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Battlefield Belgium & France

Day One

Board your overnight flight to Brussels!

Day Two

Arrive in Brussels

Guided Tour of Brussels
Meet with your local tour director at the airport and take time to explore the city at your own pace. Later, enjoy a guided tour of the city's beautiful sites before taking the evening to make sure you haven't missed anything prior to your departure tomorrow.

Overnight in Brussels

Day Three

Transfer to Ypres

Visit to the Ypres Salient
This city was home to some of the most remarkable battles of the First World War. The highlight of your visit will be a stop in at the **Essex Farm Cemetery**, the site that inspired Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae to write his famous poem "In Flanders Fields." A stop in at the **Flanders Fields Museum** showcases some of the most prevalent events of WWI.

Visit to the Tyne Cot British Cemetery
This cemetery sits on top of the land that acted as a stage for one of the deadliest battles in history, a beautiful and momentous stop on your tour of Ypres.

Visit to the Sanctuary Wood Museum and the German Cemetery at Langemark
The informative **Sanctuary Wood Museum** pairs with the **German Cemetery at Langemark** to provide you with a different perspective on WWI.

Attend the Last Post at the Menin Memorial Gate
This stirring memorial bears the names of the 54,896 British soldiers who were killed on August 16th, 1917. Your stop at this site features the Last Post ceremony, a stirring performance at this beautiful monument.

Overnight in Ypres

Day Four

Visit to Vimy Ridge
This historic site, situated just across the borders of Belgium and France, was the location of perhaps the most notable victory in Canada's military history. Your visit gives you a scenic view of the site, as well as a chance to learn about this significant area.

Visit to the Beaumont Hamel Newfoundland Memorial Park and the Thiepval Memorial
This site provides you with a tour of the infamous trenches that defined combat in WWI. You will have lunch at the **Ocean Villas Tea Rooms** before continuing to the **Thiepval Memorial**, the largest British war memorial in the world.

Transfer to Bayeux

Overnight in Bayeux

Day Five

Tour of the D-Day Beaches
This tour features the **Sword**, **Juno** and **Gold Beaches**, locations brimming with historical significance. A stop at **Pegasus Bridge** and the new museum tell the story of the 6th (Airborne) Division on the June 6th, 1944, the day known as D-Day. Next, your tour takes you to the new **Juno Beach Centre** and exhibits at **Courseulles-sur-Mer**. The only significant Canadian memorial that marks our World War II achievements across the continent.

Visit to the Bény-sur-Mer Canadian Military Cemetery
This cemetery predominantly holds Canadian soldiers killed during the early stages of the Battle of Normandy in the Second World War. Bény-sur-Mer was created as a permanent resting place for Canadian soldiers who had been temporarily interred in smaller plots close to where they fell.

Overnight in Bayeux

Day Six

Visit to Longues-sur-mer
Your day begins with a visit to the guns at this significant location, followed by a stop at the **American Cemetery and Memorial** with a beautiful view over Omaha beach. You will then continue on to a breathtaking visit to **Pointe due Hoc Ranger Monument** and **La Cambe**.

Leisure Time in Bayeux
Take the rest of the evening to enjoy the sights and sounds of Bayeaux, or to relax at your beautiful accommodation at the **Chateau du Molay**.

Overnight in Bayeux

Day Seven

Transfer to Paris

Guided Tour of Paris
A guided tour of this magnificent city awaits your arrival, where you will experience highlights such as **Pont-Neuf**, the **Notre-Dame Cathedral**, the **Arc de Triomphe**, **Chaillot Palace**, the **Eiffel Tower** and **L'Opera**.

Evening Visit to the Eiffel Tower
Use the Metro to Bir Hakiem station and disembark at the base of the **Eiffel Tower**, awe-inspiring when lit up at night. Those who are feeling adventurous can take the elevator up to the third level and gaze down across the Parisian landscape.

Overnight in Paris

Day Eight

Visit to the Chateau de Versailles
Today's adventure beings by taking the RER to the **Chateau de Versailles** to visit the beautiful 17th century palace and its surrounding gardens. You will see the Grand Apartment, the Hall of Mirrors and the King's and Queen's suites.

Cruise on the River Seine
Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the **River Seine** on the famous **Bateaux Mouches** before taking the rest of the day to discover Paris at your own pace.

Overnight in Paris

Day Nine

Leisure Time in Paris
Today is yours to experience! Feel free to revisit your favorite areas of the city, take in a piece of authentic French culture and explore the local corners of Paris off the beaten path. Make the most of your last day in this beautiful city.

Overnight in Paris

Day Ten

Transfer to Airport for Return Flight
Your tour guide assists with your transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.