

“Keeping The Memory Alive”

VIMY ANNIVERSARY TOUR 2012
HOLLAND, BELGIUM & FRANCE APRIL 3 - 14

Escorted by Martin and Helen Boomsma

Welcome Tour Participants....

Verstraete Travel & Cruises and Martin and Helen Boomsma invite Canadian war veterans, their families, friends and interested Canadians on our 10th “Keeping the Memory Alive” tour. We will visit Holland, the WW.1 battlefields of Flanders Fields, Vimy Ridge and the Somme. At Vimy we will join Veterans Affairs Canada and thousands of Canadian highschool students in commemorating the 95th



anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge on April 9th. En route to the WW.2 battlefields of Normandy and Juno Beach we will visit Dieppe. We will conclude with a guided tour of Paris. On the tour you will gain a new appreciation for the sacrifices our fathers and grandfathers have made for our peace and freedom. The tour will be personalized for participants as much as possible to make it a trip of a lifetime.

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TOUR ITINERARY

Tuesday April 3

Depart from Toronto via overnight flight to Amsterdam.

Wednesday, April 4

Arrive Amsterdam (Schiphol airport). Travel by coach to the Keukenhof, the world famous spring bulb gardens. Lodging – 2 nights.

Thursday, April 5

Visit the town of Volendam, a quaint historical fishing village. Tour Amsterdam including a boat tour on the canals of this special city.

Friday, April 6 (Good Friday)

Leave Holland and travel to Ieper (Ypres) in Flanders Fields. In the evening we participate in the daily Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate. Lodging – 2 nights.

Saturday, April 7

Tour the “Ypres Salient” with stops at Col. John McCrae’s Field Dressing Station at Essex Farms, Langemarck German War cemetery, St. Julien battlefield, Passchendaele Ridge and

Hill 62/Mt. Sorrel. After dinner there is an opportunity to again attend the Last Post ceremony.

Sunday, April 8 (Easter Sunday)

Leave Ieper and travel the WW.1 Western Front enroute to Arras with stops in the Vimy Ridge area. Lodging – 3 nights.

Monday, April 9

Join in the ceremonies at the Vimy Ridge Memorial to commemorate the 95th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. These ceremonies will involve Veterans Affairs Canada and several thousand highschool students from across Canada will be in attendance.

Tuesday, April 10

Tour the area of the Somme battlefields including the Beaumont Hamel Park, “the best preserved battlefield of WW.1”. After 18 months of static trench warfare, a major Allied offensive was launched July 1st, 1916 and lasted to November 18, 1916

Wednesday, April 11

Travel to Normandy with enroute lunch stop in Dieppe where we view the beaches of the Dieppe Raid of August 19, 1942. 907 Canadians lost their lives in that battle. Lodging in Caen – 2 nights.

Thursday, April 12

Tour the D-Day landing beaches of Normandy including the Juno Beach Centre, Arromanches, Bernieres-sur-Mer and the Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War cemetery.

Friday, April 13

Our last stop in Normandy is the Memorial Garden at the Abbey d’Ardenne where Canadian soldiers were murdered by the Nazi SS within days of D-Day. Travel to Paris and enjoy a guided tour of the “city of lights”. Lodging – 1 night

Saturday, April 14

Transfer to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport for the return flight to Toronto.

Vimy Ridge ceremonies – Our time at Vimy will be finalized when the official schedules of the commemorations become available. All efforts will be made to visit the most important ceremonies, sites and memorials. Details will be made available with final travel documents. We reserve the right to adjust the tour itinerary accordingly.

Price: \$3375^{pp} (double occupancy) Single supplement \$895.00

Price Includes:

- Round trip airfare from Toronto to Amsterdam / Paris.
- Hotel accommodations.
- Daily breakfast and dinner.
- All ground transportation by luxury touring coach (washroom equipped).
- Portage at the hotels.

Price does NOT include:

- Airport taxes, security fees, fuel surcharges (\$465pp)
- Travel insurance.
- Beverages and items of a personal nature, lunches, entrance fees, tips to driver and guides etc.



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2011 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

BOOKING PROCEDURE:

Please complete and sign the booking form. Send it (along with deposit) directly to: Verstraete Travel 14845 Yonge Street, Suite 300, Aurora, Ontario L4G 6H8
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DEPOSIT:

\$700.00 per person. The deposit is non-refundable and due at time of booking.

Your insurance premium is also due at this time.

FORM OF PAYMENT:

Cheque- payable to: Verstraete Travel & Cruises,

Credit Card- provide card details on booking form. There is a \$100pp surcharge for payment by credit card.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit is due at time of booking with your selected insurance premium,

Final Payment Due:

February 1, 2012

BOOKING DEADLINE:

All reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Since we are limiting the number of participants, we recommend that you book as soon as possible.

INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation or all-inclusive insurance. The rates are outlined on the Booking Form.

PASSPORTS:

It is your responsibility to make sure that you have a **valid passport**. It must be valid for at least 6 months after your departure date. Canadian passport holders do not need a visa. If you are travelling with a non-Canadian passport it is your responsibility to inform our staff so that they can advise you of entry requirements.

PRICING:

All prices are based on minimum group size, current exchange rates and supplier quotations. In the event that significant changes take place due to circumstances beyond our control, we reserve the right to adjust the prices.

CANCELLATION:

If you have to cancel, you must inform Verstraete Travel in writing. The cancellation penalty is based on the date your cancellation is received. Cancellation penalties are shown in the chart below:

- Deposit is non-refundable.
- 6 months - 2 months prior to departure - 50%,
- 2 months or less prior to departure - 100%

FINAL ITINERARY & TRAVEL DETAILS:

It is anticipated that all the final details will be included in the travel documents and distributed 21 days before departure. Due to the nature of the tour program we reserve the right to make changes and substitutions wherever necessary.

REFUNDS:

Refund requests must be received in writing within 60 days of the date of the cause of cancellation. Please allow four to six weeks for processing.

UNUSED TOUR ARRANGEMENTS:

Portions of tour arrangements, or any other service or feature of the package which are not used are neither refundable nor exchangeable.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Verstraete Travel, hereinafter called the "Operator" and/or its agents and suppliers of services, assume no responsibility for injury, death, damages, loss or delay incurred by any person in connection with the tour, or by reason of any event beyond the control of the Operator, or loss occasioned by neglect, default, strike, war, hostility, civil disturbance or resulting directly, or indirectly, from acts of God. The Operator reserves the right to withdraw any or all packages at any time should conditions warrant, to refuse to accept or retain any person as a participant, to alter or cancel the itinerary whenever the Operator deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the members of the tours. Verstraete Travel reserves the right to make any and all changes at anytime, as they deem necessary.



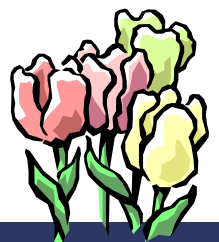
FUEL SURCHARGES: Due to volatility and high oil prices, airlines can implement fuel surcharges at any time without notice. Should this occur, these surcharges will be passed on to you.



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