



Canada 150 C&E Battlefield Study



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.

Day 4 – 4 April ... Departing Caen we will head for Dieppe and Canadian Cemetery. 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. (and proposed unveiling of C&E plaque)

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.

Note: This is a battlefield study that will include review of the operational and C&E Plan at each location as well as commemorative ceremonies to honour fallen members of RC Signals / RCAF

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. Total cost all-inclusive **\$5000 approx**

Price includes: 1 breakfasts and lunches 1 museum entry fees 1 all travel by coach bus 1 accommodation as shown in the itinerary 1 services of historian/guides

Additional costs:
all dinners (save 9 Apr) 1 travel insurance 1 items of a personal nature such as beverages 1 airfare cost will be determined