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## 2 DAY TOUR

# Development of Warfare Tour: Agincourt and The Somme

### Day 1

#### **The Agincourt Visitor Centre and Museum**

The British Army 1415: recruitment, training and composition of a feudal army. The roles of the infantry, archer and the knight. New forms of weaponry: kit demonstration, the longbow.

#### **Battlefield walk**

Understanding the size of the battlefield. How did the army's commander direct the troops? Tactics & technology: what formations were used on the battlefield and why. Opening moves: French cavalry charge and subsequent advance of Men at Arms. New forms of weaponry: the impact of the longbow.

#### **Agincourt Battlefield Memorial**

What was the outcome of the battle for the English army? Plundering the battlefield. The impact of Agincourt on the army and civilians.

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## Day 2

After breakfast depart for the Somme by coach with packed lunch

### **Newfoundland Memorial Park**

The British Army 1916: recruitment, training and composition. How had the army changed since Waterloo? Professionals, volunteers and conscripts. Understanding the growing size of the battlefield: how did a commander direct the troops?

### **Battlefield walk**

Tactics & technology: What battlefield formations were used and why. The nature of trench warfare and attrition. Industrialised warfare: the development of machine guns and poison gas. The impact of artillery

### **Auchonvillers – Show and tell with packed Lunches**

New forms of weaponry: kit demonstration: weaponry and equipment of Tommy Atkins on the Western Front

### **Lochnagar Crater**

The development of mine warfare during the Great War

### **Bazentin Ridge**

Tactics & technology: What tactics were used to overcome deadlock in the trenches. The role of cavalry on the Western Front. Generalship during the Great War.

### **Caterpillar Valley CWGC**

The development and changing nature of aerial warfare

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

What was the outcome of the Battle for the Somme for British army? The impact of the Great War on the army and civilians. War reporting, censorship and propaganda. Lessons learned and developments up to the turn of the twentieth century. Warfare in the modern era. Hi-tech weaponry