

# VIMY 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOUR 2017

Tour Hosts: Martin & Helen Boomsma

Tour Dates: April 6 - 15, 2017

## WELCOME TOUR PARTICIPANTS.....

Join Martin and Helen Boomsma on their VIMY 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOUR 2017. Experience the history and the emotions as you visit the major World War 1 and World War 2 Canadian battlefields in Belgium and France (Normandy). A major event will be the Veterans Affairs Canada 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. You will gain a new appreciation for the sacrifices our fathers and grandfathers made as you visit the tunnels and trenches at Vimy Ridge, the Newfoundland Regiment battlefield of Beaumont Hamel, the Somme battlefield, Passchendaele, Flanders and Essex Farms where Col. John McCrae wrote his famous poem "In Flanders Fields". At Ieper (Ypres) you will participate in the daily "Last Post" ceremony at the Menin Gate. Following the World War 1 tour you will visit the beaches of Dieppe, the D-Day landing beaches in Normandy and the Juno Beach Centre, a major Canadian Museum and Information Centre. Before leaving France you will enjoy a guided tour of Paris and experience Paris overnight. The tour will be personalized as much as possible to make it a pilgrimage of a life time.

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Battle of Passchendaele



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## ITINERARY & TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

**April 6:** Departure- Toronto to Paris

**April 7:** Arrive Paris and travel to Arras, stay 3 nights.

**April 8:** Sightseeing and visits to WW1 sites

**April 9:** Vimy Ridge Memorial – 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremonies

**April 10:** Travel to Ypres and stay 2 nights

**April 11:** Sightseeing and visit WW1 sites

**April 12:** Travel to Normandy and stay 2 nights

**April 13:** Normandy sightseeing

**April 14:** Travel to Paris and stay 1 night

**April 15:** Return flight - Paris to Toronto

**TOUR PRICE: \$3,495.** Per person, twin/double basis

**Price Includes:** ● Roundtrip air flight Toronto/Paris/Toronto. ● Hotel accommodations. ● Daily breakfast and lunches or dinners (depending on scheduling, special events, etc.) ● All transportation and sightseeing by luxury touring coach. ● Porterage at the hotels. ● The Vimy Pin

**Not Included:** ● Airport taxes/fuel surcharge \$595-per person, ● Beverages and items of a personal nature. ● Tips to coach chauffeur ● Guides ● Insurances

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## General Terms & Conditions:

### **BOOKING PROCEDURE:**

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

### **DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

A deposit of \$850.- per person (non refundable) is due at time of booking and must be submitted with the Booking Form. Your insurance premium is also due at this time..

Final Payment is due January 15, 2017

### **FORM OF PAYMENT:**

Cheque payable to: Verstraete Travel & Cruises.

### **PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD:**

For those who prefer to pay by credit card there is a \$100 per person non refundable credit card fee.

### **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 Non Medical 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.

### **PROFESSIONAL FEES:**

Deviations from the itinerary flights and departure and return dates will be charged a professional fee. This fee is in addition to what the airlines may charge. You will be informed of these fees in advance

### **Minimum Group Size: 36**

### **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.

**FUEL SURCHARGES:** Due to volatility of 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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