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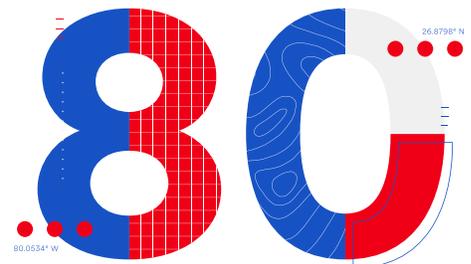
D-DAY 80 | BE A PART OF HISTORY



D-Day 80: From Juno to Flanders Fields

9 days | Paris | Normandy | Vimy | Ypres

Put yourself in the shoes of Canadian and Allied soldiers as you travel from Paris to Brussels. Visit Normandy to join fellow Canadians for the official ceremonies commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day on Juno Beach. At the Vimy Ridge National Historic Site of Canada, uncover history from the First World War, then head to Ypres to deepen your understanding of the conflict.



Lessons come to life

On June 6, 1944, allied Canadian, British, and American forces made history as 156,000 soldiers landed on five beaches along 80 kilometres of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region. This was the largest amphibious military assault in history and marks the beginning of the Allied invasion of Western Europe.

In 2024, join Canadian youth and educators from across the country who will explore Canada's past on our Historic Event Tours. EF's exclusive educational partnerships and deep local access ensure that you're truly part of the action during these once-in-a-lifetime events. You'll gain a new perspective on history and your place in it as you connect with the local community, participate in ceremonies, and rediscover a significant moment that helped shape history.



What to expect on a Historic Event Tour

Active participation

From once-in-a-lifetime commemoration ceremonies to exclusive EF-led programming, our tours are designed to prompt participants to think critically about the past and develop an informed understanding of its impact on the present and future.

Connections

Whether it's researching the life of a local soldier, honouring a hometown Regiment, or connecting with international students before your tour, there are endless opportunities to engage with the community at home and abroad.

Safety is our top priority

By working closely with Veterans Affairs Canada, the Canadian National Vimy Memorial, the Juno Beach Centre, and local authorities, we're putting top health and safety protocols into place for the events at D-Day 80.

Building perspective

By exploring significant sites, visiting the graves of Canadian soldiers, or taking part in special ceremonies, travellers develop a richer understanding of historic events and how they impact the present.

Reflection

Your Tour Director will help facilitate meaningful individual and group reflection through activities designed to engage travellers. Every itinerary is customizable to create a personalized and profound experience for your group.



For years, EF has proudly partnered with the Juno Beach Centre to bring exclusive historical programming to life on our tours.

Itinerary

June 1–9, 2024

Days 1-2: Paris

Fly overnight to Paris and meet your Tour Director at the airport. Take a walking tour of the City of Light and learn about its rich history. Visit the Notre Dame Cathedral and admire its sculptured façade. Since the devastating fire in 2019, restoration work continues and is expected to be completed by 2024.

Day 3: Paris

Continue to experience Paris through an expertly guided sightseeing tour. Carry on to explore the Louvre, home to treasures like Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*. Later, enjoy a Seine River Cruise.

Day 4: Normandy region

Travel to Normandy and visit the Juno Beach Centre. Head to the Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, where you'll find the graves of over 2,000 Canadian soldiers, many of whom fell during the initial attack on Juno Beach.

Day 5: Normandy region

Visit the Caen Memorial Museum and reflect on concepts of peace and reconciliation with your tour group. Stop at Arromanches-les-Bains and see remnants of the floating Mulberry harbour. Later, spend some time exploring the Beaches of Normandy on your own.

Day 6: Normandy region

A huge milestone in world history, join fellow Canadians for the official ceremonies commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Learn about the importance of this day, which marked the beginning of the end of the Second World War.

Day 7: Vimy | Ypres region

Transfer to the Artois region in the morning and visit the battlefields of Vimy Ridge. Stand by the towering Vimy Memorial, built so we will always remember soldiers' sacrifices and have a place to pay our respects. Wind your way through the tunnels used to transport men and materials during battle and the trenches where Canadian soldiers positioned themselves for fighting.

Day 8: Ypres region

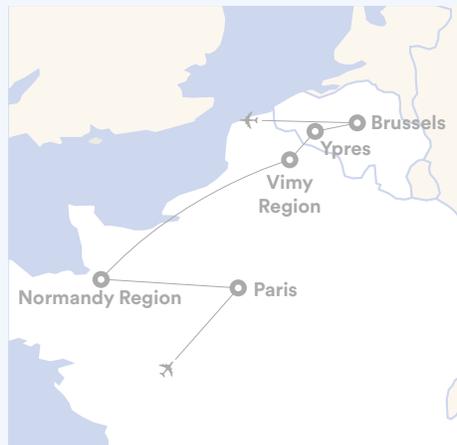
Travel to the ancient town of Ypres, the site of intense battles between the Allies and the German forces, and take an excursion to the Battlefields. Visit Passchendaele Museum, Essex Farm War Cemetery, and In Flanders Fields Museum. Enjoy dinner in Ypres, and in the evening, visit Menin Gate to witness the Last Post Ceremony.

Day 9: Depart for home

Travel to the airport in Brussels and depart for home, prepared to carry on the legacy of past generations.

Itinerary is subject to change.

Space is limited. Please ask your Group Leader for your tour number and visit eftours.ca, or call 1-800-263-2806.



Program price includes:

Full-time Tour Director

Trained in facilitating experiential learning

Sightseeing

1 guided sightseeing tour led by a licensed local guide; 1 walking tour

Entrances

Official ceremonies commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day; Notre Dame Cathedral; The Louvre; Seine River Cruise; Juno Beach Centre; Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery; Caen Memorial Museum; National Vimy Memorial; Vimy tunnels and trenches; Passchendaele Museum; Essex Farm Cemetery; In Flanders Fields Museum; Last Post Ceremony

EF-enhanced programming

Enhanced programming created in partnership with the Juno Beach Centre; customized tour options

All of the details are covered

Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motor coach; overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; European breakfast and dinner daily

“As a history trip, there could be no better learning experience than what the students saw. The organization and planning were well done, and EF worked hard to make sure the students understood why they were there.”

— Fred B., Educator

The world leader in international education

For over 50 years, EF has been working toward one global mission: Opening the World Through Education. Your Group Leader has partnered with EF because of our unmatched worldwide presence, our focus on affordability, and our commitment to providing experiences that teach critical thinking, independence, collaboration, and global competence.

Safe

We're committed to putting top health and safety protocols into place on tour. With 500 schools and offices in over 50 countries, local EF staff can react quickly and in person wherever you travel.

Accessible

We're dedicated to providing the lowest pricing. That means more students can see the curriculum come to life and understand what it means to be Canadian in a global context, no matter their background.

Insightful

We believe in experiential learning at the most important sites. Your Tour Director is with you at every step, providing their own perspective and local tips.

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