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MAKE AN ENQUIRY

VISIT. UNDERSTAND. NEVER FORGET.

Experience the living conditions in the trenches and the destructive power, waste and futility of war by touring the battlefields of the Ypres Salient and the Somme. Experience the events of the 1916 Battle of the Somme by following the Circuit of Remembrance, attend the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, explore the interactive In Flanders Fields Museum in Ypres and visit the British Dugout Experience and German trench system at the Passchendaele Museum.

Your students may explore many other places of interest in order to discover more about this devastating conflict.





MORNING

Travel to Dover for short sea crossing to Calais

AFTERNOON

Arrive in Ypres mid afternoon and check in to the Peace Village

Overlooking the Messines ridge battlefield, the Peace Village Hostel is the ideal group accommodation and base for a visit to Flanders Fields and the Ypres Salient area.

EVENING

After evening meal, visit the March of the Phoenix Remembrance Walk

The off the beaten track trail brings you to the beautiful lit Island of Ireland Peace Park with its magnificent round tower.





MORNING

Morning spent at the Passchendaele Memorial Museum & Gardens

The Museum consists of five educational sections and a remembrance gallery.

Visit to Tyne Cot Cemetery & Memorial

Tyne Cot is the largest Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in the world. It is now the resting place of more than 11,900 servicemen of the British Empire from the First World War.

AFTERNOON

A trip to the Langemark the German Cemetery

Langemark cemetery is one of only four First World War German cemeteries in the Flanders region and is a stark contract to Allied cemeteries.

Travel to Ypres to visit the Chocolate Shop

A chance to sample and purchase the finest of Belgian chocolate.





AFTERNOON

Visit to the In Flanders Field Museum

The In Flanders Fields Museum offers an immersive experience with touching video projects, unique sound fragments and the most up-to-date multimedia applications of the life at the front. Each visitor receives a poppy bracelet that enables them to discover four personal stories of 'Joe Public' in the Great War.

EVENING

Evening meal followed by Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate

Every night at 8.00pm The Last Post Ceremony takes place under the Menin Gate. The local people are proud of this simple but moving tribute to the courage and self-sacrifice of those who fell in defence of their town.





MORNING

Morning spent at Talbot House the Working Man's Club

In 1915 this soldier's club was opened and would become the most famous of all the British Army clubs. In this "Every Mans' Club, all ranks were welcome, form ordinary soldier to senior officer.

Late morning visit to Hill 60 The Caterpillar Crater

Hill 60 is an area of ground which remains relatively undisturbed since the end of the Great War.

AFTERNOON

Visit the Hooge Crater Trenches & Museum

This museum is housed in a restored chapel located where one of the fiercest battles of Ypres was fought and opposite the 'Hooge Crater Cemetery'. The private museum offers superb life-size reconstructions of war scenes and you can enjoy an impressive 'trench art' collection in the cafeteria.

EVENING

Evening at Ice Mountain and return to hostel for evening meal

The Ice Mountain climbing park brings you to unprecedented heights through ropes, climbing walls, platforms and 500 meter zip lines! Alternatively, play Laser Tag – the hide and seek team battle.





MORNING Check out of hotel and visit Bayernwald Trenches

Bayernwald is a true-to-life reconstruction involving 300 meters of trenches, four bunkers and two mine shafts.

AFTERNOON Travel to Calais for return short sea crossing

EVENING Return to school in evening



ACCOMMODATION

PEACE VILLAGE

Nieuwkerkestraat 9a, B-8957 Mesen, Belgium

HOTEL INFORMATION

Consisting of four units, each with its own name and colour and ten rooms per block. Each block consists of two staff rooms and eight pupil rooms for a total of 40 people per block. There are 24 en-suite modern duplex rooms with comfortable interiors, accommodating 4 to 6 persons per room. A further eight rooms are wheelchair accessible, in addition to 8 twin staff rooms. The hostel has a bar, games room and offers on-site activities such as a football, netball and basketball. Organised evening activities (e.g. walks, workshops) are provided on request.

LOCATION

Situated in rural Messines. 10 minutes from Ypres, 90 minutes from Calais & Dunkirk and 30 minutes from Lille.

FEATURES

Bar, games room, on-site activities.

BEDROOMS

Groups are required to make up their own beds on arrival and strip them on departure.



ACCOMMODATION

OLD ABBEY HOTEL

Hotel Oude Abdij, Noordstraat 3, B-8647, Lo-Reninge

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Old Abbey Hotel, a former abbey and brewery, is set in magnificent surroundings where the unique 18th century Dovecots of the Augustine monks still remain.

The hotel has 60 well-appointed bedrooms that can sleep up to 6 comfortably. Breakfast, packed lunch and dinner are available and prepared with fresh, local produce. Free Wi-Fi is available in the communal spaces at the ground floor. The hotel is situated in a lovely part of the country with a rich historical value, only 20 km / 25 minutes from Ypres and the WWI sites.

LOCATION

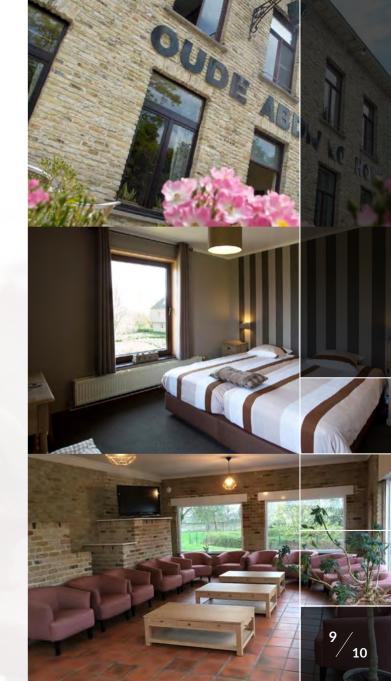
20 km North-West of Ypres.

FEATURES

Coach parking, games area including table tennis, pool table and table football, projector & large screen suitable for showing DVDs, large garden/patio.

BEDROOMS

All rooms have a bath or shower, TV and a telephone.





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