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3 DAY TOUR

WW1 Tour with Battlefield Walks

Day 1

Gheluveldt

The outbreak of War; Why did the Schlieffen Plan fail?; from war of manoeuvre to the onset of stalemate; 31st October 1914- 2nd Battalion The Worcestershire Regiment.

Polygon Wood

11 November 1914: The attack of the Prussian Guard & defence of the wood by the Black Watch.

The Bluff

A walk to the British front lines along the Ypres Comines canal. Breaking the deadlock- early developments in the underground war.



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Day 2

Serre Road – 15km Battlefield Walk to include:

Sunken Lane / Redan Ridge

Kitchener's Army & the Pals Battalions; Recruitment; The Plan for 1st July 1916; 1st Bn Lancashire Fusiliers; 'Going over the top'.

Hawthorn Ridge Crater

The development of Mine warfare on the Western Front; Great War; Hawthorn Ridge mine 'The Battle of the Somme'.

Old Beaumont Road

The chain of evacuation; following 1st Lancashire Fusiliers to the Regimental Aid Post (RAP)- what treatment was available. The role of Medical Officers and Stretcher Bearers; Infection, trauma and blood loss.

Auchonvillers British Military Cemetery

Site of a former Advanced Dressing Station (ADS); how are casualties transported from ADS to CCS; the role of Nursing Staff including FANY; the role of surgeons and the development of new medical techniques; treating gas casualties; abdominal wounds etc; What happened to those who did not make it?; the role and ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Collect packed lunches from Ocean Villas Tea Rooms

Newfoundland Park

The Newfoundland Regiment on 1st July; Preserved trench system & an opportunity to walk across the battlefield.

Mametz Wood

38th Division Memorial: The attack on Mametz Wood 7-14 July 1916. Soldier poets; Siegfried Sassoon and Robert Graves.

Flat Iron Copse

Build up to 14 July attack; Dwyer VC; Brothers in Arms: Harwidge, Philby and Tregaskis.

Bazentin Ridge

What lessons were learned from 1st July? Background to the assault of 14th July; did it all go to plan?

London Cemetery & Extension

Cavalry on the Western Front; advance of the 2nd Indian Cavalry Division; High Wood and the Switch Line.

Delville Wood

South African National War Memorial; the SAI in the Great War; The Horseshoe of Woods.

Becourt Military Cemetery

Pilgrimage to 2nd Lieutenant, Lincolnshire Regiment, Roland George Ingle King's School Old Boy. Time to reflect and to lay a wreath.

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Day 3

Messines Ridge

The Ypres Salient in 1917- orientation; Lessons learned from 1916; German defences on the high ground; the role of imperial troops; Plan for the Messines offensive June 1917.

Spanboekmolen Crater

Mine warfare on the Messines Ridge; Zero Hour 7th June 1917. Going over the top.

Bayernwald – German trench system

The development of Trench warfare; use of ground, trench construction, daily routine, technology, problems with trench fighting.

Essex Farm CWGC and Advanced Dressing Station

The treatment of casualties, medical advances; John McCrae 'In Flanders' Fields'. Young soldiers – Pte V J Strudwick.

Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917

Museum with a British bunker system; an opportunity for the group to handle equipment and weaponry and for a member of the group to dress in Great War uniform; Recreation of a trench system: the development of Trench warfare; use of ground, trench construction, daily routine, technology, problems with trench fighting.

Option:

'The Road to Passchendaele'

Battlefield walk from Zonnebeke to Tyne Cot following the route of Australian 3rd Division using photographs, letters and diary entries of men who were part of the attack in October 1917.

Tyne Cot CWGC

3rd Ypres the final phases: the Battle of Passchendaele October 1917 to the end of the war, Remembrance – option of wreath-laying.

Langemarck German Military Cemetery;

German cemetery ethos: the role of the Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge (VDK), Slaughter of the Innocents, the significance of Hitler's 1940 visit; links to the causes of WW2.

Dinner in Ypres

Last Post Ceremony