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4 DAY TOUR

Development of Warfare Tour: Waterloo, Ypres & Dunkirk

Day 1

Waterloo

Quatre Bras Battlefield (The Cross Roads)

Napoleon's campaign plan and the opening of the Battle of Quatre Bras and d'Erlon's march and counter march.

La Belle Alliance

The French ridge and the rain storm.

Mont St Jean Visitor Centre

A view of the battlefield, orientation (Lion Mound) and outline of the battle.

Day 2

Mont St Jean

Royal Chapel of St Joseph's Church and Wellington's HQ.

Hougoumont Farm

Opening moves and the battle within a battle. The Grand Battery and d'Erlon's infantry attacks and the charge of the Union Brigade.

Battlefield walk

Walk the route of the French cavalry attack and Mercer's Battery.

La Haie Sainte Farm and Wellington's Crossroads

The battle intensifies- 'A hard pounding'.

Plancenoit

The Prussians arrive – a German victory?

The Broken Eagle Memorial

The attack of the Imperial Guard and an Allied victory.

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Day 3

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.

Evening meal in Ypres.

Last Post Ceremony

Day 4

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.