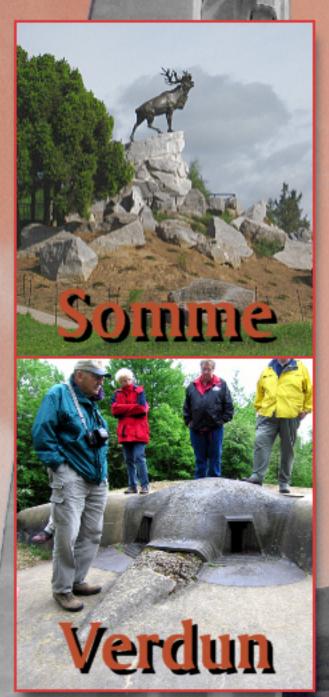
# World War I Centennial Battlefield Tours From Valor Tours Ltd.



Focused Expeditions



America's Oldest and Most Experienced Military Tour Operator



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2-10 May 2016



# VERDUN IN DEPTH



Twin-Share, Land Only

# **Our Concept:**

We go where history was written; we walk in the path of those who served; we endeavor to understand the challenges they faced; we will never forget their sacrifices.

# Monday, 2 May 2016

**Arrival Day in Paris:** In the evening the group assembles for our welcome dinner.

Hotel: Golden Tulip at CDG Airport

# Tuesday, 3 May 2016

**1914 Shapes the Verdun Battlefield:** Champagne campaigns of 1914 & 1915; earlier German attempts to capture Verdun; the Voie Sacrée.

Hotel: Verdun

# Wednesday, 4 May 2016

**Opening Attack: 21 February 1916:** German rear area; attack at Bois des Caures; Verdun Memorial; destroyed village of Fleury; Meuse River positions.

Hotel: Verdun

# Thursday, 5 May 2016

**Focusing on the Forts**: The two defensive ridge lines; Fort Douaumont and its surprising capture; Fort Vaux and its fall; Tavannes Tunnel disaster; execution site of WWII resistance fighters.

Hotel: Verdun

# Friday, 6 May 2016

Historic & Symbolic Verdun: Walking tour of the city's many historic sites and a visit to Vauban's Citadel; battlefield memorials, including: Bayonet Trench, the famous Ossuary, and much more.

Hotel: Verdun

# Saturday, 7 May 2016

**The Left Bank**: Destroyed villages of Haucourt & Cumières, Mort Homme, Côte 304, and the Butte de Vauquois. As time allows, key sites associated with the U.S. Meuse-Argonne Offensive of 1918.

Hotel: Verdun

# Sunday, 8 May 2016

The Hot Zone, High Water Mark & End Game: Thiaumont defenses; Quatre Chiminees, Froideterre Ouvrage, Fleury Ravine, Fort Souville, the Fallen Lion, the recapture of Douaumont and Vaux.

Hotel: Verdun

# Monday, 9 May 2016

American Sites Near Château-Thierry & Musée de la Grande Guerre: The "Rock of the Marne" site; Rainbow Division Monument; Château-Thierry; and Belleau Wood; the spectacular Musée de la Grande Guerre at Meaux; departure dinner at our hotel.

Hotel: Golden Tulip at CDG Airport

Tuesday, 10 May - Departure

Includes: 8 nights hotel accommodations on twin share; single supplement: \$500; breakfast daily; two box lunches; welcome and farewell dinners; all entrance fees; local guides when needed; 7 full days use of private air conditioned coach with driver; services of Michael Hanlon as tour leader; emergency travel insurance coverage; local taxes; tour book.

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14-21 August 2016



# SOMME IN DEPTH



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During its 100th Anniversary, we will visit the 1916 Somme battlefield to endeavor to understand the challenges the combatants in those great struggles faced. We will walk in the steps of the individual soldiers and study the main events sequentially as events unfolded. We will remember their sacrifices.

# Sunday, 14 August 2016

**Arrival Day in Paris:** In the evening the group assembles for our welcome dinner.

Hotel: Golden Tulip at CDG Airport

# Monday, 15 August 2016

1914 Shapes the Somme Battlefield: Race to the Sea of 1914: Mensil; Péronne; Historial de la Grande Guerre; Bapaume, 1870 War Memorial; Thiepval-Ovillers-la Boisselle-Fricourt 1914-16 line; Albert, Basilica & Museum

Hotel: Albert or Péronne

# Tuesday, 16 August 2016

First Day on the Somme - Norh: Gommecourt/Hebuterne; Serre/Sheffield Park; Newfoundland Memorial; Schwaben Redoubt & Ulster Memorial; Thiepval Memorial & Visitor's Center; Aveluy Wood Cemetery

Hotel: Albert or Péronne

# Wednesday, 17 August 2016

First Day on the Somme - British
South and French Battlefields:
Lochnagar Mine Crater: Fricourt; Devonshire Trench; Soccer Balls on the Somme;
Mametz Wood Welsh Memorial; French
Dom.-Becquincourt; Alan

Seeger's Rendezvous at Belloy

Cemetery at Hotel: Albert or Péronne

### Thursday, 18 August 2016

**Down the Bapaume Road:** Mash And Sausage Valleys; Australian Battlefields; Tank Memorial; Courlecette & Canadian Memorial; Sunken Roads Cemetery; Butte de Warlencourt; 1918 Memorial

Hotel: Albert or Péronne

# Friday, 19 August 2016

Five Woods and Tanks on the Attack:
Mametz, Bazentin, High, Delville and
Trones Woods; Caterpillar Valley
Cemetery; South African Memorial;
Flers - First Tank Action

Hotel: Albert or Péronne

# Saturday, 20 August 2016

Final Actions: Northern Sector & Conclusion: Final Battle of the Ancre; German Retreat to the Hindenburg Line; Armistice Glade at Compiègne; departure dinner at our hotel.

Hotel: Golden Tulip at CDG Airport

Sunday, 21 August 2016 - Departure

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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS**

Please complete the application form and return with a deposit of \$600 per person. Reservations cannot be held without a deposit. Personal check or credit card can be accepted for payment. Make checks payable to Valor Tours, Ltd. and mail to 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, and CA 94965. Final payment is due 90 days prior to commencement of tour. All passengers on deposit will receive written confirmation, description of insurance coverage (included in the cost) and newsletter with further details. Final travel documents will be sent Priority Mail to fully paid participants two weeks prior to departure. Unused components of the tour are non-refundable. Cost based upon a minimum of 10 participants traveling together and current rates.

#### **CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS**

All moneys are fully refundable for cancellations received up to 90 days prior to commencement of tour. Cancellations received between 90 and 30 days subject to loss of deposit. Cancellation received within 30 days of tour commencement or "no shows" are non refundable. Cancellation insurance is not included in tour cost, but is available upon request for additional \$190 per person for \$4000 of coverage, \$235 per person for \$5000 of coverage, \$285 per person for \$6000 of coverage, and so on. Personal deviations and extensions to tour are subject to the same penalties. Payments made by check will be refunded by check and may take up to 30 days to process. Payments made by credit card must be credited back to your credit card account and may take up to 60 days to appear on your statement.

#### **HEALTH & TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION**

A passport valid at least six months beyond date of travel is required. Visas and inoculations are not required, however we recommend getting Tetanus updated. Please check your passport to make sure it is valid at least six months beyond date of tour. Recommended reading list, description of travel cancellation insurance coverage and detailed itinerary sent to passengers on deposit only. Travel documents including ID badge, baggage tags, final instructions and tour book will be sent to all fully paid passengers about two weeks prior to tour commencement. If you have any questions, call Valor Tours, Ltd. at 1-800-842-4504.

#### WHAT TO BRING

Casual and comfortable travel clothes, comfortable walking shoes, brimmed hat, suntan lotion, wash clothe, bottle of Woolite, plenty of film, camera (water proof if possible), wind breaker, back pack, flask to carry water, binoculars. Leave expensive jewelry and high-heeled shoes at home. Carry medications, airline tickets, passport, cash on your person – do not pack in suitcase, as there are occasional delays. Travel light – one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please.

#### **SINGLE TRAVELERS**

When a tour member asks Valor Tours to seek a suitable roommate, we will do the best we can to oblige and find a colleague with common interests and habits. Valor Tours cannot be held responsible for incompatibility or guarantee a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found, the single supplement would apply.

#### NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE COST

Air Fare, Foreign airport departure taxes, meals not indicated in itineraries, passport fees, alcoholic beverages, phone calls, laundry, and items of a personal nature, airfare, cancellation insurance coverage and tips to driver and local guides.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

To ensure worry free travel, this tour includes valuable emergency travel insurance at no additional cost to you. This coverage is provided by TRAVELEX Insurance Services. A description of insurance coverage will be sent to each participant upon receipt of his/her application and deposit. Coverage includes sickness and accident medical expense; accidental death and dismemberment; trip delay or missed flight connections; medical evacuation and repatriation; baggage and personal effects loss or delay; assistance services worldwide. Cancellation/trip interruption coverage is not included but available upon request.

Valor Tours, Ltd. reserves the right to modify the itinerary should road conditions, traffic, unexpected detours or local conditions beyond our control so dictate. European coach driving laws will be observed at all times. The coach driver is limited to the amount of time he may spend at the wheel. Unused components are non-refundable. Itinerary/hotels subject to change.

#### DISABILITIES

Due to the absence of handicap and disability laws in Europe, any tour participant with disabilities must be accompanied by a companion who is fully responsible for assisting the disabled tour member at all times throughout the tour. Our tour coach does not have a wheelchair lift and staff is not permitted to offer physical assistance. Travel emergency insurance coverage is included in the tour package.

#### APPLICATION FORM

# 2016 – The Great War Centennial Tour Series Mail to Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965

Questions? Call toll free to 1-800-842-4504

Name	Name	
(as it appears on your passport)		
Address	Phone (days)	
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Tele:	Email:	
•	_ twin share basis (two persons to a hotel roo	
	_ Single basis (I am traveling alone and do n	ot wish to share)
on the following tour(s):		
May 2 to 10, 2016 WWI Cer	ntennial Series — The Battle of Verdun	In Depth
and/or		
August 14 to 21, 2016 WW	I Centennial Series — The Battle of the	Somme In Depth
Enclosed is my/our check for the depos	sit in the amount of \$ (\$600 per pe	erson, per tour), or please
Expiration	(Security code required for VISA or	r Master Card)
Reason for taking tour (Family of Veteran, hist	tory buff, etc.)	
I/we require assistance with air fare to Europe	from the following U.S. gateway city	
Outbound on	and return on	
I/we require additional nights at the Paris hotel	s:	
Please note that handicapped facilities do not exist in Euro	ope, therefore passengers must be able to negotiate steps and some	walking:
I cannot travel without assistance, therefore	quire some assistance (please describe)ore I will travel with my companion named below who	will be fully responsible for
assisting me at all times		
I have read and understand the terms set forth i	n this flyer	
	Signature	Date

RESPONSIBILITY: Valor Tours, Ltd. acts only as an agent in providing all the services in connection with the tour described in this brochure, and cannot assume responsibility for injury, death, damage or loss due to delays, mechanical defects or failure of any nature aboard aircraft, buses, ships, ship's tenders or zodiacs, or any other means of conveyance, accommodation, or other services resulting directly or indirectly from any acts of God, dangers incident to the sea, fire, breakdown of machinery or equipment, acts of government, other authorities de jure or de facto, wars (whether declared or not), hostilities and civil disturbances, acts ofterrorism, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantine, medical or customs regulations or procedures, defaults, delays or cancellations, or changes from any causes beyond our control, or any loss or damage resulting from improperly issued passports, visas, travel documents, and that neither we nor any of our affliates shall become liable for any additional expenses of liability sustain ed or incurred by a tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act or omission or events during the time the passenger is not aboard the aircraft or conveyance. The passenger contract in use shall constitute the sole contract between the carrier and the purchaser of the tour and/or the passenger and the carrier. The right is reserved, should the circumstances warrant it, to alter the itinerary or the sequence of places visited. The right is reserved to substitute hotels for other hotels of a similar category. The operator reserves the right at their or their a ent s discretion, to decline to accept, retain or cancel any member of the tour, at any time or place, or cancel the trip ifcircumstances demand. If the tour operator for any reason whatsoever cancels the trip, all partial and/or full payments will be refunded in full without any further obligation on their part. The schedules used in the operation of t

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# ABOUT VALOR TOURS, LTD.

We have been leading authoritative tours to destinations of military historic interest worldwide for nearly four decades. Our tour participants include veterans, their children and grandchildren, history buffs, and families seeking a meaningful focus for their vacation travels. For the Centennial, Valor Tours, Ltd., has dedicated itself to honoring and remembering the service of the Americans and the soldiers of all countries that fought in the Great War of 1914-1918.

Contact Valor Tours, Ltd., for more information on our World War I Centennial Tours and our other programs.

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# FUTURE TOURS

# Verdun 1916

In Depth - April/May 2016

# The Somme 1916

In Depth - August 2016

# The Flanders Campaign 1917

May 2017

# Caporetto & the Italian Front

July 2017

# The Kaiser's Offensives & British 100 Days

April/May 2018

# The American Expeditionary Force

In Depth - August 2018



Vicky Reynolds-Middagh has been president of Valor Tours, Ltd., since 2004 when founder Bob Reynolds retired. Previously, she had served as operations manager since the company's incorporation in 1977.



Mike Hanlon has been the company's principal World War I tour historian and manager since 2006. He is a former USAF weather and operations officer and manager of large projects for both corporate and zovernmental clients.

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