

Valor Tours, Ltd. Presents
A 2018 World War I Centennial Adventure



A Message from Tour Director Mike Hanlon:

During the winter of 1917/18 the German High Command had a difficult decision to make. They had held off all the Allied offensives in the west during the past year, implemented unrestricted submarine warfare, defeated Russia, and nearly knocked Italy out of the war. However, they realized millions of American troops would soon be landing in Europe. Should they try to make the best settlement possible now, or should they try to defeat the French and British before the Yanks arrived in force. They chose the later course and launched five major offensives in the spring and summer of 1918. On this tour we will visit the sites of all those operations.

Then, beginning in August, from Amiens the British Army with the help of Anzacs, Canadians, and 60,000 forgotten "borrowed" Doughboys, the forces of Sir Douglas Haig launched a non-stop series of victorious battles, ironically finishing the war in the very place they first encountered the enemy, Mons, Belgium. We will also follow the path of the famous "100 Days" of the British Army on our trip. I hope you will be able to join us.



6-14 May 2018

\$3,450/Person, Twin-Share, Land Only

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Sun: 6 May

Arrive Paris
Welcome Dinner

A Note on the Kaiser's Offensives:

These five operations that were launched one each month from March to July 1918 have several different names. For simplicity we will use their month to label them here.

Mon: 7 May

Opening the March Offensive
The Hindenburg Line
St. Quentin Sector
Péronne Historial Museum
Br. 5th Army Sites
Flesquieres Salient-Baupame-Albert
Mark IV Tank, Deborah, Museum

Tues: 8 May

Red Baron Crash Site
Halting the March Offensive
Moreuil Wood
Villers-Bretonneux
First Tank vs. Tank Battle

Weds: 9 May

Doullens War Conference Site
The April Offensive Opens
The Portuguese Sector
Armentieres
Mt. Kemmel
Overview of Ypres Salient
Menin Gate Last Post

Thurs: 10 May

Back & Forth Action around Ypres
Mons
Valenciennes
LeQuesnoy
Wellington Quarry Arras

Fri: 11 May

Hamel
Battle of Amiens
British Sector
Australian Sector & Memorial
Canadian Sector

Sat: 12 May

Breaking the Hindenburg Line
Havrincourt & the Canal du Nord
U.S. Somme Cemetery & Memorial
St Quentin Canal
46th Division Bridge
U.S. II Corps Advance to Selle



Today we visit the site of one of World War One's most famous photos.

Sun: 13 May

German May Offensive
Defense of the Marne River Line
German July Offensive
Rock of the Marne Site
Musée de la Grande Guerre du pays de Meaux
Farewell Dinner

Mon: 14 May

Depart for Home

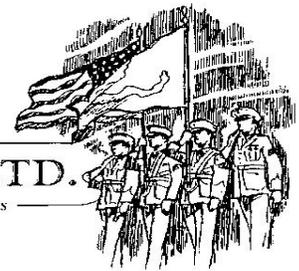
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GENERAL INFORMATION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

Tour cost includes: 8 nights hotel accommodations at 3 and 4 star hotels with private facilities, twin share; daily breakfast; welcome and farewell dinners; two lunches; portorage at hotels; services of Michael Hanlon as tour leader/historian; private air conditioned coach transport throughout; local taxes; entrance fees; emergency travel insurance. Based on minimum of 10 passengers travelling together.

Twin share \$3,450.00 per person, twins share
Single supplement \$700.00

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 reading list, with a travel tips newsletter to follow before departure. 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. See Travel Insurance. 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.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE COST

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

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. 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, 2 wire coat hangers, plenty of film, camera (water proof if possible), wind breaker, nap sack to carry water and other personal items, 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.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

To ensure worry free travel, this tour includes valuable emergency travel insurance at no additional cost to you.

TRAVELERS WITH 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.

See application form attached.

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Our experienced Western Front tour leader Michael Hanlon is a former U.S. Air Force Weather and Operations Officer and a manager of large projects for both corporate and governmental clients. He is the author of "About the Great War: An Introduction to the Most Momentous Event of the 20th Century. and has appeared on the History Channel as a commentator on the First World War's events and secrets. He is also the editor of the award winning "Doughboy Center" website and produces a number publications including "Over the Top" Magazine, the online newsletter, the "St. Mihiel Trip-Wire," and the daily blog "Roads to the Great War. He is a partner with the United States World War I Centennial Commemoration Commission.

For more information on WWI, previous tours to France, Belgium, Turkey and Italy recommended reading list, and to communicate with Michael Hanlon by email directly greatwar@earthlink.net or refer to www.worldwar1.com

WWI Centennial Series — Kaiser's Battles and the British 100 Days
May 6 – 14, 2018

REGISTRATION FORM

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Calif 94965 U.S.A. Questions? Call 1-800-842-4504 or email: valortours@yahoo.com

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (days) _____ 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). ___ Smoking, or ___ Non smoking.

Enclosed is my/our check for the deposit in the amount of \$_____ (\$600 per person), or please charge my credit card
_____ Exp _____

WWI places of special interest to me/us: _____

I/we need assistance with air arrangements from _____ to Paris to coincide with the tour.

I/we would like _____ extra nights at the CDG Hotel prior to tour commencement and/or _____ extra night at CDG Hotel at end of tour. (This does not have to be decided now)

Next of kin (name/phone) _____

Dietary requirements _____

I/we have read and understand the terms set forth in this brochure

Signature *Date*

Special needs: