



Remembering D-Day: The 75th Anniversary Tour with the Zoomer Travel Club

12 days | 15 days with Berlin extension

Along the coast of Normandy and through the streets of London and Amsterdam, the influence of WWII can still be felt. As you visit memorials, trenches, and museums, you'll learn about the important role Canadian forces played in the success of D-Day. Explore the locations that were the backdrops for pivotal battles and take time to honour the sacrifices made by the Allied soldiers.



Your tour package includes

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

Included highlights

- Churchill War Rooms
- Ferry ride across the English Channel
- Juno Beach
- Vimy Ridge Memorial
- In Flanders Fields Museum
- Bergen op Zoom

Tour pace

You will walk for about 2.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including cobblestone streets and paved roads.

Group size

15-38

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to London.

London → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in London

Included meals: dinner

Welcome to England! Gather with your fellow travellers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of London

Included meals: breakfast

View the historical buildings and landmarks of England's vibrant capital on a guided sightseeing tour.

- Step inside the Imperial War Museums to see exhibits focusing on people's experiences during times of war
 - See Westminster Abbey, the setting for royal coronations, weddings, and funerals
 - Pass by Wellington Barracks, headquarters for the British Army's Foot Guards
 - Visit the Churchill War Rooms and explore the secret underground bunker that the Prime Minister and his Cabinet met in during WWII
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Normandy Region → 3 nights

Day 4: Normandy Region via Dover

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Transfer to Dover and step inside Dover Castle, the largest castle in England.

- Explore the secret wartime tunnels, which were used as an air-raid shelter, command post, and underground hospital
- Learn about the evacuation of Dunkirk during Operation Dynamo After, head to a local hotel to listen to a presentation by Erin Meyer Charneux, author of *D-Day Lessons for Today: How to Create Your Future History*.

Then, board a ferry and cross the English Channel to the Normandy region in France. Sail along the same waters that Canadian soldiers did prior to the Normandy landings. You'll dock in the Calais before heading to your hotel in the Normandy region.

Day 5: Canadian D-Day 75th Anniversary Ceremony

Included meals: breakfast

Transfer to Juno Beach to attend the Canadian D-Day 75th Anniversary Ceremony.

Please note: Travelers should allow for flexibility of the inclusions and order of events.

Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Normandy Region

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

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, which highlights the events of June 6, 1944, when Allied forces landed on the beaches of Normandy
 - Explore the seaside town of Arromanches, where you'll have free time for lunch
- Please note: If you're traveling in June, many sites may be closed due to anniversary events. Please allow for flexibility of the inclusions and order of events. For tours running over Canadian Remembrance week, you will visit the Caen Memorial Museum and Memorial de Montormel today.*
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Lille → 2 nights

Day 7: Lille via Dieppe

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Travel to Lille today, stopping en route to visit the town of Dieppe with your Tour Director leading the way. • See the Canadian 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 Lille and enjoy a free evening.

Day 8: Vimy Battlefields & Beaumont-Hamel

Included meals: breakfast

Spend the day exploring World War I sites located within the Vimy region on a sightseeing tour with a local guide.

- Visit the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial, which honours the sacrifices made by the Royal Newfoundland Regiment
- Enjoy free time for lunch in the city of Arras

- 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
- Spend a free evening in Lille or add an excursion.
+ Tasting Tour of Lille
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Brussels → 1 night

Day 9: Brussels via Ypres

Included meals: breakfast

Travel to Brussels today, stopping en route to visit the Belgian town of Ypres with a local guide leading the way.

- See the Tyne Cot Cemetery and the Canadian Hill 62 Memorial at Sanctuary Wood
- Visit the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917, which is on the grounds of an historic château, to learn about the battle that took place there
- Enjoy free time for lunch in Ypres
- Enter the In Flanders Fields Museum, where you'll discover the impact that WWI had on this region

Continue on to Brussels and enjoy a free evening in the city.

Amsterdam → 2 nights

Day 10: Amsterdam via Bergen op Zoom

Included meals: breakfast

Travel to Amsterdam today, stopping to visit the city of Bergen op Zoom.

- Learn about the Battle of the Scheldt, an important military campaign for the Canadian First Army during WWII
- Visit the Bergen op Zoom Canadian War Cemetery

Continue on to Amsterdam and spend a free evening in the city or add an excursion.
+ Canal Cruise & Dinner

Day 11: Sightseeing tour of Amsterdam

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

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

Tonight, join your fellow travellers at a farewell dinner.

- See the Holocaust Memorial and East Side Gallery

Day 14: Free day in Berlin

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day in Berlin or add an excursion.
+ Potsdam

Flight Home

Day 15: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Flight Home

Day 12: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay in Berlin, Germany.

+ Berlin extension

Visit Berlin.

Berlin → 3 nights

Day 12: Flight to Berlin

Included meals: breakfast

Board your flight to Berlin this morning and take the afternoon to familiarize yourself with Germany's capital city.

Day 13: Sightseeing tour of Berlin

Included meals: breakfast

A local guide introduces you to the monuments of Berlin's intricate past as well as the signs of its re-emergence as a vibrant cultural centre.

- View the Detlev-Rohwedder-Haus, former headquarters for the Nazi aviation branch known as the *Luftwaffe*
- See Hitler's war bunker as well as the Topography of Terror museum, which marks where the SS and Gestapo were once based
- Walk past the Reichstag building to see where the Parliament of the German Empire met from 1871 to 1918
- Discover the Brandenburg Gate, the symbol of a reunited Berlin

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.ca/KDD | 1-800-754-5066

Day 8: Tasting Tour of Lille

\$149CAD/\$159CAD* (4 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)

Explore the best of Lille's culinary scene this evening. Walk through the Grand Place, the city's main square, to view the ornate Vieille Bourse stock exchange building. Stop at an estaminet, or small restaurant, near the neoclassical opera house to try a typical appetizer with beer. Then, make your way past the grand Lille Cathedral to a modern brasserie where you'll enjoy a delicious three-course meal. End your evening with dessert in a cave bar, paired with the best beer in the city.

Day 10: Canal Cruise & Dinner

\$179CAD/\$189CAD* (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.

Extension excursion options

Day 14: Potsdam

\$165CAD/\$175CAD* (6 hours, departs in the morning)

Travel to Potsdam, the residence of Prussian Kings and German Kaisers until 1918. Once the royal playground of Prussian King Frederick the Great, Potsdam was also the location where American, British, and Soviet leaders drew up plans for the postwar administration of Germany at the Potsdam Conference in 1945. A local guide will escort you through Cecilienhof Palace, built by Emperor Wilhelm II of Germany in the early 1900s and the site of the Potsdam Conference's iconic photograph of Truman, Churchill, and Stalin. After exploring the palace and gardens, your guide will introduce you to the historic center of Potsdam.

*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.ca/terms