



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE DIGGERS

As patriotic Aussies we have all grown up hearing about our valiant soldiers courageous efforts in Gallipoli but until recently, we have never heard much about their other outstanding battle efforts on the Western Front. By the end of the “war to end all wars” the diggers earned their reputation as one of the best fighting forces through courage and sacrifice. Only now that some of our unknown soldier’s remains have been found in Fromelle is the true story being revealed of their heroic deeds. The esteem in which this entirely volunteer force is still held is testament to their inspiring bravery and indelible reputation.

It is with great excitement that we announce our 17 day tour “**In The Footsteps of The Diggers**” this tailor made tour is a once in a lifetime opportunity to pay your respects to Australia’s World War 1 Diggers. We are most fortunate to have **Rhonda & Doug Grande** escorting this tour for us. Rhonda has recently been recognized for her untiring work in making sure the history of our great fighting soldiers is not forgotten and has been made a “Fellow of the Military Historical Society of Australia” and Doug has a very good knowledge of weaponry used in these battles. This tour of the major battlefields where Australians took part in Turkey, France and Belgium departs Monday 09 September 2013 and includes moving visits to Gallipoli, Amiens, Ypres and other historical sites.

INCLUSIONS:

- 16 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN 4* HOTELS inclusive of breakfast daily
- ALL TRANSFERS IN AIR CONDITIONED COACH
- ENGLISH SPEAKING PROFESSIONAL GUIDES THROUGHOUT
- DINNER IN TURKEY (4)
- 2 DAY HOP ON HOP OFF COACH & MUSEUM PASS
- DINNER IN PARIS, YPRES & AMIENS (4) LUNCH (1)
- PORTERAGE IN ALL HOTELS
- AIRFARES TAXES & SERVICE CHARGES



Mon 09 Sep Depart Perth Emirates Flight 425 0600 arrive Dubai 1300
Depart Dubai Emirates Flight 121 1425 arrive Istanbul 1755

Meet and assist with English speaking guide
 Private coach transfer to hotel
 Overnight at Istanbul Antik Hotel or similar

Tue 10 Sep Istanbul B, D

Morning at leisure
 Half day city tour to include Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque and St Sophia Museum
 Dinner and show at Galata Tower
 Overnight at Istanbul Antik Hotel or similar

Wed 11 Sep Istanbul / Eceabat B, D

Depart for drive to the Gallipoli Peninsula
 Dinner at hotel or local restaurant
 Overnight at Grand Eceabat Hotel or similar

Thu 12 Sep Istanbul / Eceabat B, D

Coach and driver at groups' disposal for full day touring on the peninsula
 Dinner at hotel or local restaurant
 Overnight at Grand Eceabat Hotel or similar

Fri 13 Sep Eceabat B, D

Coach and driver at groups' disposal for full day touring on the peninsula
 Morning visit to Helles
 Dinner at hotel or local restaurant
 Overnight at Grand Eceabat Hotel or similar

Sat 14 Sep Eceabat / Istanbul B

Depart for return to Istanbul
 On arrival in Istanbul tour of Grand Bazaar
 Overnight at Istanbul Antik Hotel or similar

Sun 15 Sep Depart Istanbul B

Private coach transfer from hotel to Istanbul Airport

Depart Istanbul on Turkish Airlines Flight 1827 1420 arrive Paris 1710



Sun 15 Sep Arrive Paris

Arrive Paris CDG Airport
 Meet and assist with English speaking guide
 Private coach transfer from airport to hotel
 Overnight at Best Western Ronceray Opera or similar

Mon 16 Sep Paris

B, D

Day at leisure for own arrangements
 Dinner at local restaurant
 Overnight at Best Western Ronceray Opera or similar

Tue 17 Sep Paris

B

Issue of 2 day Hop-on Hop-off bus tickets
 Issue of 2 day Paris Museum Pass (including entrance to Louvre)
 Full day in Paris on own to use two day Hop-On Hop-Off Bus and two day Museum Pass (both included)
 Overnight at Best Western Ronceray Opera or similar

Wed 18 Sep Paris

B

Full day in Paris on own to use two day Hop-On Hop-Off Bus and two day Museum Pass (both included) Overnight at Best Western Ronceray Opera or similar

Thu 19 Sep Paris / Ypres

B

Depart Paris for one hour stop at Villers Bretenoux (150kms; 2.15 hrs)
 Continue on to Le Hamil for a one hour stop for lunch (lunch at own arrangements and cost)
 Visit 3rd division memorial at Sailly le Sec, crash site of Baron Von Richthofen
 Drive to Ypres (144kms; 2.15 hrs)
 Attend last post ceremony at Menin Gate
 Overnight at Novotel Leper Centrum Hotel

Fri 20Sep Ypres

B, D

Self-guided walking tour of Ypres
 Long distance coach to remain with the group for the day, view main sights of the city
 Entrance to In Flanders Field Museum
 Own arrangements for lunch
 Afternoon touring in the area: visit Hill 60 site, Polygon Wood site, Butts Cemetery, Tyne Cot Cemetery. Tour bunkers, 5th Division Memorial & New Zealand Memorial
 Entrance to Memorial Passchendale Museum
 Stop at Digger's Rest Cafe/Pub for afternoon tea (own arrangements)
 On return to Ypres see Hellfire Corner.
 1800 three course dinner at hotel
 Attend last post ceremony at Menin Gate
 Overnight at Novotel Leper Centrum Hotel



Sat 21 Sep Ypres / Amiens

B, L, D

Long distance coach to remain with the group for the day
 Depart Ypres for drive to Fromelles for tour of VC Corner, Cobbers Memorial, Pheasant Wood Military Cemetery, Hitler's Bunker, Ploegsteert Woode & Messines Mine Site
 Proceed to Pozieres for lunch at Tommies Café
 Tour the Pozieres area before continuing to Amiens
 Three course dinner and overnight at Grand Hotel de L'Univers or similar

Sun 22 Sep Amiens

B

Full day touring in the area with long distance coach to remain with the group for the day
 Visit Bullecourt Memorial, Mouquet Farm, Thiepval Cemetary, Newfoundlands Memorial, Beaumont-Hamel, Ulster Tower and Lochnagar Crater
 Lunch at own arrangements
 Overnight at Grand Hotel de L'Univers or similar

Mon 23 Sep Amiens / Paris

B, D

Long distance coach to remain with the group for the day
 Entrance to Musee de la Somme
 Continue to Peronne for visit to Historical de la Grande Guerre
 Lunch at own arrangements
 Drive to Mont St Quentin for a visit to the memorial
 Return to Paris
 Remainder of afternoon at leisure
 Walk from hotel to farewell dinner at local restaurant
 Overnight at Best Western Ronceray Opera or similar

Tue 24 Sep Depart Paris

B

After breakfast private coach transfer to CDG Airport

Depart Paris on Emirates Flight 74 1535 arrive Dubai 0020 next day

Wed 25 Sep Depart Dubai on Emirates Flight 420 0255 arrive Perth 17255

COST TWIN SHARE \$7,999.00 SINGLE \$8,999.00