

WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HISTORY.

The 2012 Juno Beach Professional Development Program for Educators

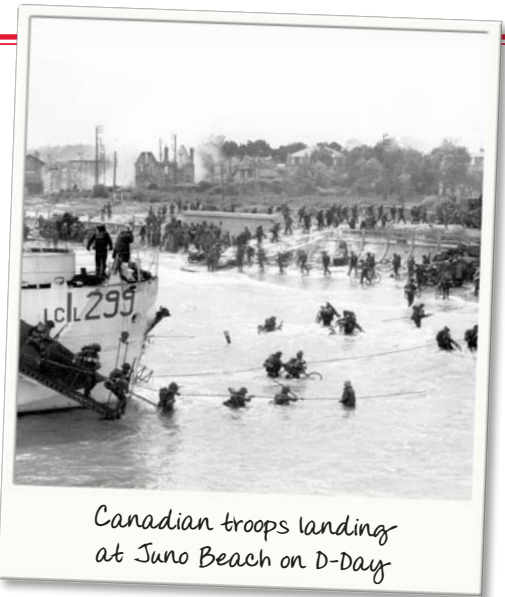
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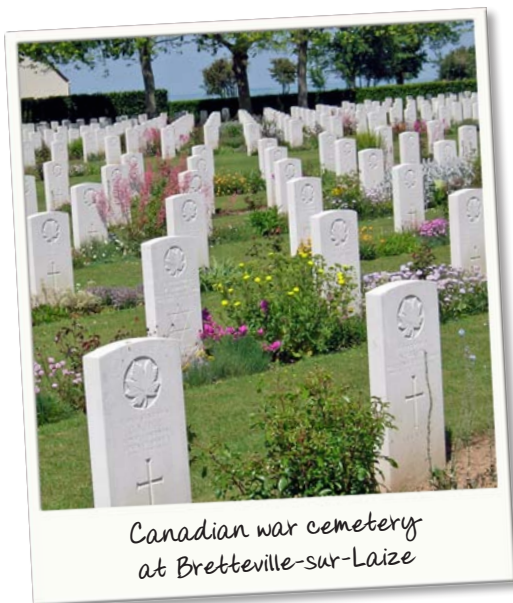
Each year, in August, the Juno Beach Centre Association offers Canadian Educators and those with a passion for military history the opportunity to tour the Juno Beach Centre and discover the 1944 Invasion Beaches and Battle Fields in Normandy, France.

“The JBC Educator’s Trip provided me with an unforgettable opportunity to learn about WWII. No other life experience can compare to walking the battlefields of Normandy or standing in the hauntingly silent cemeteries amongst the soldiers. Nothing has been so meaningful and moving in my years of teaching. I returned home with a renewed sense of appreciation and a deeper understanding which I could share with my students.”

– Carolynne LeBlanc Kobelsky - 2008 Tour participant



Canadian troops landing at Juno Beach on D-Day



Canadian war cemetery at Bretteville-sur-Laize

Educators from across Canada now have the opportunity to apply to participate in our next professional development program scheduled from August 5th to August 14th, 2012. Participants will travel to Northern France and Normandy to gain first hand knowledge of Canada’s participation in WWI & WWII. Trip itinerary includes visits to Canadian battlefields at Vimy Ridge, Beaumont-Hamel, the Falaise Gap, Normandy, and the D-Day landing sites at Juno Beach. Please see page 3 of this document for a full itinerary.

In addition, participants will gain a better understanding of Canadian sacrifices through visits to the Abbaye d’Ardenne, the town of Authie and Canadian War Cemeteries at Bénysur-Mer, Bretteville-sur-Laize, and Dieppe.

A Canadian historian will provide in depth historical content to participants throughout the tour. His expertise and historical perspectives will provide informative and practical knowledge for classroom application.



Our 2011 Tour Historian gives a historical briefing on Juno Beach

“ This tour was possibly the best professional development experience I’ve had in 12 years of teaching.”

– Erik Zeidler - 2011 Tour participant

The 10 day tour covers Vimy Ridge, Beaumont-Hamel, Dieppe, historical sites in Normandy, Omaha and Arromanche with a Remembrance Service at the Bretteville Canadian War Cemetery where 2,500 Canadians are buried. A wind up dinner concludes with a sight seeing day in Paris.

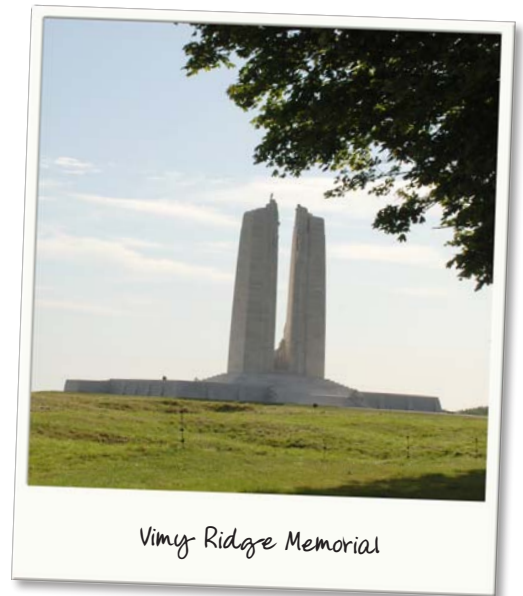
“ The Juno Beach Center Professional Development Tour was a trip of a lifetime! Not only was it educational, well-organized, and enjoyable, but also life-changing. The JBC family, the people of France, and the tour participants collectively helped me to honour my grandfather and enriched my future teaching of WWII. Thank-you.”

– Andrea Bell - 2011 Tour participant

To learn more about this professional development opportunity and to apply for the tour in 2012 please see the application forms and guidelines for educators that are available in the “Education” section of our website at www.junobeach.org.

The travel cost for successful applicants, from/to Pearson Airport in Toronto, will be two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and the Juno Beach Centre Association will cover the balance of the costs (except some meals and personal expenses) of this professional development opportunity.

Space is limited so apply now! More details and an application form can be found at: www.junobeach.org/Centre/english/education/teacher_trip.htm



Vimy Ridge Memorial

Today the Juno Beach Centre stands as a permanent memorial to all Canadians who served our nation during the Second World War. It also serves as an education centre telling Canada’s story from 1939 to 1945 and provides visitors a glimpse into contemporary Canada as well.



Itinerary – The 2012 Juno Beach Professional Development Program for Educators



August 5

We board our overnight Trans-Atlantic flight from Toronto's Pearson International Airport to Paris.

August 6: Arrival in Paris – Arras

We are met by our Tour Director at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris, France.

We immediately make our way to Beaumont Hamel to visit the site that commemorates Newfoundland's contribution to the First World War. Afterwards, we visit the Thiepval

Monument and Interpretive Centre before our arrival at our hotel in Arras. This evening, we enjoy a welcome drink with our Tour Director and fellow travelers.

August 7: Arras – Dieppe

This morning we visit the memorial at Vimy Ridge including a guided tour of the tunnels. Later, we visit the cemeteries of Neuville St. Vaast and La Targette for the German and French respectively. We also stop at the Canadian cemetery of Cabaret Rouge before heading for Normandy to visit the town of Puys. Finally, we arrive in Dieppe for the night. Dinner will be served at a local restaurant before arrival at our hotel.

August 8: Dieppe – Bayeux

This morning we tour Dieppe, visit the town of Pourville and stop at the Dieppe Canadian cemetery. After lunch, we make our way to the D-Day landing beaches area to visit the Pegasus Bridge Memorial and Museum. We then to our hotel in Bayeux for the next five nights.

August 9: Bayeux – Canadian Sector Juno Beach

Today we visit the Juno Beach Centre where we enjoy a guided beach tour, an educational presentation entitled "History on Wheels", and have some time to begin visiting the museum. After a catered lunch by the Centre, we make several stops in the towns of Courseulles-sur-Mer, Bernières-sur-Mer and St-Aubin-sur-Mer. We also stop at the Canadian Cemetery of Bény-sur-Mer in Revers. Later, we return to our hotel where dinner is served this evening.

August 10: Bayeux – Canadian Sector & Battle of Normandy Sites

Today we return to the Juno Beach Centre where we have more time to visit both the permanent and temporary exhibits at the museum. After a brief ceremony and a catered lunch at the Mesnil Party, we visit the Abbaye d'Ardenne and meet Mr. Jacques Vico before returning to our hotel in Bayeux.

August 11: Bayeux – British and American Sectors

This morning we visit Longues-sur-Mer (German Coastal Artillery Battery) and the Musée du Débarquement in Arromanches. Later, we travel to Omaha Beach to visit the Interpretive Centre and the cemetery. We will also stop at Pointe du Hoc and at La Cambe German Cemetery. We then return to our hotel in Bayeux.

August 12: Bayeux – Falaise Pocket Sector

Today we visit Verrières Ridge and attend a ceremony at the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian Cemetery in Cintheaux. After lunch, we visit the Museum at Coudehard-Montormel. In the evening we enjoy dinner hosted by the Juno Beach Centre Association. We then return to our hotel in Bayeux.

August 13: Bayeux – Paris

Sightseeing This morning we check out of our hotel in Bayeux and make our way back to Paris. Upon arrival, a local guide shows us the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysées and we ascend up the Eiffel Tower for an unparalleled view of the city. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the 'City of Light' further.

August 14: Depart Paris

This morning after breakfast, we are transferred to Charles de Gaulle Airport for our return flight to Canada.

* Itinerary is subject to change.