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*Canadians liberating a village in Holland  
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## **"FROM THE CHANNEL TO THE RHINE"**

Normandy – Vimy – Flanders Fields – Scheldt Battlefield – Holland – Rhineland – Ardennes - Reims

15 days, from Wednesday, November 6, to Wednesday, November 20, 2019

*A 15-day tour of the Canadian battlefields in both World Wars, including Normandy's Landing Beaches; Vimy and Flanders Fields; the Battle of the Scheldt region of Belgium; the 'Bridge Too Far' area between Arnhem and Nijmegen, in the Netherlands; the Reichswald Forest and Rhine crossing town of Wesel in Germany; the Ardennes Forest and Luxembourg, associated with the Battle of the Bulge; and the WW I and II armistice sites in Compiègne and Reims. Remembrance Day commemoration in Flanders' Fields! Excellent hotels, regional cuisine, and historical presentations by your tour escort, Michael Quinn.*

Tour price from Toronto, based on double occupancy: \$4,995 (Canadian)  
“land only” (from/to CDG Airport): \$4,195 - Single room supplement: \$950

### **PROPOSED ITINERARY:**

#### **Day 1- Wednesday, November 6:**

Evening departure from Toronto Pearson Airport to Paris. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board.

#### **Day 2- Thursday, November 7: (D)**

Morning arrival at Paris CDG Airport and transfer by private coach to Normandy. Lunch en route. Afternoon arrival in Honfleur, a charming little seaport situated on the Seine Estuary, associated with Samuel de Champlain who sailed from here in 1608 to found the city of Quebec and the colony of New France! Accommodation in the centrally located hotel Ibis Styles and dinner in a restaurant in the harbour area.

Day 3- Friday, November 8:

A full day of sightseeing in the Normandy landing beaches area, we focus on Juno Beach, the Canadian sector of the landing area, with sights such as Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, the town of Courseulles with the excellent Juno Beach Centre, and Bernières and its seaside memorial. We also visit the famous Pegasus Bridge, Arromanches with the remains of the artificial Mulberry Harbour, and the huge American War Cemetery at St. Laurent. Afternoon hotel return and evening at leisure.

Day 4- Saturday, November 9:

Today's programme includes Ardenne Abbey, where some Canadian POWs were executed by SS troops, Bretteville Canadian War Cemetery in the Falaise area, and a visit to Caen, the city of William the Conqueror, carefully rebuilt after being destroyed during the fighting in 1944. Afternoon return to Honfleur and free time to explore this picturesque town on your own.



*Canadian troops disembarking at Bernières, Juno Beach*

Day 5- Sunday, November 10: (D)

After breakfast, departure for Dieppe, where Canadian troops landed in August 1942. Visits to both the Canadian Memorial (at the infamous beach) and nearby War Cemetery. On for a drive along the English Channel coast, with wonderful views of the "White Cliffs of Dover" (if weather permits) and a stop in Wimereux, just outside Boulogne, to visit the grave of John McRae, author of "In Flanders' Fields." We also view some installations of the German Atlantic Wall, including a "big gun" emplacement. Continuing via Calais and the entrance of the Chunnel, we reach Dunkirk, where we walk on the beach that witnessed the spectacular evacuation of British troops in 1940. Cross the Belgian border and pause near the little seaport of Nieuwpoort and the mouth of the Yser River, where in 1914-1918, the frontline ended with barbed wire stretched across the beach into the North Sea. Dinner and overnight in the Hotel Portinari in Bruges, arguably the best-preserved medieval town in all of Europe.

Day 6- Monday, November 11: (L)

Today we attend the Remembrance Day Commemorations in the town of Ieper (Ypres), hub of Flanders Fields, with a moving ceremony at the Menin Gate, the great British and Commonwealth World War I Memorial. Group lunch in a traditional restaurant, followed by visits to the Church of St. George with its mementoes of the Great War and to the excellent War Museum in the Cloth Hall, an impressive medieval building, destroyed during WW I but carefully rebuilt afterwards. Return to Bruges in late afternoon.

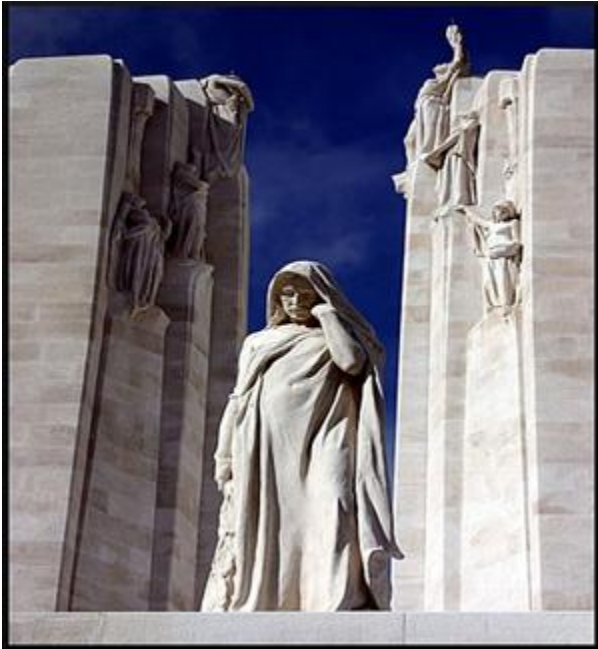
Day 7- Tuesday, November 12:

This morning, guided walking tour of medieval Bruges, a city often referred to as the "Venice of the North". Highlights will be the Market Square and its towering Belfry, the Gothic Town Hall, and the romantic Beguinage and Lake of Love. Afternoon free to shop or enjoy Bruges on your own.

We recommend a canal cruise, and/or a visit to one or more of the city's fine museums and churches. This evening, *optional* dinner of regional culinary specialties with traditional music.

Day 8-Wednesday, November 13:

A full-day exploration of the “killing fields” of World War I in Northern France and Belgium. Sights and stops will include the Canadian Memorials at Vimy and Passchendaele; Essex Farm Cemetery, where John McRae composed his famous poem; the Brooding Soldier Monument, commemorating the men who fell during the first gas attack in 1915. Late afternoon hotel return and evening at leisure.



*Canadian Memorial at Vimy*



*German surrender in Hotel De Wereld*

Day 9- Thursday, November 14: (L + D)

This morning after breakfast, we focus on the role of the Canadian Forces during the Battle of the Scheldt, fought in the Fall of 1944. We first explore the battle sites of Moerbrugge, Moerkerke, and the Leopold Canal, then join representatives of the Belgian-Canadian Association for a brief memorial service at the Canadian War Cemetery in Adegem. Lunch and visit to the nearby Canadian War Museum. In the afternoon we cross into Holland and head for the town of Wageningen, where on May 5, 1945, the German troops in the Netherlands capitulated to Canada's General Foulkes in the Hotel De Wereld, which happens to be our hotel for the next two nights! Dinner in the brasserie of this historic hotel.

Day 10- Friday, November 15:

This morning we visit the city of Arnhem and the nearby village of Oosterbeek, where British paratroopers tried to capture the bridge across the Rhine during Operation Market Garden in September 1944, theme of the blockbuster movie “A Bridge Too Far”. On to Nijmegen and the Canadian sector of the front during the winter of 1944-1945, with visits to the Canadian War Cemetery and the National Liberation Museum in the town of Groesbeek. Return to Wageningen and free evening.

Day 11- Saturday, November 16:

Today we follow the footsteps of Canadian troops as they penetrated into Germany and crossed the Rhine in the spring of 1945, prior to swinging back to liberate the Netherlands. We pause at the British War Cemetery in the Reichswald Forest, then travel via Wesel, where British and Canadian troops crossed the Rhine, to the great city of Cologne. Visit to the city's famous Gothic Cathedral, followed by free time to enjoy the old town. Overnight in the centrally located Hotel Mercure.

Day 12- Sunday, November 17: (D)

Today we return to Belgium, enter the Ardennes Forest, and visit the town of Bastogne with its impressive American monument to the Battle of the Bulge, fought in this area in late 1944. On to Luxembourg and its American Cemetery, with the grave of General Patton. Crossing into France, we arrive in late afternoon in Reims, the elegant capital of the Champagne wine country. Dinner and overnight in a centrally located 4-star hotel.

*German capitulation on November 11, 1918 >*

Day 13- Monday, November 18:

A busy morning, with visits to the modest schoolhouse that functioned as both General Eisenhower's HQ and witnessed the German surrender on May 7, 1945; the magnificent Gothic Cathedral; and a visit and tasting at one of the famous Champagne Houses, such as Piper-Heidsieck. Rest of the day at leisure.



Day 14- Tuesday, November 19: (L)

Departure from Reims after breakfast. We motor to Rethondes, a hamlet in the Forest of Compiègne, and visit the site where the Armistice was signed on November 11, 1918, in the railway carriage that served as HQ of Allied Commander in Chief, Marshal Foch; it is also here that the French capitulated on June 22, 1940. After, a gourmet Au Revoir-lunch in a traditional country restaurant, we check into a hotel near Charles de Gaulle Airport.

Day 15- Wednesday, November 20:

Hotel shuttle transfer to CDG Airport and afternoon return flight to Toronto. Late lunch and snack will be served before arrival at Pearson International Airport in the late afternoon.

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*Included in the tour price are:*

- Accommodation in a combination of comfortable four-star/first-class and three-star/superior tourist category hotels, based on double occupancy.
- Meals: breakfast (usually buffet-style) daily and a total of *seven* full-course dinners or lunches.
- Overland transportation via private coach.
- Sightseeing, visits, and excursions as indicated in the itinerary, including admissions.
- Hotel taxes and gratuities.
- Pauwels staff member services.

*Not included are:*

- All expenses of a personal nature.
- Meals other than those mentioned above.
- Beverages (wine, beer, mineral water etc.) with dinners.
- Coach driver's gratuity, estimated at €25.
- Travel insurance, available upon request.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and registration form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed registration form.

### REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

### CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 61 days before departure: 25% of tour cost

60 to 31 days before departure: 50% of tour cost

Within 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

### RESPONSIBILITY:

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable.

By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

### RELEASE & AGREEMENT:

By placing my deposit and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotels, transportation and other travel services are provided subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.
2. I know that tour programs include walking, and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potential hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.
3. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub-



contracted agents or tour operators. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.

4. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.
5. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during stay-ahead/stay-behind option periods if the stay-ahead/stay-behind period does not include the services of a Tour Director.
6. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions are to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behavior be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.
7. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to.) I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.
8. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. Pauwels Travel retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact the traveller's parent(s) and/or guardian or emergency contact with regard to health issues or any matters whatsoever that relates to the traveller's tour. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.
9. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and also use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

#### A WORD ABOUT *GROUP* AIRFARES:

Please note that when booking one of our air inclusive tours, Pauwels Travel has negotiated reduced rates with the airline that we are able to confirm and lock in up to 359 days before travel. While it is wonderful to share the savings and flexibility this provides with you, our valued guests, the privilege does come with some restrictions. In some cases it may not be possible to collect frequent flyer miles, you may not be able to check in online 24 hours before travel, or you may need to try checking in with your ticket number rather than your booking reference and, in **almost ALL cases we are not able to offer advanced seat selection.**

It is the airline that makes the reservation and has control over the booking so it is their policy, not ours, that prevents us from assigning specific seats. If a request is made, it is passed on to the airline by our staff when they submit the names to the airline, i.e., 30-60 days prior to departure. Calling us several days before you leave will not change this fact nor will getting upset with our staff.

If a certain type of seat is indispensable to you, we suggest that you book our tour on a "land only" basis and make individual flight arrangements, in which case you may be able to get the seat of your choice; Pauwels Travel would be happy to assist you with that reservation at absolutely no additional charge. We will offer you the best fare available, but please note that this can only be done once a tour is a guaranteed departure because your individual airfare's conditions are likely to involve cancellation penalties. We thank you in advance for your kind understanding of the above!

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please book \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on the "Channel to the Rhine" tour of November 6 - 20, 2019.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

I wish to book on group flights \_\_\_\_\_ OR land only \_\_\_\_\_.

**Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for an interim payment of \$1000.00 and the balance due 45 days prior to departure.**

**WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM.**

PASSPORT NAME(S): **Please** indicate the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth")

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If traveling alone, is a SINGLE ROOM REQUIRED? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin (2 beds) \_\_\_\_\_ double (1 bed) \_\_\_\_\_?

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** We find the earlier a request is made, the more success we have in filling it, so please list any dietary requests, allergies, any special physical needs or frequent flyer numbers etc here.

We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

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**Insurance,** Please call the office for premiums then record it on application and add premium to deposit.

I/we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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All-inclusive Package \_\_\_\_\_ Non-medical Package \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** Decline Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT:**  Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel  Visa  Mastercard  American Express

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**"I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment".**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward this completed and signed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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