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CANADIAN BATTLEFIELDS OF EUROPE

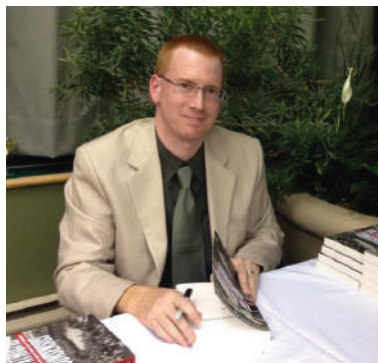
A JOURNEY OF REMEMBRANCE

15 DAYS • MAY 26 - JUNE 09, 2016

\$4,639* per person twin share

\$1,599 single supplement

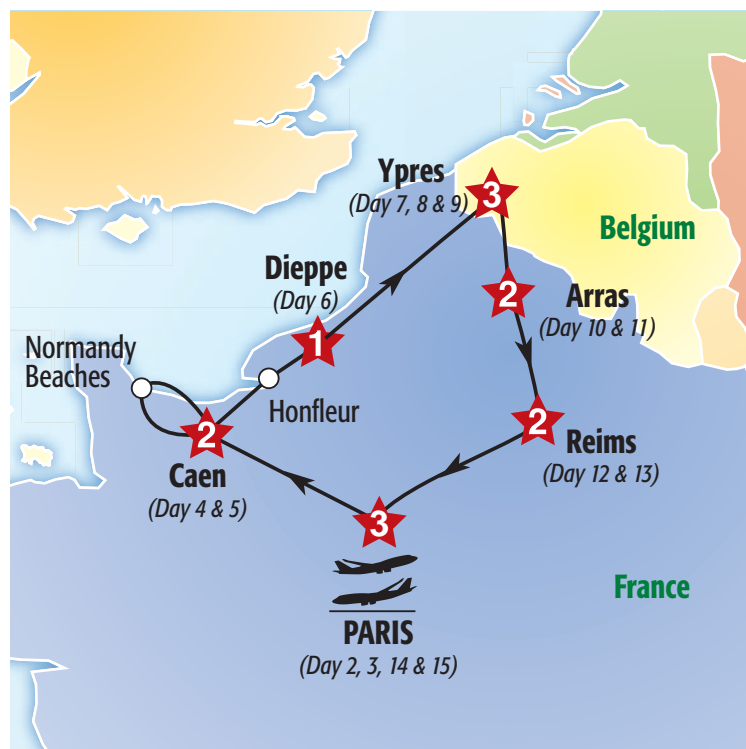
Explore Canada's rich military heritage in France and Belgium with military historian, Dr. Jody Perrun. Join Dr. Perrun as he takes us on an in-depth journey tracing Canada's participation in the great wars and paying homage to our contribution. **Commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the battles of the Somme and Verdun will be a special focus of this tour.**

**DR. JODY PERRUN**

Canadian Military Historian

Dr. Jody Perrun teaches at the University of Winnipeg, the University of Manitoba, and the Royal Military College of Canada, specializing in military history, post-Confederation Canada, and the Holocaust. He has toured Canada's European battlefields extensively, with particular focus on the Battle of Normandy. His research has produced articles and book reviews on Canada's military and air force history. He also

contributed research for the Juno Beach Centre, the official history of the Royal Canadian Navy, and a variety of historical documentary films. His first book, "The Patriotic Consensus; Unity, Morale, and the Second World War in Winnipeg", was published in 2014.

**TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:****ITINERARY****DAY 1: THU. MAY 26, 2016 - DEPART CANADA**

Board your overnight flight to Europe (not included).

DAY 2: FRI. MAY 27, 2016 - WELCOME TO PARIS

Airport transfers depart from Charles de Gaulle Airport for your hotel at 08:30, 11:00 & 13:30. Relax and settle in, or start exploring this great capital. Later, join

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your Tour Director for a Welcome Reception and the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. (WD)
Hotel: Pullman Bercy, Paris (2 nights)

DAY 3: SAT. MAY 28, 2016 - PARIS SIGHTSEEING

In the mid-19th century, Baron Haussmann transformed much of medieval Paris into something more modern; admire his work on a morning city tour with a local expert. See all the main sights; Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre, Place de la Concorde, Champs Elysées, the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower. This afternoon is at leisure. (BB)

DAY 4: SUN. MAY 29, 2016 - PARIS TO CAEN

Today we visit Beny-Sur-Mer to visit the Canadian War Cemetery and continue onto Bernieres-sur-Mer to walk along the beach before visiting Canada's remarkable Juno Beach Centre at Courseulles-sur-Mer where the Third Canadian Division landed on D-Day, 6 June 1944. Stop briefly to see the remains of Mulberry Harbour. Visit the gun battery at Longues-sur-Mer. Visit the memorial to Canadian PoWs murdered by the SS at the Abbaye Ardenne. (BB)
Hotel: Best Western Moderne, Caen (2 nights)

DAY 5: MON. MAY 30, 2016 - FALAISE BATTLEFIELDS

We take the road to Falaise where we will learn about Canadian operations during the latter stages of the Battle of Normandy, including Operations Spring, Totalize and Tractable (on which Dr. Perrun has conducted extensive research). We'll stop at Point 67 and Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery before visiting Falaise, St. Lambert-sur-Dives (where Major David Currie won the Victoria Cross), Vimoutiers, and Mont Ormel to explore the closing of the Falaise Gap. We also visit the Museum devoted to the battle. (BB, D)

DAY 6: TUE. MAY 31, 2016 - CAEN TO DIEPPE

Today we depart for the port city of Dieppe. We will visit the Canadian War Cemetery and see the Canadian landing sites of the ill-fated raid. Later visit the 19 August 1942 Memorial Museum, housed in the Municipal Theatre. The rest of the day at leisure. (BB) **Hotel:** Mercure La Presidence, Dieppe (1 night)

DAY 7: WED. JUNE 1, 2016 - DEPART TO BELGIUM

Depart for Belgium today and along the way we make a stop at Cap Gris Nez to visit the Batterie Todt Museum. Continue to our hotel in the historic town of Ypres. Attend the famous Last Post Ceremony, which takes place at the Menin Gate every night at 8PM. (BB) **Hotel:** Novotel Ypres, (3 nights)

DAY 8: THU. JUNE 2, 2016 - BATTLE OF THE SCHELDT & LEOPOLD CANAL BATTLEFIELDS

Depart for the Canada-Poland War Museum, built as a tribute to Belgium's liberators. Lunch will be included at the museum. In the afternoon we'll visit the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade's Leopold Canal crossing site before spending some free time in Bruges. (BB, L)

DAY 9: FRI. JUNE 3, 2016 - YPRES

Visit the Flanders Field Museum, tour the Tyne Cot Cemetery, St. Julien Memorial and the town of Passchendaele and the Canadian Memorial at Crest Farm. We also visit the Essex Farm bunker where Guelph, ON native John McCrae composed In Flanders Fields. Additionally, we will see preserved trenches in the Sanctuary Wood Museum and Hill 62. (BB)

DAY 10: SAT. JUNE 4, 2016 - YPRES TO ARRAS VIA VIMY RIDGE

Today we explore the Vimy Ridge battlefield from the rear areas at Notre Dame de Lorette to the stunning monument on Hill 145 and the tunnels under the ridge itself. (BB/PL) **Hotel:** De L'Univers, Arras. (2 nights)

DAY 11: SUN JUNE 5, 2016 - SOMME EXCURSION

We visit the battlefields of the Somme, beginning with the Newfoundland Memorial at Beaumont-Hamel, where the Newfoundland Regiment was virtually wiped out on July 1, 1916. Later in the day, we visit the impressive Franco-British Memorial at Thiepval, the Canadian Memorial in Courcelette, and the Somme Museum in Albert. Finally, we will visit the Australian memorial at Villers - Bretonneux before reaching our hotel. (BB)

DAY 12: MON. JUNE 6, 2016 - ARRAS TO REIMS

Stop at Bournon Wood and Dury to visit the Canadian memorials. Continue to Reims, important in French history as the coronation place of generations of monarchs. Enjoy an orientation tour showing you the Gothic Cathedral, one of the finest in France with its spectacular façade and glorious rose windows. (BB, D) **Hotel:** Best Western de la Paix, Reims (2 nights)

DAY 13: TUE. JUNE 7, 2016 - BATTLE OF VERDUN

Today visit the Verdun battlefield, site of the heroic French stand in the First World War. With our expert guide, we will view the ossuary and memorial tower, visit the Memorial museum in Fleury-devant-Douaumont, as well as Fort Douaumont, the largest and highest fort on the ring of 19 defensive forts protecting the city of Verdun. (BB)

DAY 14: WED. JUNE 8, 2016 - RETURN TO PARIS

We see the Chemin des Dames, where there are several memorials to the victims of the 1917 battles which provoked the French Army to mutiny. Then visit the tunnels and galleries at the Caverne du Dragon, a sixteenth-century quarry used as an underground barracks during the Great War. Continue to Compiègne and visit the site where the Armistice was signed in November 11, 1918 to end the horror of World War I. Return to the Paris. Rest of the day is at leisure. For your final night, enjoy a Champagne Celebration Dinner at a typical Parisian restaurant with good wine and good company. (BB, CD) **Hotel:** Pullman Bercy, Paris (1 night)

DAY 15: THU. JUNE 9, 2016 - RETURN TO CANADA

Today we bid farewell. After breakfast, departure transfers arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 8:00 am & 11:00 am. (BB)

**itinerary subject to changes.*

INCLUDED DINING

- 13 Buffet Breakfasts (BB)
- 1 Welcome Dinner (WD)
- 2 Three-course table d'hôte Dinners, or Buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)
- 1 Lunch
- 1 Packed Lunch (PL)
- 1 Celebration Dinner with wine (CD)

INCLUDED FIRST CLASS SERVICES

- Escorted by a professional Tour Director, who acts as your 'personal concierge'
- Luxury air-conditioned 40-guest coaches with extra leg room and onboard restroom
- Tips and gratuities on tour for dining room waiters and chambermaids
- Airport transfers at scheduled times on Day 2 and Day 15

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