

# WORLD WAR I BATTLEFIELDS

*From 2014-18 the First World War will be especially remembered. We hope our tour will help young people discover what the 'Great War' meant to the 1.5 billion people involved.*

Attend the **LAST POST CEREMONY** which has taken place at the **MENIN GATE** each evening since 1928.

**YPRES** was the centre of intense battles during World War I because of its position in the path of Germany's route across the rest of Belgium, into France. It has been reconstructed in its medieval style and is home to In Flanders Field Museum, shops and cafes.

**ISLAND OF IRELAND PEACE PARK** is a memorial to all soldiers, *(dead, wounded and missing from 1914-18)* from Ireland, whatever their religion or beliefs.

**IN FLANDERS FIELD MUSEUM** recounts the story of the First World War.

**POELCAPELLE** British Cemetery contains the grave of the believed to be youngest soldier to die in the Great War, 14 year old John Condon.

**TYNE COT** is the largest British war cemetery in the world. It's possible to visit the bunkers of the battlefield. Walking to the visitors centre while hearing the names of the dead read out is a moving experience.

**ULSTER TOWER** commemorates the 36<sup>th</sup> Ulster Division who fell at the Somme in 1916.

**VIMY RIDGE** is a Canadian memorial with underground tunnels & reconstructed trenches.

**OTHER VISIT OPTIONS :** Passchendaele, Sanctuary Wood, Essex Farm, Australian & British Cemetery Fromelles, Bellewaerde Theme Park, Paris.

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
DAY 1	Travel by coach and ferry to Holyhead.	Continue by coach to Hull.	Overnight ferry crossing from Hull.
DAY 2	Arrive Zeebrugge 8am. Tyne Cot Cemetery.	In Flanders Field Museum.	Hotel check in and dinner.
DAY 3	Ulster Tower.	Vimy Ridge. Ireland Peace Park.	Last Post Ceremony, Menin Gate.
DAY 4	Free time in Ypres.	Poelcapelle	Overnight ferry crossing.
DAY 5	Arrive Hull. Continue by coach.	Ferry crossing to Dublin.	Arrive in Ireland, continue by coach home.

Cost includes : travel (including ensuite berth and meals on overnight ferry), 2 nights ensuite hotel accommodation & meals, visits & entrance fees, travel insurance, services of an accompanying tour manager.

Cost is usually based on 45 travellers and sample itinerary above, but can be adapted to suit your group.