

Jimmy Returns to Vimy: Tour Itinerary 1-10 April 2017

Day 1 – 1 April ... Depart Canada for Paris.

Day 2 – 2 April ... We arrive in Paris, meet our bus and then drive to Normandy where we will visit Juno Beach and the Juno Beach Centre. We will stay in Caen tonight at the **Mercure Hotel**.

Day 3 – 3 April ... Today we will start with a visit to Beny-sur-Mer cemetery. We will then visit Verrières Ridge where the Corps Artillery was first deployed.

Day 4 – 4 April ... Departing Caen we will head for Dieppe. We will tour the beach and museum and stay at the **Mercure Hotel**.

Day 5 – 5 April... We will make an early start from Dieppe and drive to Ypres where we will look at the battles of 1915 around St. Julien and 1917 around Passchendaele. We will participate in the Menin Gate ceremony that evening and stay in Ypres, **Hotel TBC**.

Day 6 – 6 April ... Today we will visit the Somme. Starting with Beaumont-Hamel we will then tour the Courcellette battlefield before heading to Lille where we will stay for the next four nights at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel**.

Day 7 – 7 April ... We will tour the battlefield of Vimy Ridge before attending the Freedom of the City of Arras parade that will be held today.

Day 8 – 8 April ... In the morning we will attend the Hill 70 monument unveiling near Lens. In the afternoon we will parade and honour Signallers who fell in this important battle.

Day 9 – 9 April ... This day will be the big event as we attend the 100th Anniversary ceremonies marking the capture of Vimy Ridge. Thousands of Canadians (including notable VVIPs) and French citizens will throng the memorial park to witness this historic event.

Day 10 – 10 April ... We will depart early to make flights from Paris that will return us to Canada. Anyone staying on in Europe will depart the group in Paris.

Land Only Tour Price CAD \$2,600 – (per person, Double occupancy) (single supplement: \$1000 – limited availability)

Airfare costs from major Canadian airports (Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, etc.) will be determined based on demand.

Non-refundable \$500 per person deposit required by 1 November 2015

Price includes: breakfasts and lunches museum entry fees all travel by coach bus accommodation as shown in the itinerary services of historian/guides

Not Included:

all dinners (save 9 Apr) travel insurance items of a personal nature such as beverages airfare cost will be determined

Registration (see mail-in form attached) and deposit will be required next month by 15 Nov, 2015. First come -first served and therefore you may wish to notify ASAP by e mail to Merit Travel (quote Signals / C&E Vimy 2017) e mail bcruickshank@merittravel.com

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