

# BELGIUM & FRANCE

10 Days | Student Battlefield Tour

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## TOUR SNAPSHOT

Experience the battlefields, cemeteries and beaches that shaped the First and Second World Wars. This 10-day student tour through Belgium and France will help familiarize your class with the site of one of the deadliest battles in history, the Tyne Cot British Cemetery, the location of the most notable Canadian victory, Vimy Ridge and the D-Day beaches, where Allied troops gained the foothold they needed to eventually win the Second World War.

### WHATS INCLUDED:



**Guided Tours of:**  
Brussels, D-Day Beaches, Paris



**Site Visits:** Essex Farm Cemetery, Flanders Fields Museum, Last Post Ceremony at Menin Memorial Gate, Vimy Ridge, Juno Beach Centre, Eiffel Tower, Seine River Cruise, Palace de Versailles



**Local  
Tour Leader**



**Accommodations**  
3 Star Centrally Located Hotels



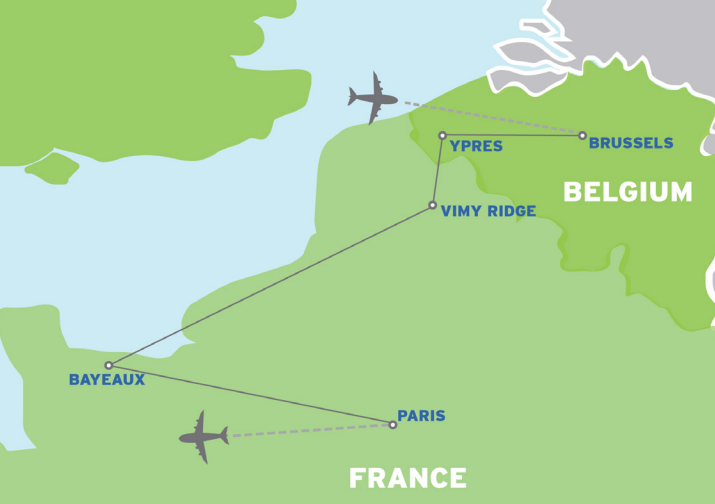
**Transportation**  
Flights, Private Motor  
Coach, Public Transportation



**Meals**  
Breakfasts, Dinners







# WHY BRIGHTSPARK?

## PUTTING YOUR EXPERIENCE FIRST

- **Guaranteed Flights and Hotels** - We confirm the booking of flights and hotels when you submit your deposit to avoid last minute hiccups.
- **Centrally Located Accommodations** - Save hours avoiding long commutes and maximize your time in destination with hotels within the city limits.
- **Private Tours** - Personalize your class trip to suit your students needs and be assured that your class will never be joined with another group.
- **Go, Discover, Inspire** - You are not a tourist but a traveler. We will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite their sense of wonder.

## EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL

Our local partnerships allow for personalized tours that are a hybrid of traditional and unconventional.

**95%**  
OF TEACHERS  
LOVE OUR  
TOURS

**60+**  
YEARS OF  
TRAVEL  
EXPERIENCE



## WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

### 24/7 GLOBAL SUPPORT

No matter your destination or itinerary, our state-of-the-art Operations Centre is designed to proactively protect you and your students during your educational trips around the globe. From the best insurance to advanced incident management software to 24/7 emergency assistance we've got you covered.



*"Overall experience from start to finish was fantastic. The kids had a great time and will have memories that will last a lifetime/ Our tour leaders, Phillipe & Adriele went above and beyond getting to know the students and helping us with special requests. Thank you for everything!"*

*Gatestone Staff & Students, HWDSB*

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## Day 1: Board your flight to Brussels

### Day 2: Brussels

- Meet with your tour leader at the airport
- Take a guided tour of **Brussels** where you will see the center square, **Grand Place (Grote Markt)**, **Saint-Michel Cathedral** and see the sights from the top of the **Mont des Arts**.

### Day 3: Brussels - Ypres

- Travel from **Brussels** to **Ypres**.
- Visit the **Ypres Salient**, the home to some of the most remarkable battles of the First World War. Stop in at the **Essex Farm Cemetery**, the site that inspired Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae to write 'In Flanders Fields,' and the **Flanders Fields Museum**.
- Experience the **Tyne Cot British Cemetery**, which sits upon the land that acted as a stage for one of the deadliest battles in history.
- Discover the **Sanctuary Wood Museum** and the **German Cemetery at Langemark**, to provide your students with a different perspective on WWI.
- Attend the **Last Post** at the **Menin Memorial Gate**. This stirring performance happens at the memorial that bears the names of the 54,896 British soldiers who were killed on August 16th, 1917.

### Day 4: Ypres - Vimy - Bayeux

- Travel to **Vimy** from **Ypres**.
- Visit **Vimy Ridge**, the historic site that was the location of the most notable victory in Canada's military history. You will get a scenic view of the site and have a chance to learn about this significant area.
- Explore the **Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial Park** to tour the infamous trenches that defined combat in WWI, have lunch at the **Ocean Villas Tea Room** and finish the day at the **Thiepval Memorial**, the largest British war memorial in the world.
- Transfer to **Bayeux**.

### Day 5: Bayeux

- Tour the **D-Day Beaches**, the **Sword**, **Juno** and **Gold**, which are locations brimming with historical significance. Stop at the **Pegasus Bridge** and the new museum.
- Visit the D-Day memorial site: the **Juno Beach Centre** to see several exhibits that mark the efforts of Canadian soldiers during World War II

- Travel to the **Bény-sur-Mer Canadian Military Cemetery** and pay respect to the soldiers killed during the early stages of the Battle of Normandy.

### Day 6: Bayeux

- Start the day at the **Longues-sur-Mer** with a visit to the artillery guns at the battery. Continue on for a stop at the **American Cemetery and Memorial** with a beautiful view over **Omaha Beach**, and finish off with a breathtaking visit to **Pointe du Hoc** and **La Cambe**.
- Spend the rest of the day enjoying the sights and sounds of **Bayeux** on your leisure time.

### Day 7: Paris

- Take a guided tour of the **City of Lights** where you will see the revolutionary square **La Bastille** where the storming of the Bastille prison took place. Stroll down one of the most famous streets in the world, the **Champs Elysées** and see the stunning **Arc de Triomphe**. Explore **Les Invalides**, the **tomb of Napoleon** and see **L'Opéra** which was founded in 1669 by Louis XIV.
- Experience the **Eiffel Tower** and those feeling daring can take the elevator to see bird's eye views of the Parisian landscape.

### Day 8: Paris

- Explore the stunning **Palace de Versailles** with a guided tour of the **Grand Apartment**, the **Hall of Mirrors** and the **King and Queen's suites**.
- Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the **River Seine** on the famous **Bateaux Mouches**.

### Day 9: Paris

- Spend the day exploring **Paris** on your own. You can head to **Montmartre** to see the **Basilica of the Sacré Cœur**, stroll through the streets in search of pastry shops or wander around the **Louvre** and see the **Mona Lisa**.

### Day 10: Depart to the airport for your flight home

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