



**Fields of Fire Tours
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presents

Return to Normandy: D-Day 75th Anniversary
31 May – 10 June 2019



- Participate in the dedication of the Gunner Memorial at Point 67
- Visit important Canadian battlefields in Normandy & Vimy
- Pay tribute to Canada's war dead of the Normandy Campaign
- Attend the D-Day 75th Anniversary ceremonies at the Juno Beach Centre
- Visit monuments and Commonwealth War Cemeteries
- Led by experienced military personnel and academic historians

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Return to Normandy: Tour Itinerary

Day 1 – 31 May ... Depart Canada for Paris.

Day 2 – 1 June ... We arrive in Paris, meet our buses and then drive to Arras where we will settle into our hotels and explore this beautiful city, completely rebuilt after the First World War.

Day 3 – 2 June ... Today we will visit the Vimy memorial and the battlefields surrounding it, as well as Notre-Dame de Lorette, the largest French war cemetery and the Ring of Remembrance.

Day 4 – 3 June ... We depart Arras and head for Normandy. On our way to Caen we will stop at Pegasus Bridge to see the Airborne Museum and tour the battlefields of the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion

Day 5 – 4 June ... This is our day on the beaches at Juno. We will visit the landing sites and also the impressive Juno Beach Centre, where the memorials to the Gunner support to the landings have been placed. We will end the day with a visit to Beny-sur-Mer Canadian Cemetery.

Day 6 – 5 June ... We head beyond the beach to look at the controversial battles of D+1 as well as the bitter struggle for Carpiquet Airfield. We end the day at the sombre garden of the Abbaye d'Ardenne.

Day 7 – 6 June ... This is the day for the 75th Anniversary ceremonies at the Juno Beach Centre. A sun hat, patience, and lots of water will be required!

Day 8 – 7 June ... We head south of Caen to the two-week battle for Verrières Ridge and then follow the path of the Canadian Army as it closed the Falaise Gap.

Day 9 – 8 June ... This day will be the big event for the Gunners as we dedicate the Artillery Memorial to the Normandy Campaign at Point 67 on Verrières Ridge.

Day 10 – 9 June ... A bonus trip will take us to visit the American beach at Omaha as well as the impressive American cemetery there.

Day 11 – 10 June ... We will depart early to make flights from Paris that will return us to Canada.

Tour Price (Land Only)

CAD \$4200 – (per person, Double occupancy)
(single supplement: \$1572 – limited availability)

CAD \$3800 (per person based on 2-5 per room) for Serving Military Members
(single supplement \$1100 – very limited ability)

Flight costs from major airports (Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Montreal, Saint John, Halifax, etc.) will be determined based on demand

\$750 per person deposit on booking
2nd deposit of \$1500 due 7 December 2018
Balance due 7 March 2019

Price includes:

- all meals to include breakfast, a bagged lunch and dinner daily
- all travel by coach bus
- accommodation as shown in the itinerary
- services of historian/guides
- museum entry fees

Not Included:

- travel insurance
- items of a personal nature such as beverages

Notes:

- limited single room availability on a "first come, first served"