **Arromanches**
- 11:15am - **visit Arromanches 360** where the 100 days of the Battle of Normandy are projected on 9 screens
- time to purchase lunch in Arromanches
- 2:15pm - board the coach and depart for **Rots**
- 3:00pm - late afternoon stop at **Ferme Billy** for a **tour and Calvados tasting** *\*EE\**
- 4:30pm - board the coach and return to Bayeux
- 5:00pm - dinner and the remainder of the evening at leisure

### **Day 10 – Monday, November 10 BAYEUX**

**B**

- 8:00am - **breakfast** included at the hotel
- today is a free day for exploring as you wish
- visit the Bayeux Tapestry (optional – rates to be advised)
- take a day trip to Mont St. Michel (optional – rates to be advised)
- meet your guide and take a drive to Bernières-sur-Mer and then enjoy a beach walk with focus on nature, to Courseulles-sur-Mer followed by some free time before returning to Bayeux (max 7 people) (optional – rates to be advised)

### **Day 11 – Tuesday, November 11 BAYEUX**

**B/pL**

- 8:00am - **breakfast** included at the hotel (pick up your packed lunch before departing the hotel)
- 9:30am - travel to **Courseulles-sur-Mer** to attend the **morning Remembrance Ceremony**
- a **packed lunch** is provided today
- 3:00pm - attend the **afternoon Remembrance Ceremony at the Juno Beach Centre followed by a cocktail reception** *\*EE\**
- 5:00pm - board the coach and return to Bayeux
- purchase dinner at a restaurant of your choice

**Day 12 – Wednesday, November 12 to PARIS**

**B/pL/D**

- 7:15am - **breakfast** included at the hotel followed by check out (pick up your packed lunches)
- 8:30am - board the coach and depart for **Giverny** (approx. 2. 25 hrs)
- 11:00am - **visit the home and splendid gardens of Claude Monet**
  - enjoy your packed lunch in Giverny
- 2:30pm - board the coach and continue to **Paris** (approx. 1.5 hrs with extra time for traffic)
- 4:30pm - on arrival **check in at the Novotel Paris Centre Bercy for a 3-night stay**
- 7:00pm - **group dinner** at the hotel or a nearby restaurant

**Day 13 – Thursday, November 13 PARIS**

**B**

- 8:00am - **breakfast** included at the hotel
- 9:00am - meet your guide and begin a **guided coach tour of Paris**
  - the afternoon is free to explore as you wish – a **2-day metro pass** is provided for getting around Zones 1 - 3
  - you may wish to stroll along the Champs Elysees or visit Montmartre
  - visit Notre Dame Cathedral (optional – rates to be advised)
  - afternoon trip to Versailles (optional – rates to be advised)
  - purchase dinner at a restaurant of your choice
  - evening visit to the Eiffel Tower (optional – rates to be advised)

**Day 14 – Friday, November 14 PARIS**

**B/D**

- 8:00am - **breakfast** included at the hotel
  - today is free for independent sightseeing – you may wish to take a ride on the Bateaux Parisienne, visit the Louvre or one of the many museums (optional - rates to be advised)
- 7:30pm - **group farewell dinner**

**Day 15 – Saturday, November 15 HOME**

**B/M**

When returning to Canada by air into one of Canada’s 10 participating airports, travellers 16 years of age and older can use the optional Advance Declaration feature in Arrive CAN to save time by submitting their customs and immigration declaration in advance of arrival. More information and the list of participating airports can be found at <https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/services/arrivecan.html#>

- 8:00am - **breakfast** included at the hotel followed by check out
- 9:15am - board the coach and depart for the airport
- 10:45am - arrive at **Charles de Gaulle Airport – Terminal 2**, to **check in with Air France** for your flight (groups traveling internationally are to check in 3 hours prior to the scheduled departure time)
- 1:45pm - **depart on AF 356 to Toronto, ON**
  - **meals** served at the discretion of the airline
- 4:10pm - **arrive Pearson International Airport – Terminal 3, Toronto** (new time zone)
  - clear customs and claim your luggage
  - Welcome home!

**B - Breakfast / pB – Packed Breakfast / L – Lunch / pL – Packed Lunch / D - Dinner /  
M – Airline Meal / S – Snack - denote meals included in tour cost**

Please advise your group leader in advance of any allergy and/or dietary restriction, so that we can advise our suppliers of the request. Not every location may be able to accommodate allergy and/or meal requirements for unique circumstances.

**\*Itinerary is tentative and subject to final confirmation\***

**GROUP NAME:** CanHist Remembrance Tour  
**ET:** 788-25  
**TRAVEL DATES:** November 1 – 15, 2025  
**DESTINATION:** Belgium and France  
**DEPARTURE POINT:** Toronto, ON

**ESTIMATED TOUR PRICE:**

Based on # of travellers	Tour Price	Insurance Price (Includes PST if applicable)	GST/HST Amount	Total Tour Price per person
20 paying travellers + 2 complimentary travellers	\$7,834.45 - \$7,934.45	Optional	\$4.55	= \$7,839.00 - \$7,939.00
15 paying travellers + 2 complimentary travellers	\$9,030.45 - \$9,130.45	Optional	\$4.55	= \$9,035.00 - \$9,135.00
Single Supplement (limited availability): \$1,529.00 per person				

\*\*All prices in Canadian Dollars unless otherwise noted

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