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New Zealand Battlefield Tour: 4 days/3 nights

Based on double or Twin 1040 per person Based on Single 1180 euro

Day 1: Houplines and Messines

Start of the tour in the area of Armentieres where the New Zealanders had their first experience on the **Western Front**. We visit: **Houplines, Fleurbaix and Fromelles**.

Your journey continues to Ploegsteert (**Plugstreet Wood**) and visit **Prowse Point** and the site of **Christmas Truce**.

We follow the route of the New Zealanders when they took the **Messines Ridge** and visit the different memorials to the **New Zealanders** and their missing.

We visit **Hill 60** related to the big explosions of the mines on the 7th June 1917, a successful operation prologue to the 3th battle of Ypres.

In the cloth hall on the main square in Ypres we visit the **Flanders Fields museum**.

Included lunch, entrée fees, accommodation at New Regina in Ypres

Day 2: Ypres and Passchendaele

Today we will discover the different phases of the 3th battle of Ypres and we will approach **Passchendaele Ridge** just like the New Zealanders did in October 1917.

We start at **Helfire Corner**, follow the **Menin Road, Hooge Crater** and **Clapham Junction**. During our visit to **Polygon Wood** we discover the memorial for the missing New Zealanders.

In **Zonnebeke** we visit the Passchendaele memorial museum. After **Broodseinde** we reach **Passchendaele Ridge** and visit **Tyne Cot cemetery**, the biggest Commonwealth cemetery of the world, with the memorial to the missing New Zealanders of the battle of Passchendaele.

At the end of the day **Last Post** ceremony at the **Menin Gate**. Possibility to lay a wreath (ask us in advance)

Included breakfast, lunch, entrée fees, accommodation at New Regina in Ypres

Day 3: Somme and Le Quesnoy

We visit the **Wellington tunnels in Arras**.

We start our tour discovering battle of the **Somme 1916** and visit: **Bapaume, Grevillers, Flers, Longueval** and **Carterpillar cemetery**, where the unknown New Zealander was exhumed to be taken back to New Zealand. We continue our journey further and visit the sites related to the battle of the **Somme 1918** such as **Havrincourt, Vertigneul and Le Quesnoy**.

Included breakfast, lunch, entrée fees, accommodation at New Regina in Ypres

Day 4: Poperinge and Armentieres

We visit Essex farm where John McCrae wrote his famous poem: **In Flanders Fields**. In **Langemark** we visit the **German cemetery**. We visit **Lijssenthoek** cemetery and the visitor centre to discover how the evacuation of the wounded took place. We visit the grave of **Dave Gallaher in Nine Elms** cemetery. In **Poperinge** we visit **Talbot House** and find out about life of the soldiers when they had rest and recreation. Also what happened to the thousands of civilians.

In **Armentieres** we visit **Cité Bonjean Military Cemetery**.

Included breakfast, lunch, entrée fees

At the end of this tour we take you back to Lille on time to catch your train to your next destination.