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## 3 Day Battlefield Tour

# **Ypres & Somme**



#### Day 1

#### Lijssenthoek

Causes of the Great War; 1914 battles; Ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; Empire troops; The role of women in the Great War.

# Bayernwald – German trench system

The development of Trench warfare; Use of ground; Trench construction; Daily routine; Technology; Problems with trench fighting.

#### **Optional:**

- Menin Gate
- Rebuilding Ypres.
- Chocolate shopping and dinner in Ypres.
- Menin Gate ceremony
- Last Post Ceremony

### Day 2

#### **Sunken Lane**

The Somme 1916; Kitchener's Army and the Pals Battalions; Recruitment; The Plan for 1st July 1916; 1st Bn Lancashire Fusiliers; 'Going over the top'.

#### **Newfoundland Memorial Park**

The Newfoundland Regiment on 1st July; Preserved trench system and an opportunity to walk across the battlefield.

#### **Auchonvillers**

An opportunity for the whole group to handle equipment and weaponry and for a member of the group to dress in Great War uniform.

#### **Ulster Tower**

The Story of the 36th Ulster Division; Background to the Troubles: the story of Billy McFadzean VC.

#### **Lochnagar Crater**

The use of Mine warfare in the Great War.

#### **Thiepval Memorial to the Missing**

The Somme – a British victory? The impact of the battle; A chance for reflection.



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#### Day 3

#### Poperinghe - The Firing Post

Military discipline in the Great War; Courts Martial; Punishment and executions.

#### Hill 60

New methods of warfare; Mining; The use of Gas.

# Langemarck Germany Cemetery - German Perspective

German cemetery ethos; Slaughter of the Innocents; Hitler's 1940 visit; Causes of WW2; Reconciliation.

#### Vancouver Corner - Gas

Poison gas and its effects; WMD today.

#### **Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917**

Museum with a British bunker system; An opportunity for the whole group to handle equipment & weaponry and for a member of the group to dress in Great War uniform.

### **Tyne Cot - Remembrance**

1917 – 3rd Ypres (Passchendaele); 1918 – the end of the war; Remembrance – option of wreath-laying.