

# PAUL GARLINGTON

Battlefield Historian

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## A TYPICAL TOUR ITINERARY

### A FIVE DAY (FOUR NIGHT) BATTLEFIELD TOUR.

The price includes a fully comprehensive, bespoke battlefield tour, where we walk the ground, visiting war graves and memorials.

- ∂ Tour starts and ends at Ashford Station in Kent, which is conveniently close to the Eurotunnel in Folkestone or the ferry port in Dover, but local pick-up can be arranged.
- ∂ Accommodation (hotels are 3/4 star, clean and comfy)
- ∂ Accompanied by private Battlefield Historian as your tour guide with over 20 years' experience and an expert on the subject of the battles of the Great War.
- ∂ Meals on the tour
- ∂ Hire of a top spec Land Rover Discovery
- ∂ Ferry or Eurotunnel
- ∂ Tolls
- ∂ Petrol
- ∂ Entrance to Museums and cemeteries (where necessary)
- ∂ A poppy wreath or crosses to lay as a personal commemoration at any point on the tour.

Other costs covered by yourself:

- ∂ any other incidentals and evening drinks;
- ∂ return travel to Ashford Station

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Highlights include:

- The Somme
  - ∂ This is an area of beautiful, rolling chalk downland, dotted with small villages, woods and copses.
  - ∂ The battlefield is about 18 miles from north to south and 7 miles deep. We will explore the area by car with maps and photos to understand how the Battle of the Somme unfolded; we look at the major events in the fighting that took place there and will walk the ground on which they were fought.

Amongst our many visits will be

- ∂ Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme.
- ∂ Hawthorn Ridge
- ∂ Delville Wood (Devil's Wood) and the horseshoe of woods.
- ∂ Mametz and Montauban
- ∂ Lochnager Mine Crater and the Ilôt at La Boisselle. This is the largest British surviving mine on Somme.

You will leave the area of the Somme with a full understanding of the area and how the battle started and unfolded. It is an excellent way to start the tour.

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- The Ypres Salient.

- ∂ Ypres is a complete contrast to the Somme and the flat landscape gives a feel distinct from previous visits. Amongst other places, we will visit Tyne Cot and Passchendaele and I will arrange for you to lay a wreath at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. Except for the years of German occupation during the Second World War, this moving event has happened every night at 8pm since 1927, when the gate was completed.

We will explore this area in detail by car and on foot. Amongst our many visits will be:

- ∂ Tyne Cot Cemetery and Memorial: the largest British war cemetery in the world.
- ∂ Tyne Cot Cemetery Visitor's Centre and an understanding on No Man's Land
- ∂ Sanctuary Wood and the preserved trenches: Some of the original WW1 trenches surviving.
- ∂ Sanctuary Wood Trench Museum
- ∂ Travel to Messines Ridge to visit the mine craters and to Ploegsteert to see the wood and Memorial to the missing.
- ∂ Menin Gate
- ∂ Wreath at the Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate (8pm).

We will make every effort to visit cemeteries with a personal connection, and places of special interest to the party. Please let me know and I will be sure to include them.

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