

Belgium, Battlefields and historic towns - Accompanied tour 2022



The basics:

June 2nd – 6th, 5 day Tour

Destination Belgium, age range 25+

Operator: BWDE Tours

Max group size: 14 bikes

Deposit: £120 non refundable (Can be paid as £60 initially, then via our payment plan)

We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to explore Belgium's charismatic towns and cities, and the history of the WW1 battles fought there. This is suitable for all levels of experience, and is also great for pillion riders. We will be based in two centres with a two night stay in each.

The itinerary:

Thursday June 2nd

Channel crossing by train or ferry TBA, followed by a leisurely ride to Ghent, (possibly via the Dodengang trenches) and our first two night stop. We have chosen this charismatic guest house for its position and atmosphere, located in the ancient Carmelite monastery in the heart of Ghent. It offers beautiful guest rooms including ensuite bathroom with walk-in shower, air conditioning, and wifi. (Note – there are no TV's in the room). Backing onto a park, and with parking supplied, this is a wonderful place to relax after exploring the city. There is no restaurant or bar, but there are plenty of places to eat and drink nearby, and maybe a BYO nightcap in the park or the gardens.

Friday June 3rd

Options for day 2 are a thorough exploration of Ghent, or if you had a good look around on the first evening, it is an easy trip to Brugge on the train which is a tram ride away.

Saturday June 4th

On leaving Ghent after breakfast, we will visit the Tyne Cot Cemetery which is the resting place of 11,954 soldiers of the Commonwealth Forces, and its memorial to the missing. From there we visit Passchendaele museum and memorial gardens. The museum is an outstanding series of informative displays, devoted to the 1917 Battle of Passchendaele, where in 1917 in only 100 days, almost 500,000 men were killed for only eight kilometres gain of ground. It also includes a mock-up of the trenches, and beautiful gardens where we can lunch.

On arrival in Ypres (or Leper as it is known locally) we settle into our hotel for two nights – located close to St. Martin's Cathedral, the 'In Flanders Field Museum' and the Menin Gate memorial. Parking is nearby.

Sunday June 5th

There is plenty to explore in Ypres, including the town walls either side of the Menin Gate and the museum. Alternatively, we can offer a rideout to some of the other wartime sites, such as Hooge and Polygon Wood.

If you haven't already attended on the first night, the daily last post ceremony at the Menin Gate is a must.

Monday June 6th

After breakfast, we head back to our channel crossing, and the end of the trip.

Ferry / train details:

TBA

Prices:

Rider sharing with rider £635 pp

Rider sharing with pillion £585 pp

Rider single occupancy £810 pp

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

Ferry or Eurotunnel crossing TBC

4 nights in 3 star accommodation, Bed & Breakfast

Parking fees at the hotels

Regional Tourist Taxes

Route information including GPS co-ordinates for key locations

Tour co-ordinators - accompanied ride-outs (optional)

Corner marking system of navigation

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

Fuel

Meals and Drinks (other than detailed above)

Entrance to Visitor centres, museums etc.

Personal Travel Insurance

Motorcycle insurance

Vehicle Breakdown cover (including repatriation to the UK)

Cost of any required EU documentation / entry requirements