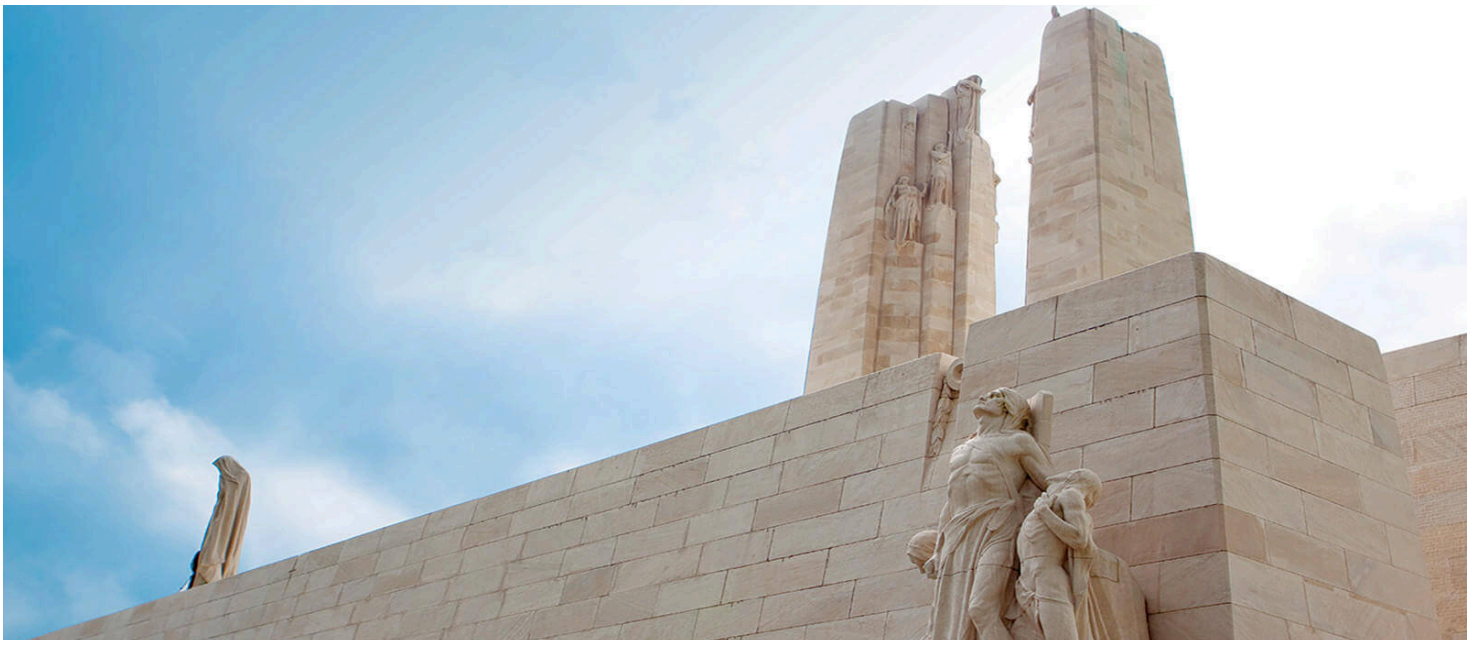
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Vimy Ridge 105th Anniversary: Amsterdam to Paris

10 days | 12 days with Paris extension

Follow in Allied soldiers' footsteps on this immersive journey through World War I and World War II. From French Battlefields to the beaches of Normandy and even the cramped trenches across Beaumont-Hamel, you'll experience the struggle, and the celebration, on the front lines. Along the way, you'll follow Canadian forces toward victory at Vimy Ridge, and join in honoring the thousands who gave their lives 105 years ago.



Your tour package includes

8 nights in handpicked hotels
8 breakfasts
1 lunch
4 dinners with beer or wine
8 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

Dam Square
Bergen op Zoom
Kazerne Dossin Memorial & Museum
Vimy Ridge Memorial
Beaumont Hamel Newfoundland Memorial
Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery
Juno Beach
Mémorial des Martyrs de la Déportation

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and dirt paths, with some hills and stairs.

Group size

15–38

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day
Board your overnight flight to Amsterdam.

Amsterdam → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival day
Included meals: welcome dinner
Welcome to the Netherlands! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Amsterdam
Included meals: breakfast
Today's panoramic sightseeing tour introduces you to Amsterdam's iconic canals and unique character.

- Walk past the National Opera and Ballet, Jewish Historical Museum, National Holocaust Museum, and Hollandsche Schouwburg war memorial
- Drive through the city center to see Museumplein and Mint Tower
- View Dam Square, home of many landmarks including the neoclassical Royal Palace, the 15th-century New Church, and the National Monument
- Pass the Anne Frank House, where the young diarist and her family hid during World War II
- Stroll by the canals and bridges, taking in the houseboats that dot the banks

Enjoy a free afternoon in Amsterdam or add excursions.
Please note: You'll be divided into groups of 20 people or less for the walking portion of the sightseeing tour. Each group will have their own local guide.
+ Canal Cruise & Dinner
+ Keukenhof Gardens

Lille → 3 nights

Day 4: Lille via Bergen op Zoom & Mechelen
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Travel to Lille, France today, stopping for several visits along the way.

- Stop in the city of Bergen op Zoom to learn about its history as one of the sites of the Battle of the Scheldt, an important military campaign for the Canadian First Army during the Second World War
- Continue on to the Belgian city of Mechelen
- Enter Kazerne Dossin, a memorial, museum, and documentation center focused on the Holocaust and human rights
- Enjoy free time to the explore the exhibits housed in what was once a detention and deportation camp for Belgian Jews and Romani people

In Lille, sit down for an included dinner with your group.

Day 5: Vimy battlefields & 105th anniversary celebrations
Included meals: breakfast, lunch
Spend the day exploring World War I sites of Vimy Ridge on a sightseeing tour with a local guide.

- Enter the Vimy Interpretive Centre to see medals and memorabilia from the significant battle
- See the Vimy Ridge Memorial, a national historic site of Canada, and explore the area's tunnels, trenches, and cemeteries
- Enjoy an included, catered picnic lunch
- Take part in commemorative events to celebrate the 105th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge

Please note: Depending on the anniversary event schedule, the sightseeing tour of Vimy Ridge and the Vimy Interpretive Centre may take place on day 6.

Day 6: Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial
Included meals: breakfast
Join your Tour Director to explore the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial, which honors the sacrifices made by the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

- See the Caribou Memorial statue, a memorial to the Newfoundlanders who fought in Belgium
- Enter the visitor center and trenches to learn about the history of this Great War battlefield

Enjoy a free evening in Lille or add an excursion.
Please note: Depending on the anniversary event schedule, the sightseeing tour of Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial may take place on day 5.
+ Ypres & Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony

Normandy Region → 2 nights

Day 7: Normandy Region via Dieppe
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Travel to the Normandy region today, stopping en route to visit the town of Dieppe with your Tour Director leading the way.

- See the Canadian War Memorial, which chronicles the events of the Dieppe Raid in August of 1942
- Visit the Dieppe Canadian War Cemetery, where Allied soldiers killed in the Dieppe Raid were laid to rest

Later, arrive in the Normandy region and sit down for an included dinner.

Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Normandy Beaches
Included meals: breakfast
Set out to explore the Normandy region, stopping to uncover historic sites as you go.

- Visit the Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, the burial place of many Canadian soldiers who fought during the beginning of the Battle of Normandy
- Enter the Juno Beach Centre
- Explore the seaside town of Arromanches, where you'll have free time for lunch

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Paris → 1 night

Day 9: Transfer to Paris & sightseeing tour
Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner
Travel to Paris and embark on a guided tour introducing you to the architecture, scenery, and history of the City of Light's many neighborhoods, called arrondissements.

- Stop to take a photo of the Eiffel Tower
- See Le Meurice hotel, the Nazi headquarters in Paris
- Pass the Louvre and the legendary Notre-Dame Cathedral, located on an island in the Seine River

- See the Paris Police Prefecture and the Mémorial des Martyrs de la Déportation
- End in Le Marais, the city's Jewish Quarter

Then, celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner this evening.

Flight Home

Day 10: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to continue exploring Paris.

+ Paris extension

Paris is always a good idea, so extend your trip to keep exploring. Take a couple of days to museum-hop, stroll along the boulevards, brush up on your français, and let your expert Tour Director point you toward the crème de la crème

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Paris → 2 nights

Day 10: Free day in Paris
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in Paris or add excursions.
+ Historic Versailles
+ Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise

Day 11: Free day in Paris
Included meals: breakfast
Enjoy a free day in Paris or add an excursion. This evening, sip a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.
+ Monet & the Landscapes of Giverny

Flight Home

Day 12: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save $10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.com/CWV | 1-800-597-0350**

Day 3: Canal Cruise & Dinner
$139/$149* (3 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)
Cruise along the canals of Amsterdam on a houseboat, enjoying the view of row houses lit up for the night. Your cruise will take you through the center of the city as you enjoy dinner by lantern light.

Day 3: Keukenhof Gardens
$109/$119* (6 hours, departs in the afternoon)
With millions of flowers growing on 70 acres of gardens, Keukenhof has been a showplace for the Dutch floral industry for more than half a century. On this excursion, you may be able to view more than six million flowers in bloom, including daffodils, croci and hyacinths, as well as thousands of tulip varieties. Please note: Peak tulip season varies with the weather. This optional excursion is seasonal and runs only from late March through May. Travelers should be prepared for a fair amount of walking.

Day 6: Ypres & Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony
$85 (4 hours, departs in the evening)
Travel to Ypres, a Belgian town that was hit hard by the First World War. Stop en route to visit the Hill 62 (Sanctuary Wood) Canadian Memorial, which commemorates the Canadian forces who defended Belgium during the fighting. Continue on to Ypres for free time to explore and eat dinner. Then, visit the Menin Gates Memorial to attend the "Last Post" ceremony, a moving tribute to the more than 300,000 Allied soldiers who fell on Belgian battlefields. Afterwards, enjoy more free time in Ypres before returning to your hotel. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Extension excursion options

Day 10: Historic Versailles
$135 (5 hours, departs in the morning)
The reign of Louis XIV, known as the "Sun King," set new standards for decadence among the crowned heads of Europe. It took 50 years and 35,000 workers to turn Versailles, once a small hunting lodge, into the most magnificent château in all of France and the envy of royalty worldwide. On this excursion, you will see the palace in all its glory as you tour the State Apartments and the glittering Hall of Mirrors. Then, stroll through the lavish gardens to admire their fine statuary, splendid fountains, and colorful flowerbeds. You'll also learn about the palace's connection to WWII, including the signing of the Treaty of Versailles and the influence that the Nazi occupation had on the region. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 10: Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise
$129/$139* (5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
Take in the nighttime allure of the City of Light on a special evening excursion. The event begins with dinner at a local restaurant. After you dine, board a boat cruise along the Seine. As you coast along the river and under Paris' bridges, you'll behold the illuminated monuments of the city glittering alongside the riverbanks. Please note: The dress code may vary depending on the restaurant for your dinner. Your Tour Director will advise you on what to wear, but shorts and sneakers are likely to be considered inappropriate attire.

Day 11: Monet & the Landscapes of Giverny
$109/$119* (6 hours, departs in the morning)
The village of Giverny was home to Claude Monet from 1883 until his death in 1926. On a visit to Monet's home and gardens, discover the subtle palette of colors that inspired his Water Lilies series and gave rise to a new way of seeing. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from April through October.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms