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2 DAY TOUR

Development of Warfare Tour: Ypres & Dunkirk

Day 1

The First World War

Gheluveltdt

1914 The outbreak of War; why did the Schlieffen Plan fail?
From war of manoeuvre to the onset of stalemate.

Bayernwald

The development of Trench warfare; trench routine; life in the Trenches.

Hill 60

1915 – 1916; new methods of warfare; mining; the use of Gas.

Langemarck

German Military Cemetery; 'Slaughter of the Innocents'; the significance of Hitler's 1940 visit; links to the causes of WW2.

Tyne Cot CWGC

British Military Cemetery; 3rd Ypres the Battle of Passchendaele. The Advance to Victory and all arms warfare.

Last Post Ceremony

Day 2

The Second World War

Cassel

The Inter War years; developments in tactics and technology; The Invasion of France 1940; Blitzkrieg Theory.

Cassel Bunker

The "Phoney War"; development of static lines of defence; the purpose of the bunker; how was it taken?

Wormhout

The massacre of 2nd Warwickshire. Ethics in warfare; the Geneva Convention and links to modern conflicts.

Defence of the Canal

The real miracle of Dunkirk; the role of Combat Engineers; the use of air power; communications issues; accounts of those who held the line.

Bray Dunes

The Beach; evacuation of the BEF; Victory or Disaster – the British view? What lessons were learned? Final thoughts and summary.