



Meet Your Canadian Military Historian



Tom Leppard

A native of Calgary, Tom Leppard has devoted his life to bringing Canadian history to life. With a graduate degree in Canadian military history from the University of Calgary, Tom has published widely and earned multiple awards for his work as a historian and documentary writer. His film The Forgotten Fallen—honoring overlooked Canadian war heroes—won two prestigious Telly Awards in 2016.

A gifted educator, Tom spent much of his career as a history teacher before serving as President of Valour Canada, a national organization dedicated to preserving and promoting Canada's military heritage. Today, Tom combines his lifelong passions—history, golf, and travel—by leading journeys that offer unique insight into Canada's wartime legacy.

Tom is married, a proud father of two, and a devoted grandfather. Whether on the fairway or at a battlefield site, his warm style and deep knowledge make him a compelling and trusted historian.

Highlights

- Explore Juno Beach, Pegasus Bridge, and Arromanches where Canadian troops helped shape the course of WWII.
- Stand in Canada's footsteps at Vimy Ridge and the battlefields of the Somme.
- Honor the fallen at Tyne Cot and Passchendaele, then witness the moving Last Post in Ypres.
- Experience Omaha Beach and Dieppe, two unforgettable courses set on the shores of legacy.
- Enjoy scenic rounds in Amiens and Ypres, with time to soak in their charm and stories.
- Your journey, your way: play the golf rounds of your choosing, or join our specially curated sightseeing program showcasing the rich history and culture of the region.

Tour Costs in Canadian Dollars

\$5,900*

Per Person, twin-share

\$1,595

Single Supplement

*Based on a minimum of 25 travelers

Golf Costs in Canadian Dollars

\$165*

Per Round per Person

For the comfort and enjoyment of all participants, a maximum handicap of 25 for men and 30 for women is respectfully requested.

Included

- Accommodation in superior tourist class hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Private air-conditioned coach transportation
- Comprehensive sightseeing incl. Military Historian, local guides and admission fees as per itinerary
- Green Fees at courses as per itinerary
- Gratuities for drivers and guides
- Local taxes and service charges
- · Excursions for non golfers

Not Included

- International Flights
- Travel Insurance (Please contact our office)
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- · Golf Club Rental
- · Golf Carts
- Some entrance fees for non-golf excursions
- Items of a personal nature



Day 01 May 28, Thu:	Depart Canada Begin your unforgettable journey as you board your overnight flight to Paris, ready to explore the crossroads of golf, heritage, and Canadian history.
Day 02 May 29, Fri:	Arrive Paris - Caen Arrive Paris in the morning hours, where we will be met by our Tour Guide & Historian. Drive to Caen and visit the Caen Peace Museum before checking into our hotel. (D)
Day 03 May 30, Sat:	Caen After breakfast depart the hotel and visit the Pegasus Memorial. Explore Canada's heroic role in the Normandy landings at Juno Beach Arromanches, Longues-sur-Mer, Bernières-sur-Mer Cemetery, and Abbaye d'Ardenne. (B,D)
Day 04 May 31, Sun:	Caen Play a memorable round at Omaha Beach Golf Club, where the fairways overlook the legendary D-Day shores. Optional visit to Omaha Beach if time permits. Non-Golfers: Drive to Musée Memorial de la Bataille de Normandie and visit Bayeux historic centre, Notre Dame cathedral and a very romantic, typically Normandic commercial area. Lunch on your own. (B,D)



Itinerary

Day 05 June 01, Mon:	Caen - Dieppe Travel to Dieppe and explore the powerful story of the 1942 raid. Visit the Dieppe War Cemetery, Jubilee Centre, Pourville (Merritt Bridge), and the historic beach. (B,D)
Day 06 June 02, Tue:	Dieppe - Ypres Begin with a round at Dieppe Golf Club, then journey through the countryside into Belgium and settle into Ypres, in the heart of Flanders. Non-Golfers: Tour of Dieppe, with visit to the Dieppe castle and castle museum, dedicated to the naval history of the region. Leisurely lunch on your own in hospitable Dieppe Dinner at a local restaurant in Ypres. (B,D)
Day 07 June 03, Wed:	Ypres Visit Essex Farm/John McCrae's dressing station, Vancouver Corner & Studentenfriedhof Langemark German Cemetery. Lunch at the Old Cheese Factory. Visit Passchendaele 1917 Museum and Tyne Cot Cemetery. In the evening, attend the Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate. Dinner on your own. (B,L)
Day 08 June 04, Thu:	Ypres Tee off at Palingbeek Golf Club, a beautiful course built on a former battlefield. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon and evening in charming Ypres. Non-Golfers: Excursion to Bruges or spend the day in Ypres, visiting the Flanders Fields museum, St George's Chapel, St Martin's Cathedral. Do some shopping in the cozy city centre. Dinner at a local restaurant in Ypres. (B,D)
Day 09 June 05, Fri:	Ypres - Amiens Visit the Vimy Memorial and Memorial Park on Hill 145. Stop for lunch in the Arras historic town center. Continiue to Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial, Sunken Lane Memorial, Beaumont-Hamel British Cemetery & Hawthorn Ridge Crater. (B,D)

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Day 10 June 06, Sat:	Amiens Enjoy a round at the peaceful Golf Club d'Amiens. Non-Golfers: Discover Arras - the canals, cathedral, and markets of this lively northern French city. Visit Saint-Leu, Jules Verne House, Musée de Picardie, and the Hortillonages gardens. (B,D)
Day 11 June 07, Sun:	Amiens Experience a scenic coach tour through the Somme 1916 battlefield, visit The Somme Museum, Lochnagar Crater, Tank Corps Memorial, Courcelette Canadian Battlefield Memorial, Courcelette British Cemetery, Adanac Military Cemetery & Cambrai historic town centre. (B,D)
Day 12 June 08, Mon:	Amiens - Napmont - Amiens Play a round at Golf de Nampont Saint Martin, set on a historic estate amid scenic countryside—an elegant and relaxing 18 holes. Non Golfers - Visit Saint Valery Sur Somme - visit of the bucolic harbour town. (B,D)
Day 13 June 09, Tue:	Amiens - Versailles - Paris (Charles De Gaulle) Time for one more round at Le National before travelling back to Paris for an overnight stay near Charles de Gaulle Airport in preparation for your flight home. Non Golfers - visit the former Royal Palace, made famous by Louis XIV and, later, Marie-Antoinette. Leisurely lunch on your own. (B,D)
Day 14 June 10, Wed:	Depart for Canada After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart France with unforgettable memories of iconic battlefields, historic fairways, and a journey shared with fellow Canadian travellers. (B)

Some itinerary items may change due to local circumstances. We trust that the final program is inline with what the theme of the tour is all about

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT:

\$1,000 per person deposit due at time of booking 2nd installment of \$2,000 pp due by November 28, 2025 Balance due by February 27, 2026

Tour documents will be sent to you approximately 14 days prior to your trip departure, provided full payment has been received.

TOUR PRICES:

All tour prices for land arrangements are based on rates effective at the time of printing and are expected to be in effect at the time of departure. Should these rates change, it may be necessary to surcharge the price of your vacation. Should the tour price increase by more than 10%, the passenger shall have the right to cancel within seven days of notification without penalty.

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TRAVEL INSURANCE:

STI strongly recommends that each tour participant has health, cancellation, interruption, accident and baggage insurance for the duration of his/her travels.



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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, VISAS AND VACCINES:

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AIRLINE RESPONSIBILITY:

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