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**CFCW's
Dean Thorpe**



**Canadian Military Historian
Tom Leppard B.A., M.A.**

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Escorted from Alberta

Guided Canadian Military History Tour of Europe

Honoring the Legacy – From Juno Beach to Liberation

May 13–26, 2026 | 14 Days | France, Belgium & The Netherlands

\$5,999 CAD per person based on double occupancy (Tour is based on 25 guests attending)

Join CFCW's Dean Thorpe and Canadian Military Historian Tom Leppard on this Military tour focused exclusively on the Canadian involvement in WWI & WWII.

Tom Leppard, our accredited Canadian Military Historian, leads this tour, taking you through the battlefields and historic sites where the Canadian Military fought and played a critical role in liberating the Netherlands. This tour also includes a professional local tour guide.

This tour is a tribute to the courage and legacy of Canadian soldiers who served in the two Great Wars. Walk where they walked. Remember where they fell. Celebrate the freedom they helped secure.

Tour Highlights:

- Military Guide - Tom Leppard - Military Historian
- Host Dean Thorpe from 840 CFCW Radio
- Tour Guide - Professional Tour Guide
- Juno Beach & Normandy Landings
- Dieppe Raid Sites
- Vimy Ridge & The Somme
- Ypres Salient & Menin Gate
- Liberation of Belgium & The Netherlands
- All accommodations, most meals, motor coach transportation, and immersive experiences included

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Day 1 | Wednesday, May 13

Departure from Canada

Begin your unforgettable journey tracing Canada's proud military heritage through Europe. Overnight flight to Paris.

FR Day 2 | Thursday, May 14

Arrival in Paris – Transfer to Caen



- Refresh stop en route at Aire de Bosgouet Nord
- Visit the moving Caen Peace Memorial, exploring the roots and aftermath of WWII
- Check-in and early group dinner

 Included Meals: Dinner



Day 3 | Friday, May 15

D-Day: Canada at Juno Beach

- Tour Pegasus Bridge
- Visit St. Aubin-sur-Mer, Courseulles-sur-Mer, and the powerful Juno Beach Centre
- Reflect at Bény-sur-Mer Canadian Cemetery
- Explore Abbaye d'Ardenne, site of Canadian POW executions
- Visit Bretteville-sur-Laize Cemetery

 Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4 | Saturday, May 16

Defending Juno: Counterattacks & Coastal Defenses



- Explore battlefield sites: Authie, Putot-en-Bessin, and Bretteville-l'Orgueilleuse
- Discover the engineering marvels at Arromanches (Mulberry Harbours)
- Visit Longues-sur-Mer Battery and Omaha Beach
- Stop in Bayeux to see the legendary Tapestry

 Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5 | Sunday, May 17

Honfleur & The Tragedy of Dieppe

- Stroll through Honfleur, Champlain's departure point
- Lunch by the harbour, shop for local Calvados
- In Dieppe, explore the Jubilee Museum and town at leisure
- Evening at leisure—dine in one of Dieppe's charming waterfront restaurants

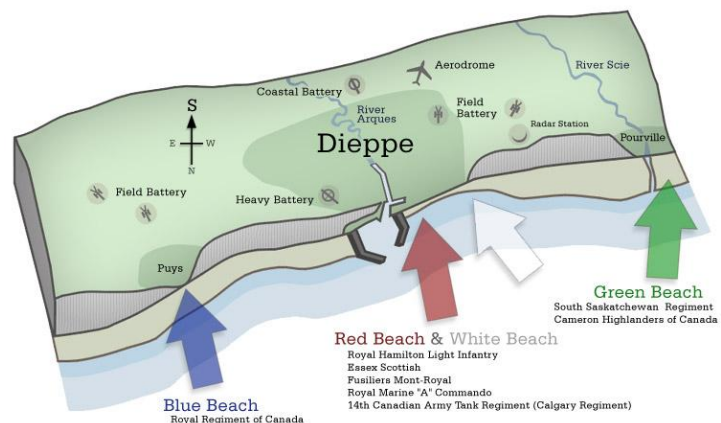
🍴 Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 6 | Monday, May 18

Operation Jubilee Remembered – Dieppe to Arras

- Walk Red and Blue Beaches and Pourville
- Visit the Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery
- Travel to Arras, historic WWI hub and Allied HQ

🍴 Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 7 | Tuesday, May 19

Battle of the Somme

- Visit Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial
- Pay tribute at the Thiepval Memorial
- Lunch at Avril Williams' trench guesthouse
- Return to Arras for dinner and reflection

🍴 Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 8 | Wednesday, May 20

Vimy Ridge to Ypres



- Guided visit to the Vimy Memorial, a symbol of Canadian unity
- Explore preserved trenches, tunnels, and the battlefield
- Continue to Ypres, Belgium for check-in and dinner at Les Halles

🍴 Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



🗓 Day 9 | Thursday, May 21

The Ypres Salient & Last Post Ceremony

- Full-day exploration of the Ypres Salient: Passchendaele, Sanctuary Wood, Hill 62
 - Visit Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest Commonwealth cemetery
 - Enjoy lunch at a local cheese farm, De Oude Kaasmakerij
 - Evening: Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony
 - Dinner on your own in Ypres
- 🍴 Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



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Friday, May 22

Day Trip to Brugge



- Guided walking tour of Brugge – cobbled streets, canals, and Flemish charm
 - Free time for shopping, chocolate, and lace
 - Group dinner in Brugge before returning to Ypres
- 🍴 Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11 | Saturday, May 23

Liberation Route: Belgium to the Netherlands


- Explore Battle of the Scheldt: Adegem, Middelburg, Flushing
 - Learn how Canadians opened vital supply lines to Antwerp
 - Travel to Arnhem, dinner and check-in
- 🍴 Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12 | Sunday, May 24

Arnhem to Amsterdam via Groesbeek

- Photo stop at John Frost Bridge, from Operation Market Garden
- Visit Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery
- Arrive in Amsterdam and enjoy a scenic canal cruise
- Group dinner and hotel check-in

🍽️ Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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Day 13 | Monday, May 25

Amsterdam & Farewell Dinner



- Optional guided city tour: Anne Frank House, Dam Square, Rijksmuseum
- Free time to explore cafés, museums, and canals
- Farewell group dinner

🍽️ Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 14 | Tuesday, May 26

Return to Canada

Transfer to the airport with memories of bravery, sacrifice, and national pride.

🍽️ Included Meals: Breakfast

Optional Pre & Post Tours

This tour begins in Paris and ends in Amsterdam

Please ask about pre- and post-tours in Europe.

Deposit: Due at time of booking - Please Note: Tour is based on 25 guests attending
\$1000 per person is required to hold your spot for this special price (\$250 is Non-refundable)
Final payment is due on March 11th, 2026

Contact Network Travel to join this group.

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