

“KEEPING THE MEMORY ALIVE”

D-DAY NORMANDY 70th ANNIVERSARY TOUR

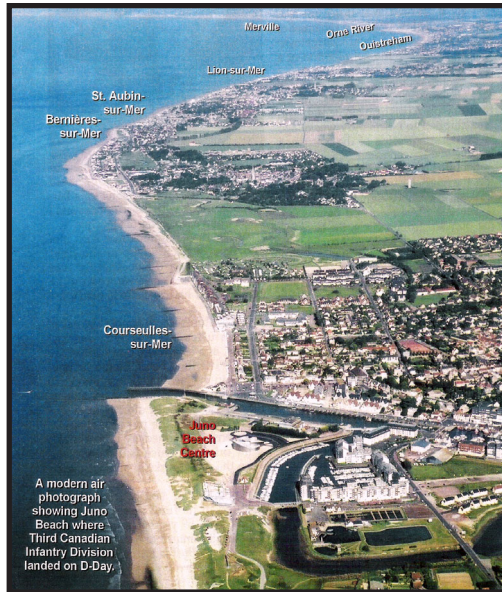
May 31 - June 12, 2014

Escorted by Martin and Helen Boomsma

Welcome Tour Participants....

Verstraete Travel & Cruises and Martin and Helen Boomsma invite Canadian War Veterans, their family members and friends, and any interested Canadians on our 11th “Keeping the Memory Alive” tour of the World War 1 and World War 2 Canadian battlefields in Europe. Experience the history and emotions as we visit these major Canadian battlefields, memorials and cemeteries in England, France and Belgium.

Highlights will include, a guided



tour of London, the gravesite of Col. John McCrae, Dieppe Beaches, Normandy for the 70th D-Day Anniversary at the Juno Beach Centre, Ieper and Amsterdam.

Join us to gain a new appreciation for the sacrifices our parents and grandparents have made for our peace and freedom. The tour will be personalized for participants as much as possible to make it a trip of a lifetime. As we travel you will receive a wealth of wartime information and history.

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ITINERARY & TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, May 31: Evening departure from Toronto, overnight flight to London, England.

Sunday, June 01: Arrival London. We board our coach and enjoy a tour of London before checking into our hotel. - **London 2 nights.**

Monday, June 02: We enjoy a guided tour of the historic and military sites of this world famous city. Buckingham Palace, Churchill's War Rooms and the centre of London will be highlights.

Tuesday, June 03: We travel from London to the Dieppe English Channel sea coast with a stop at Col. John McCrae's grave near Boulogne-sur-Mer where the author of "In Flanders Fields" died in January 1918. - **Dieppe 2 nights.**

Wednesday, June 04: We visit the 3 Canadian landing beaches and monuments of the Dieppe Raid of August 19, 1942 and the Dieppe War Cemetery where 907 Canadians are buried. Later enjoy some free time in this pleasant and attractive seaside town.

Thursday, June 05: We leave Dieppe for Normandy with enroute visit to Pegasus Bridge where British and Canadian Airborne landed shortly after midnight June 6, 1944 to secure the Eastern flank of the D-Day landing beaches. **Normandy 3 nights.**

Friday, June 06 & Saturday, June 07: In Normandy we visit Omaha Beach American Cemetery, the Mulberry Harbour site at Arromanches and most of the memorials, cemeteries and Canadian battle sites in Normandy of June, July and August, 1944. Our schedule will be decided to facilitate participation in the 70th anniversary D-Day commemorations at the Juno Beach Centre. Visits to historic sites will try to accommodate our participants' family connections.

Sunday, June 08: We leave Normandy and travel to Ieper (Ypres) with an enroute visit to the battlefields of the Somme. The Newfoundland Park at Beaumont Hamel is considered "the best preserved battlefield of WW1". - **Ieper 3 nights**

Monday, June 09: We follow the route of the "Western Front" from Ieper to the most famous

WW1 Canadian battle site: Vimy Ridge. There we visit the Vimy Ridge Memorial, the trenches, the tunnels and an informative Interpretation Centre, before returning to Ieper and participating in the "Last Post" ceremony held at the Menin Gate each evening since 1928.

Tuesday, June 10: We have an opportunity to explore Ieper and tour major WW1 battle sites, i.e. Essex Farms Cemetery where John McCrae wrote his famous poem May 3, 1915, Vancouver Corner where poison gas was first used in WW.1, Langemarck German Cemetery with 44,000 burials, Passchendaele Ridge and Tyne Cot Cemetery. We will be awed by the Canadian connection to the "Ypres Salient" in Flanders.

Wednesday, June 11: We leave Ieper and Belgium, travel to Holland and enjoy a visit and canal tour of Amsterdam before checking in at our hotel. - **Amsterdam 1 night.**

Thursday, June 12: Transfer to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport for our return flight to Toronto.

D-Day Normandy 70th Anniversary – Our time at Normandy will be finalized when the official schedules of the commemorations become available. All efforts will be made to visit the most important ceremonies, sites and memorials. Details will be made available with final travel documents. We reserve the right to adjust the tour itinerary accordingly.

Price: \$3675^{pp} (double occupancy) Single supplement \$995.00

Price Includes

- Round trip airfare from Toronto to London and return from Amsterdam.
- Hotel accommodations.
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- All ground transportation by luxury touring coach (washroom equipped).
- Portorage at the hotels.

Price does NOT Include:

- Airport taxes, security fees, fuel surcharges (\$520pp)
- Travel insurance.
- Beverages and items of a personal nature, lunches, entrance fees, tips to driver and guides etc.



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2014 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

BOOKING PROCEDURE:

Please complete and sign the booking form. Send it (along with deposit) directly to: Verstraete Travel 14845 Yonge Street, Suite 300, Aurora, Ontario L4G 6H8
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DEPOSIT:

\$850.00 per person. The deposit is non-refundable and due at time of booking.

Your insurance premium is also due at this time.

FORM OF PAYMENT:

Cheque- payable to: Verstraete Travel & Cruises,

Credit Card- provide card details on booking form. There is a \$100pp surcharge for payment by credit card.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit is due at time of booking with your selected insurance premium,

Final Payment Due:

March 15, 2014

BOOKING DEADLINE:

All reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Since we are limiting the number of participants, we recommend that you book as soon as possible.

INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation or all-inclusive insurance. The rates are outlined on the Booking Form.

PASSPORTS:

It is your responsibility to make sure that you have a **valid passport**. It must be valid for at least 6 months after your departure date. Canadian passport holders do not need a visa. If you are travelling with a non-Canadian passport it is your responsibility to inform our staff so that they can advise you of entry requirements.

PRICING:

All prices are based on minimum group size, current exchange rates and supplier quotations. In the event that significant changes take place due to circumstances beyond our control, we reserve the right to adjust the prices.

CANCELLATION:

If you have to cancel, you must inform Verstraete Travel in writing. The cancellation penalty is based on the date your cancellation is received. Cancellation penalties are shown in the chart below:

- Deposit is non-refundable.
- 6 months - 2 months prior to departure - 50%,
- 2 months or less prior to departure - 100%

FINAL ITINERARY & TRAVEL DETAILS:

It is anticipated that all the final details will be included in the travel documents and distributed 21 days before departure. Due to the nature of the tour program we reserve the right to make changes and substitutions wherever necessary.

REFUNDS:

Refund requests must be received in writing within 60 days of the date of the cause of cancellation. Please allow four to six weeks for processing.

UNUSED TOUR ARRANGEMENTS:

Portions of tour arrangements, or any other service or feature of the package which are not used are neither refundable nor exchangeable.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Verstraete Travel, hereinafter called the "Operator" and/or its agents and suppliers of services, assume no responsibility for injury, death, damages, loss or delay incurred by any person in connection with the tour, or by reason of any event beyond the control of the Operator, or loss occasioned by neglect, default, strike, war, hostility, civil disturbance or resulting directly, or indirectly, from acts of God. The Operator reserves the right to withdraw any or all packages at any time should conditions warrant, to refuse to accept or retain any person as a participant, to alter or cancel the itinerary whenever the Operator deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the members of the tours. Verstraete Travel reserves the right to make any and all changes at anytime, as they deem necessary.

MINIMUM GROUP SIZE: 34

In the event this is not reached, we reserve the right to adjust the tour price.

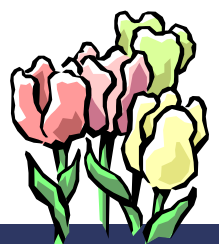
FUEL SURCHARGES: Due to volatility and high oil prices, airlines can implement fuel surcharges at any time without notice. Should this occur, these surcharges will be passed on to you.



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