








Anzac Day on the Somme

5 days, departs Paris 23 April 2012



Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux

Albatross gives you more...

-  Experience the moving ANZAC Day dawn service at Villers-Bretonneux and local morning service hosted by the village Mayor
-  Stay 3 nights in the centre of Amiens, superbly located to access all the major Commemorative sights
-  Gain a deeper insight into the life of the diggers from our specialist Battlefield Tour Manager
-  See the 2nd Australian Division memorial at Mont St Quentin and the Australian Corps Memorial at Le Hamel
-  Visit the Franco Australian Museum at the Victoria School in Villers-Bretonneux
-  Be professionally guided throughout the Somme Commemorative sites including the Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux, Fromelles Memorials, Bullecourt 'Digger' Memorial, Adelaide Cemetery, Australian Memorials at Pozieres, the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme and the Newfoundland Memorial Park
-  11 years experience operating Western Front tours

The Albatross Difference

 <p>More sightseeing time</p>	 <p>42 max</p>	 <p>NO SURPRISES</p>	 <p>Personal audio system whilst on tour</p>	 <p>Group GUARANTEED departures</p>
Less time on coaches, average 131 kms travelled each day	Maximum 42 passengers	Over \$400 value of extras already included - no hidden costs		Guaranteed to depart with 7 or more passengers

Our shorter, simpler ANZAC Day on the Somme tour is ideally suited for those of you with restraints on time. This tried and tested programme is led by a specialist Battlefield Tour Manager and focuses specifically on the commemorative sites of the Somme battlefields. Staying three nights in the very heart of Amiens, close to Villers-Bretonneux allows for comprehensive sightseeing, quality touring and easy access to the moving ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

DAY 1 - 23 APRIL PARIS

Your tour commences in your Paris hotel this evening. We have included a welcome drink and dinner in your hotel. This is an ideal chance to meet and get to know your specialist Battlefield Tour Manager and fellow travellers. (D)

Your Paris Hotel: Mercure Paris Montmartre or Ibis La Villette

DAY 2 - 24 APRIL AMIENS

We depart Paris and travel north to Fromelles to visit VC Corner (Australian Cemetery), Fromelles (Pheasant Wood) Military Cemetery and the Australian Memorial Park at Fromelles, scene of Australia's first major battle on the Western Front. From here we travel across the old Bullecourt battlefield to view the moving statue of an Australian soldier at the Bullecourt 'Digger' Memorial.

Your home for the next 3 nights is the city of Amiens. In 1918 Australian soldiers played a prominent part in the defence of the city. Our hotels are superbly located in the very heart of Amiens, within easy walking distance of all the major sights. Make sure you visit one of the gems of French medieval architecture - Amiens Cathedral, where the Australian and New Zealand soldiers have been honoured. (B)

Your Amiens hotel: All Seasons Amiens or Ibis Amiens Centre Cathedral

DAY 3 - 25 APRIL AMIENS - ANZAC DAY

This morning we attend the Dawn Service at the Australian National



2nd Australian Division Memorial at Mont St Quentin

Memorial near Villers Bretonneux. At the conclusion of the Dawn Service, we attend the local community service, led by the Mayor, at the French monument near the town hall in Villers Bretonneux. A breakfast pack has been included today.

Later, we experience the tragedy of the 1916 Somme battlefield including the Australian memorials at Pozieres, which recall the loss of 23,000 men in six weeks. Also visited today are the vast and tragic Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme, and the Newfoundland Memorial Park. A snack lunch has been included today. (B, L)

DAY 4 - 26 APRIL AMIENS

Our first visit today is to the 2nd Australian Division memorial at Mont St Quentin, on the outskirts of the historical town of Péronne. Driving across the uplands of the Somme, we visit the Australian Corps Memorial at Le Hamel. This afternoon is dedicated to Villers Bretonneux. It was here on April 25, 1918, exactly 3 years after the Gallipoli landings, that Australian courage and determination provided a stunning victory that ended the German advance in this area. It is a place to think about how Australia's story on the Western Front between 1916 and 1918 has been commemorated.

You will visit the fascinating Franco Australian Museum at the Victoria School in the village, with its extensive collection of memorabilia, and revisit the Australian National Memorial. Our last stop is a visit to the Adelaide Cemetery (site of the exhumation of Australia's Unknown Soldier in November 1993).

Return to Amiens where this evening you enjoy a farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

DAY 5 - 27 APRIL TO PARIS

Sadly your Western Front Tour ends this morning after breakfast as you are transferred to Paris to arrive around midday. Drop off points will be Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport and Paris Gare du Nord station. We recommend that you do not book flights or trains that depart Paris before 2pm today. (B)



Tour Inclusions

- All excursions, scenic drives and sightseeing as described in the itinerary
- Fully escorted by our specialist Battlefield Tour Manager
- Personal audio system whilst on tour
- Travel by first class air-conditioned coaches
- End of tour tips to your Tour Manager and Driver
- 4 nights in tourist class hotels as described
- Breakfast daily, 1 snack lunch, 2 dinners including farewell dinner in Amiens
- Welcome drink Paris
- All entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Extensive touring of the Somme Battlefields

Tour Price (land only prices)

\$1,389 pp twin share

Single supplement \$449

'The highlight of our ANZAC Day on the Somme tour was definitely the dawn ANZAC service and gaining insight and understanding of WW1. Information given was excellent and our guide was more than happy to answer questions and go the extra mile to accommodate private requests.'

Ron and Theresa, TAS

