

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

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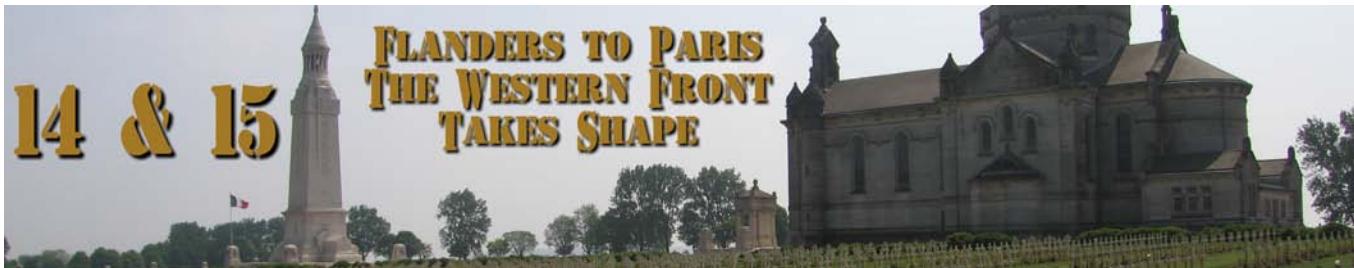
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\$3,600 per person



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Land only, air not incl.



#### 1915 Battlefield, Notre Dame de Lorette

Our first Centennial tour of 2015 examines the actions of late 1914 and 1915 north of Paris that established the trench warfare system that would dominate the war until the spring of 1918. After beginning in Antwerp, we range from the English Channel to Paris. Most travelers should anticipate flying into Brussels and proceeding to our first hotel in central Antwerp from the train or bus terminals located at the Brussels airport.

#### Saturday, 2 May 2015

Arrival Day: An optional walking tour of the cultural and Great War sites of Antwerp departs from our hotel at 2 p.m. In the evening the group assembles for our welcome dinner.

Hotel: Antwerp, Belgium

#### Sunday, 3 May 2015

The Siege of Antwerp: Aboard our luxury coach we examine the Antwerp fortress ring, the deployment sites of the "Big Bertha" artillery pieces of the German Forces; the arrival of Winston Churchill and the Royal Naval forces he brought are covered; we conclude with the abandonment of the city by King Albert, the Belgian Army's retreat west to the Yser, and the internment of British and Belgian troops in Holland.

Hotel: Antwerp, Belgium

#### Monday, 4 May 2015

The Northern Anchor of the Western Front: the German Army greatest advance point; sites around Newport and Dixmude, including the Lock Complex, the Trench of Death and the Yser Memorial. North of Ypres, we visit Käthe Kollwitz's "Grieving Parents," Toc H (Talbot House) in Poperinghe, and Essex Farm, where John McRae wrote "In Flanders Fields." In the evening we assemble as a group to attend the famous Last Post Ceremony,

Hotel: Ypres, Belgium



Price (subject to adjustment): \$3,600 per person twin-share. Single supplement: \$500. Includes: 8 nights hotel accommodations on twin share; breakfast daily; three lunches; all entrance fees; local guides when needed; welcome and farewell dinners; 7 full days use of private air conditioned coach; services of Michael Hanlon as tour leader; emergency travel insurance coverage; local taxes; tour book.

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#### Tuesday, 5 May 2015

First Battle of Ypres, 1914: Langemarck Cemetery and Battlefield, Gheluvelt Chateau, Polygon Wood and Sanctuary Wood. We conclude the day with visits in Ypres to St. Georges Memorial Church and the Flanders Fields Museum.

Hotel: Ypres, Belgium

#### Wednesday, 6 May 2015

Second Battle of Ypres, 1915: Vancouver Corner, Kitchener Wood, Hooge Chateau and Museum, Hill 60 and Caterpillar Crater, Tyne Cot Cemetery & Visitors Center.

Hotel: Ypres, Belgium

#### Thursday, 7 May 2015

Heading South: After leaving Ypres we visit the Christmas Truce site of 1914 and the new "Plug Street" visitors center nearby. Proceeding on to the Artois we examine the late actions in the 1914 Race to the Sea, the Battle of La Bassée; and the battles of Foch and the French Army at Notre Dame de Lorette.

Hotel in Arras, France

#### Friday, 8 May 2015

The British Battles of 1915: Neuve Chapelle, Festubert, and Loos. Also, we pay a visit to Fromelles, where Corporal Adolf Hitler served and the Australian 5th Division fought a grim battle in 1916.

Hotel in Arras, France

#### Saturday, 9 May 2015

Race to the Sea, 1914: Albert and Noyon; Select Somme Battlefield Sites as Time Allows; the Armistice Glade at Compiègne. We conclude the expedition with our departure dinner at our hotel.

Hotel near Charles de Gaulle Airport

#### Sunday, 10 May 2015 Depart for Home



15 -24 August 2015



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Valor Tours, Ltd. Presents  
1914-1918 2014-2018  
The Great War Centennial Tour Series

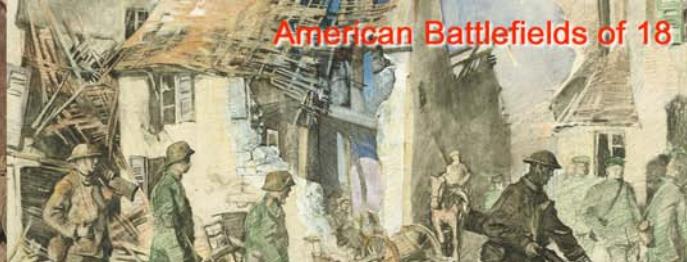
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14 & 15: The Western Front – Paris to Verdun



American Battlefields of 18

Valor Tours Offers a Double Theme: Early Battles on the Western Front and the AEF at Château-Thierry, St. Mihiel & the Argonne

#### Saturday, 15 August 2015

Arrival in Paris; free time; welcome dinner.

Hotel: Near Charles de Gaulle Airport

#### Sunday, 16 August 2015

Close to Paris: Today we visit the battlefields closest to the French capital including the Chemin des Dames, where trench warfare became systematic, sites on the heights above Reims, and Reims Cathedral, a wounded veteran of the war.

Hotel: Reims

#### Monday, 17 August 2015

The Champagne: 1914/1915 stops today include Fort Pommelle, Navarin Farm, and the cemetery and visitors center at Souain. We also stop at the U.S. battlefields at Blanc Mont and of the Harlem Hellfighters.

Hotel: Verdun

#### Tuesday, 18 August 2015

The Argonne & Verdun—1914/1915: Before the later war's great battles, this sector was the location of intense attritional warfare. As time allows we will visit 1916 sites.

Hotel: Verdun

#### Wednesday, 19 August 2015

St. Mihiel Salient, Outdoor Museum of Trench Warfare: This overlooked section of the Western Front was strategically important since it provided a "back door" into the German homeland. Today we visit the forts, mines, infrastructure, and restored trenches that still fill the area.

Hotel: Verdun

#### Monday, 24 August 2015

Departure for Home

Price (subject to adjustment): \$3,800 per person twin-share. Single supplement: \$800  
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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

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**  
**2015 – 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) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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 2 to 10, 2015 WWI Centennial Series – the Western Front 14/15: Flanders to Paris.

and/or

August 15 to 24, 2015 WWI Centennial Series - the Western Front 14/15: Paris to Verdun plus The Yanks in 1918.

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 of 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 Paris 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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 of terrorism, 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 affiliates shall become liable for any additional expenses of liability sustained 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 agent's discretion, to decline to accept, retain or cancel any member of the tour, at any time or place, or cancel the trip if circumstances 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 this tour are subject to change, without notice. If any tour member does not utilize any portion of the transportation at any time or for any reason whatsoever, additional cost of substitute transportation will be borne by the passengers. Payment of the required deposit or any partial or full payment for reservations shall constitute consent to all the provisions listed in the brochure. Valor Tours Ltd. cannot guarantee or be held responsible for assigned seating aboard any aircraft used in this tour. All legal questions will be settled within the jurisdiction of the County of Marin, California.

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