

2015 Itinerary



SATURDAY JULY 25: Departure Toronto – Paris

After an initial welcome briefing at Toronto's Pearson International Airport, we board an overnight transatlantic flight to Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris.

SUNDAY JULY 26: Arrival in Paris – Arras

We are met by our Bus Driver and Tour Director at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris and 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 arrival at our hotel in **Arras**. This evening, we enjoy a welcome reception with our Tour Director and fellow travelers.

MONDAY JULY 27: Arras to Dieppe

This morning we visit the **Memorial at Vimy Ridge** including a guided tour of the tunnels. Later, we visit the German cemetery of **Neuville St. Vaast** and the Canadian cemetery of **Cabaret Rouge** before heading to the town of Amiens for lunch. We then make our way to **Dieppe** for the night. Dinner will be served at a local restaurant.

TUESDAY JULY 28: Dieppe to Honfleur

This morning we tour all three sectors of **Dieppe** where the ill-fated Raid on Dieppe took place in August 1942. We visit the **Royal Regiment of Canada memorial at Puys**, stroll the main beach in Dieppe, and the western sectors in **Pourville**. We also stop at the **Dieppe Canadian cemetery**. Later in the day we make our way to the seaside village of **Honfleur** in Normandy. Overnight in Honfleur.

WEDNESDAY JULY 29: Honfleur -- Ranville -- Juno Beach – Bayeux

We make our way to the D-Day landing beaches to visit the **Pegasus Bridge memorial and museum in Ranville**. We then travel to the Canadian sector for our first briefing on the eastern edge of **Juno Beach at Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer**. An historical walk will follow after lunch, with a visit to **Bernières-sur-Mer**, the famous **Maison des Queen's Own Rifles of Canada**, and **Bény-sur-Mer Canadian cemetery**. We then travel to our hotel in **Bayeux** where we will stay for the next four nights.

THURSDAY JULY 30: Juno Beach Centre Summer Institute

Today we visit the **Juno Beach Centre** where we enjoy a guided tour of the museum, the bunkers, and of course, the beach. Following a catered lunch, the afternoon is dedicated to professional development presentations and workshops with a leading Canadian educator. Discussions include integrating the Historical Thinking Concepts and exploring options for connecting tour experiences to provincial curricula. We return to Bayeux for the evening.

FRIDAY JULY 31: Canadian Sector and Battle of Normandy Sites

Today we follow in the footsteps of the 9th Canadian Brigade as they advanced through Normandy. We stop in the village of **Authie**, and visit the **Abbaye d'Ardennes**, before heading to **Le Mesnil-Patry** to enjoy a traditional Norman lunch with villagers. Later we return to the JBC. Overnight in Bayeux.

SATURDAY AUGUST 1: British and American Sectors

This morning we travel to the American sectors at **Omaha Beach** to visit the **Interpretive Centre and cemetery**. We also stop at **Pointe du Hoc** and at **La Cambe German cemetery**. We head to **Arromanches-les-Bains** for lunch. In the afternoon, we head up the cliffs overlooking the **Mulberry Harbour**. Overnight in Bayeux.

SUNDAY AUGUST 2: Falaise Pocket Sector – Cintheaux – Juno

Today we visit the village of **Verrières** and attend a ceremony at **Cintheaux Canadian cemetery in Bretteville-sur-Laize**. We then head back to the coast for lunch in **Greye-sur-Mer** with local villagers. In the afternoon, retrace the steps of the Western sector of Juno Beach on a guided tour, or enjoy free time in **Courseulles-sur-Mer**. In the evening we enjoy dinner hosted by the Juno Beach Centre Association. Overnight in Bayeux.

MONDAY AUGUST 4: Bayeux – Paris

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 your leisure to explore the 'City of Light'.

TUESDAY AUGUST 5: Paris -- Toronto

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

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