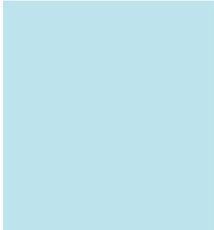
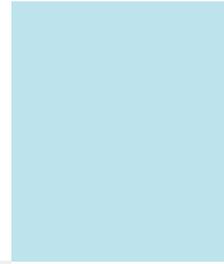


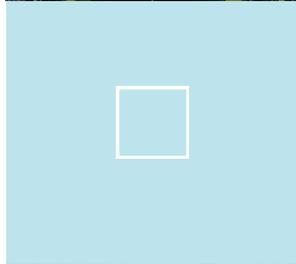
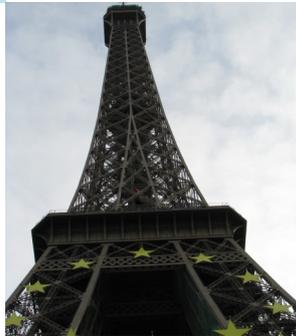


WESTERN FRONT 2020



Menin Gate

Paris

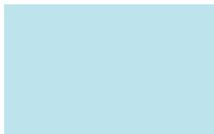
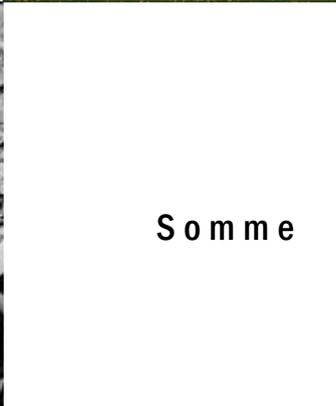


Villers
Bretonneux

Fromelles



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MONDAY 27 JULY

MELBOURNE/PARIS

Depart today on our flight to Paris

TUESDAY 28 JULY

ARRIVE PARIS / YPRES (L)

Early morning arrival, we are met by our driver and English guide/historian as we head to Ypres and our hotel.

WEDNESDAY 29 JULY

YPRES (B)

Today we will tour the Ypres Salient with special emphasis on places where the ANZACs fought. These will include Polygon Wood for a battlefield walk through the area captured by Australians in October 1917, Tyne Cot Cemetery, Hill 60 (Messines), Menin Road, Hellfire Corner and Hooghe Crater. Lunch will be with noted historian and fundraiser for Brothers in Arms Memorial, Johan Vandewalle at Polygon Wood. In the evening we will attend the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate.

THURSDAY 30 JULY

YPRES/ FROMELLES /ARRAS (B,D)

Today we travel to Fromelles the scene of the disastrous Australian battle undertaken by McCay's 5th Division in July 1916. We will visit VC Corner Australian Cemetery, the new Australian Museum and Cemetery from the Pheasant Wood excavation and the "Cobbers" memorial. We will also visit the site of the Battle of Loos in 1915, the major attack by the British where Rudyard Kipling's son, John, lost his life. We will see his grave and hear his interesting story. We will also visit the memorial to the 1914 truce at Frelinghien where soldiers from both sides played football and sang carols together.

FRIDAY 31 JULY

SOMME BATTLEFIELDS/AMIENS (B,D)

Today we will visit the major sights on the main part of the Somme battlefields. We will walk Brind's Road, Pozieres Battlefield, visit the Gibraltar & Windmill sites, Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Mouquet Farm, Ulster Tower, Lochnager Crater, Beaumont Hamel trenches

SATURDAY 01 AUGUST

ALBERT/ HERLEVILLE/PERONNE (B,D)

This morning we will visit the underground shelter at Albert, the town behind the British lines from 1916-18 and then head to Compiègne to visit the clearing and replica railway carriage where the Armistice was signed. (Herleville a place where Bryan has contacts from earlier groups)

SUNDAY 02 AUGUST

VILLERS BRETONNEUX (B,D)

Today we look at the Allied defence and subsequent advance from April 1918. We will visit the town of Villers-Bretonneux where the school was rebuilt by donations from Victoria and now houses a museum, Adelaide Cemetery where the Unknown Soldier's body was taken from, Heath Cemetery for the Aussie VCs graves and Le Hamel to study Monash's well-planned attack of July 4th, 1918. We then head to Amiens where we will visit the Cathedral.

MONDAY 03 AUGUST

ARRAS/PARIS (B)

We head for Paris mid morning with possible stops enroute, before this evening we take in the ceremony of the flame at l arc de triomphe.

TUESDAY 04 AUGUST

PARIS (B,D)

Today enjoy the sights of Paris our sightseeing tour covers the highlights of this wonderful city and includes a cruise on the River Seine followed by an ascent of the Eiffel Tower in the afternoon. Tonight a farewell dinner at a typical Parisian Bistro.

WEDNESDAY 05 AUGUST

PARIS (B)

Today transfer to the airport

Cost: \$7740-00 per person twin share
\$1550-00 Single Supplement

Cost includes:

Economy class airfares
Airport & Departure taxes
3-4 star Accommodation based on twin share
Sightseeing as per itinerary
Meals as per itinerary B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner
Transfers throughout
Travel by air conditioned coach
Services of local tour guide/historian
Fully Escorted from Australia by Bryan MacKenzie
Tips to driver/guide

Not Included:

Items of a personal nature ie. Phone calls, drinks etc
Meals not specified
Travel Insurance
Passports & visas

**Costs are based on reaching minimum tour numbers and subject to currency fluctuations, tax increases*



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WESTERN FRONT PILGRIMAGE 2020

Dear

We have had a very encouraging response to the proposed Western Front Tour for July 2020. It would appear, at this stage, that we have sufficient numbers to give it the green light.

This will be an 8 or 9 day tour of France's World War One Battlefields with special emphasis on the Australian areas of conflict. Numbers of participants will be capped at 15, so early notification would be advisable.

We hope to obtain the services of renowned military historian and guide, Paul Cobb, author of 'Fromelles' and president of the Wiltshire branch of the Western Front Association, UK. I met Paul in England in 2011 and was very impressed with his depth of knowledge, close affinity with and regard for Australians, and his engaging personality.

The itinerary, as presented, is not confirmed, but is an outline that should be close to the final copy. The date of the tour will be July 28th - August 5th 2020.

Our Australian Travel Company is Belmore Travel, Balwyn, with whom I have been associated for 25 years and has "experience and confidence" as their by-line. Their manager is Jason Brownley. Contact details as per itinerary.

Those travellers who wish to extend their programme at either end will find that Jason can handle any further travel arrangements.

If you can indicate your intention by mid-November, 2019, it will provide me with some certainty and detailed planning can then take place.

On previous tours our carrier has been Singapore Airlines, World's No 1 Airline, 2019, but cost factors will also be considered.

I aim to provide a rewarding, fulfilling, and most importantly, an enjoyable experience.

Bryan Mackenzie,

Tour Leader.