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2 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.

Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917

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

Langemarck Germany Cemetery – German Perspective

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

Tyne Cot - Remembrance

1917 – 3rd Ypres (Passchendaele); 1918 – the end of the war; Remembrance – an opportunity to reflect.

Vancouver Corner – Gas

Poison gas and its effects; WMD today.

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.

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.