

History Tour to WWI Battlefields

October 2025



Destination

We will travel through mainland Europe, with a focus on exploring Ypres and The Somme, to visit and immerse ourselves in the History of the World Wars that have shaped our lives today.

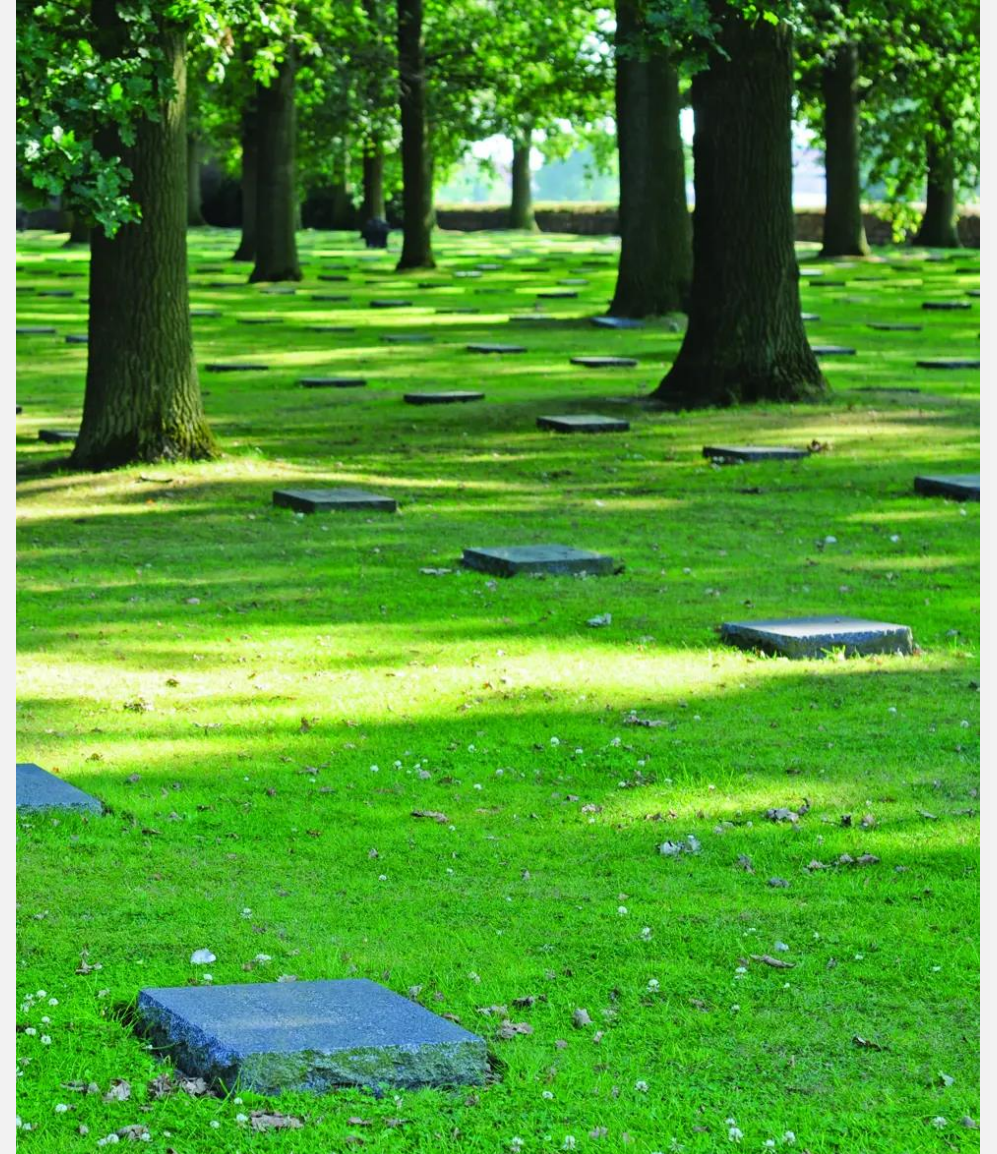
Whilst, for the men of the British Expeditionary Force, France and Flanders must have seemed a long way from home, a hundred years on they feel so much closer – making this meaningful battlefield tour a reality.

Currency: Euros

Time zone: GMT +1

Average temperature :

Min: 5 °C Max: 10°C



Tour Basics

Getting there

We will depart from The Hamble School by Coach on Thursday 23 October at no later than 6:30am to travel to Dover where we will catch a ferry to Calais. From Calais we will resume travel by coach.

Please drop your child off at The Hamble School at 6:00am on Thursday 23 October. Please note: no toilets will be open at this time so please ensure your child uses the toilet before leaving home.

Returning home

We will arrive at The Hamble School on Saturday 25 October at approximately 6:30pm. Please note: times may need to be adjusted but we will update parents via text and on our Facebook page if necessary.

Tour Basics

Accommodation

We are staying at **Oude Abdij Hotel**
Noordstraat 3 Lo-Reninge
Belgium B-8647

This is on a full board basis

Rooming information has not yet
been issued by the hotel and we
may not receive it until we arrive.



Itinerary Day 1

Depart The Hamble School at 6:30am

Depart Dover at 2pm

3:30pm - Arrive for a confirmed visit to Bayernwald (Croonaert Wood)

5:30 pm – Visit Spanbroekmolen Mine Crater Memorial

7pm – Arrive at the Hotel

7:30pm – Dinner

After dinner there will be downtime where students can unpack, shower and prepare for bed time

Itinerary Day 2

7:30am – Breakfast. Packed lunches for the day will be provided by the hotel

8:15am – Depart hotel to travel to Vimy Ridge. Arrive at 9:45am

11:15am – Depart Vimy Ridge. Arrive at Newfoundland Park at 12:15pm

1:15 pm – Visit to Ulster Town before arriving at Thiepval Memorial at 2pm

3:15pm – Depart Thiepval to travel to Ypres. There is some time to visit Leonidas chocolate shop and for students to purchase some Belgian chocolate

6pm – Dinner at restaurant. Menu confirmed as Chicken and Chips. Dietary requirements have been catered for and the restaurant will adjust accordingly.

7:15pm – Depart restaurant to attend the Menin Gate ceremony.

8:30 pm – Depart the Menin Gate to return to hotel. Arrive at 9pm

Itinerary Day 3

7:30am – Breakfast. Packed lunches for the day will be provided by the hotel

8:15am – Check out of hotel with luggage

8:45am – Depart hotel to the following destinations:

Sanctuary Wood

Tyne Cot British cemetery

Langemark German cemetery

3pm (French time) – Depart Calais via ferry

Arrive 3:30pm (British time) at Dover

6:30pm – Arrive at The Hamble School on coach

Food

For the coach/ferry/coach journey

Pack a Breakfast

Pack Snacks

Pack a Lunch

All other meals including lunches are provided whilst in Belgium/France

Return journey

Bring some money for any snacks/drinks required for the ferry



Kit List

Towel – the hotel will NOT provide these
Waterproof jacket (& trousers)
Walking boots/shoes – some places may be muddy!
Hat & gloves
Day bag or small rucksack
Layers – it could be chilly
Camera to capture all the amazing things you will see
EU adaptor
Passport/GHIC card (these will be held by the school until departure)
Refillable water bottle
Pyjamas
Soft shoes for coach
Toiletries
Plastic bag for dirty laundry

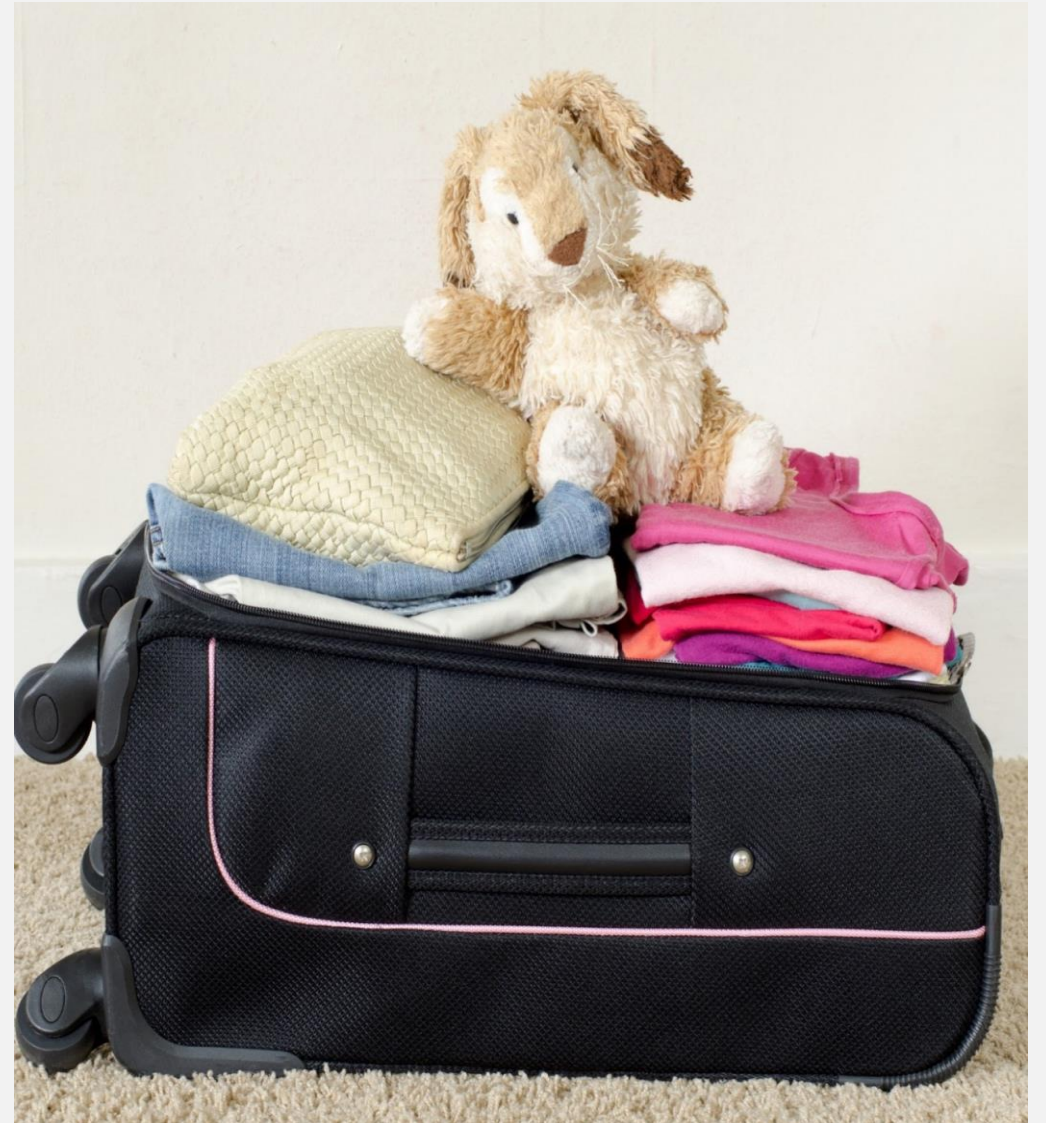
Pack snacks in your day bag, including water which will be with you on the coach



Kit List

Students should bring their mobile phones so they are able to ring the emergency contact number if necessary

Students are also welcome to bring headphones but students are responsible for their personal property – The Hamble School, our travel company nor the hotel are not responsible for loss or damage



Spending Money

The currency is Euros.

Students have all meals catered for but there will be one opportunity to purchase some Belgian chocolate whilst in Ypres.

Any additional snacks or drinks will need to be paid for by the student (for example on the ferry)

We are recommending no more than £50 (or equivalent in Euros) spending money if students wish to purchase chocolate and souvenirs.





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