The battlegrounds of Flanders were the scene of some of the most memorable battles of the Great War, especially in 1917. During their 100th Anniversary we will walk in the shoes of those who fought here and remember their sacrifices.

Monday, 8 May 2017
Arrival Day in Brussels: Optional Brussels Walking Tour in the afternoon. In the evening the group assembles for our welcome dinner.

Hotel: Central Brussels

Tuesday, 9 May 2017
Battle of Vimy Ridge: Rouge Cabaret Cemetery, Hill 70 Loos. Off to Ypres: Orientation Drive of Salient and Ypres; Gheluvelt & Hooge Chateaus. Group visit to Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony.

Hotel: Ypres

Wednesday, 10 May 2017
Prelude, Ypres Salient, 1914-16: Langemarck, Canadian Memorial; Essex Farm, Talbot House, Sanctuary Wood, Hill 62, Walking Tour of Ypres, Flanders Fields Museum.

Hotel: Ypres

Thursday, 11 May 2017
The Battle of Messines: Lille Gate, Shrapnel Corner, Plugstreet Visitors Center, Christmas Truce Site; the Mine Craters of June 1917; Irish and New Zealand Memorials; Mont Kemmel; U.S. Memorial; Bayernwald Trenches, Caterpillar Crater; Hill 60.

Hotel: Ypres

Friday, 12 May 2017

Hotel: Ypres

Saturday, 13 May 2017
Passchendaele 1917, Final Acts: Poelcappelle, Guynemer and Tank Memorials, New Zealand Graventafel Memorial, Bremen Redoubt, Zonnebeke, Passchendaele 1917 Museum, Canadian Advance on Canadian Memorial, End of Passchendaele Offensive Albertina Marker, Tyne Cot Cemetery

Hotel: Ypres

Sunday, 14 May 2017
U.S. Flanders Fields Cemetery, Free Time for Lunch Grande Place, Brussels; Royal Military Museum; departure dinner at our hotel.

Hotel: Near Brussels Airport

Monday, 15 May 2017
Depart for Home.

Includes: 7 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; 6 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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The 1917 Battle of Caporetto was one of the decisive defeats of the Great War. Yet, despite its enormous losses, Italy was able to regroup, hold the line, and emerge victorious in 1918.

**Monday, 24 July 2017**
Arrival Day in Vienna: Relax and then join the group in the evening for our welcome dinner.
   Hotel: Central Vienna

**Tuesday, 25 July 2017**
Historic Vienna: A Day of Touring the "City of Dream" including the Heeresgeschichtliches (Military) Museum
   Hotel: Central Vienna

**Wednesday, 26 July 2017**
To the Isonzo Front: After Lunch En Route at Spectacular Lake Bled, the Strategic Carso Plateau and the Third Army Memorial and First Trenches on the Italian Front Are Visited
   Hotel: Gorizia

**Thursday, 27 July 2017**
Before Caporetto, the 11 Battles of the Isonzo: Mte. Sei Busi, San Michele, the Gorizia Heights. Redipuglia's Outdoor Museum; Austrian Cemetery
   Hotel: Gorizia

**Friday, 28 July 2017**
Caporetto: Southern Flank: Bainzezza Plateau, Tolmino Bridgehead; Walking Tour of Kobarid;
   Hotel: Kobarid (Caporetto)

**Saturday, 29 July 2017**
24 October 1917, The Southern Breakthrough: After an Introduction at the Award-Winning Kobarid Museum We Travel to the Outdoor Musseum at Mte Kolovorat to View the Execution of the Attack
   Hotel: Kobarid (Caporetto)

**Sunday, 30 July 2017**
24 October 1917, The Northern Breakthrough: High Mountain Positions, WWI's Most Devastating Gas Attack, Austro-Hungarian Cemetery at Spodnji Log; Fort Kluze
   Hotel: Kobarid (Caporetto)

**Monday, 31 July 2017**
Pursuit: Udine Supreme Headquarters, Tagliamento Crossing, the Montello - Piave River Line.
   Hotel: Bassano del Grappa

**Tuesday, 1 August 2017**
Last Bastion and 1918 Advance: Monte Grappa, Montello Sacario, Ace Francesco Baracca's Memorial, the Piave River Defenses, Hemingway Wounded Site, Advance of US 332nd Infantry
   Hotel: Trieste

**Wednesday, 2 August 2017**
After a Morning Visti to Emperor Maximilian's Miramare Castle, We Head back to Vienna with Lunch Stop at Historic Graz and a Visiting to Mayerling, Site of Crown Prince Rudolf's Tragedy. Departure Dinner at Our Hotel
   Hotel : Near Vienna Airport

**Thursday, 3 August 2017**
Depart for Home

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Includes: 10 nights hotel accommodations on twin share; single supplement: $600; breakfast daily; 3 paid lunches; welcome and farewell dinners; all entrance fees; local guides when needed; 9 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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GENERAL INFORMATION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS
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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, knapsack, 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, cancellation insurance coverage and tips to driver, group leader 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.

For more information on WWI, previous tours to France, Belgium and Italy, recommended reading list, and to communicate with Michael Hanlon by email directly, email greatwar@earthlink.net or go to www.worldwar1.com.
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2017 – The Great War Centennial Tour Series

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

Name ___________________________ Name ___________________________

(as it appears on your passport)

Address __________________________ Phone (days) _______________________

City ____________________________ State __________ Zipcode __________

Tele: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________

I/we wish to reserve ___ spaces on a ___ twin share basis (two persons to a hotel room), or

___ Single basis (I am traveling alone and do not wish to share)

on the following tour(s):

_____ May 8 to 15, 2017 WWI Centennial Series — Flanders Campaign of 1917

and/or

_____ July 24 to August 3, 2017 WWI Centennial Series — Caporetto and the Italian Front

Enclosed is my/our check for the deposit in the amount of $_________ ($600 per person, per tour), or please charge my credit card account number __________________________

Expiration __________ (Security code required for VISA or Master Card) __________

Reason for taking tour (Family, Veteran, history 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 arrival/departure hotels: __________________________

Please note that handicapped facilities do not exist in Europe, therefore passengers must be able to negotiate steps and some walking:

_____ I do not require any assistance.  _____ I require some assistance (please describe) __________________________

_____ I cannot travel without assistance, therefore 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 in this flyer __________________________

Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

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Cantigny, Château-Thierry, Belleau Wood, 2nd Marne, St. Mihiel, Blanc Mont, and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive

1918 — 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.

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