

WWI Battlefields

History Experiences



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Making the Right Choice

This information pack details a range of visits that are available in your chosen destination. We've worked closely with many educational professionals and partner organisations in order to create a pack that gives you the choice you need to meet all of your tour requirements. It's designed to help you quickly and easily select the right experiences for your group to take part in whilst they're away.

Once you have booked, your personal dedicated Educational Tour Co-ordinator will discuss your tour objectives and work with you to build and arrange a programme of visits that meet your learning objectives.

Many of these visits are pre-payable through NST which means you and your group won't need to carry additional money during your tour. Furthermore, you'll have the added reassurance that the visits we offer are covered as part of our externally verified Safety Management System, which exactly matches the DfE and Scottish Executive's recommendations.

Price Information

The prices in this guide are per paying person or per group as stated and are based on a free place ratio of one in eight. These are guideline prices based on the lowest prices available.

If you are travelling by air, we have highlighted where coach hire will be required for certain visits. This can be organised at a competitive price. Public transport is not included in the visit prices shown and will need to be paid locally.

Where prices are per group we have indicated the minimum and maximum group size required, please note if your group is larger than the maximum group size it's possible to arrange multiple bookings.

All visit prices are subject to availability, can be withdrawn at any time without notice and are correct at time of going to print July 2014. Prices have been calculated using an exchange rate of £1 = €1.15. Whilst every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of information and prices at time of printing, regrettably errors and changes do occasionally occur. Entrance fees for some visits may be payable locally. In some instances a booking fee may apply to services provided by NST.

Curriculum-linked Visits in Ypres

Bayernwald (Croonaert Wood)

Description:	German troops occupied this strategic position from late 1914. The site consists of a preserved German trench system, within which are several large concrete emplacements and two mineshafts. Information panels explain life at the Front.
Prices:	All ages £1.25
Web address:	www.heuvelland.be

Essex Farm Cemetery and Dressing Station

Description:	Probably most famous because of the connection between the preserved British bunker and the Canadian poet, John McCrae. The cemetery and the nearby canal bank, formerly the British Front Line, are also well worth visiting.
Prices:	FREE

Hooge Crater

Description:	Offering groups a unique tour - original artefacts & full scale reconstructions of battlefield scenes can be found in the Museum Hooge Crater. With an extended collection of weapons from the period 1914-1918, war equipment of all armies that fought during those four years of intense battles and photos, make this museum a true must-see!
Prices:	All ages £2.25

In Flanders Fields Museum and Talbot House

Description:	This superb state-of-the-art, interactive museum covers most aspects of the war in Flanders, and shows the war through the eyes of soldiers, nurses, refugees and children. An educational pack and study resources are available. Talbot House - In 1915, this British soldiers' club opened to all ranks. Today, Talbot House is a fascinating living museum depicting daily life in the club. Groups are also able to visit the recently renovated concert hall where many recreational activities and concerts took place. This is an en route visit to Ypres Salient.
Prices:	In Flanders Fields Museum: ages 5-25 £3.85 Talbot House: all ages £5.95 In Flanders Fields Museum & Talbot House - combined ticket: all ages £7.00
Web address:	www.talbothouse.be www.inflandersfields.be
Minimum group size:	15

Langemark German Cemetery

Description:	A sombre, foreboding place, this cemetery contains the bodies of more than 40,000 German troops, over half of whom lie in a mass grave. The entrance contains a memorial room dedicated to the dead of the Student Battalions decimated here in 1914.
Prices:	FREE

Curriculum-linked Visits in Ypres

Lettenberg Bunkers

Description:	These excellently restored British dugouts near Kemmel give a vivid insight into the scale of the war underground.
Prices:	FREE

Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery & Visitor Centre

Description:	The story of the cemetery - the largest hospital cemetery in the Ypres Salient area with almost 11,000 victims, representing 30 nationalities - is told in this new visitor centre. The exhibition includes a photo and listening wall where stories from the war can be discovered.
Prices:	FREE

Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917

Description:	Students can follow in the footsteps of the 40th Australian Battalion on 4th October 1917 with this interactive visit which can include a battlefield walk in full uniform, an authentic 'Tommy Tucker' meal and a guided tour of the Memorial Museum.
Prices:	Up to 26 £3.35
Web Address:	www.passchendaele.be
Minimum group size:	15
Maximum group size:	50 (for guided tours)

Menin Gate and Last Post Ceremony

Description:	The largest and the most important of the British memorials to the Missing in The Salient, this memorial holds the names of 54,896 soldiers of the British Empire. The Menin Gate marked the start of one of the main roads out of Ypres towards the Front Line. Following a meal at the ideally located Den Anker restaurant, your students will witness the moving 'Last Post Ceremony' which takes place every evening at 20:00hrs. Groups may choose to lay a wreath during the Ceremony - ask your Educational Tour Co-ordinator for details.
Prices:	FREE

Sanctuary Wood Museum and Hill 62

Description:	This fascinating visit shows well-preserved, original British trenches. The museum consists of two rooms housing artefacts and photographs from World War I.
Prices:	All ages £5.65
Minimum group size:	20

Tyne Cot British Cemetery

Description:	Tyne Cot Cemetery is the resting place of 11,956 soldiers, and the largest British Military Cemetery in the world. The panels in the rear wall hold the names of 34,888 missing soldiers.
Prices:	FREE

Curriculum-linked Visits on The Somme

Albert, 1916 Museum

Description:	The main British base town during the 1916 battle, Albert changed hands on several occasions. The damaged tower of its basilica, 'the leaning virgin', was a famous site on this part of the Front. Next to this is the entrance to a small WWI museum housed in a series of underground chambers.
Prices:	Students £2.75 Adults £4.35
Web address:	www.musee-somme-1916.eu
Maximum group size:	15

Delville Wood Museum

Description:	South Africa's major memorial to its dead of WWI. Delville Wood was also called 'Devil's Wood' by the troops. After the war the wood was re-planted, but just one tree survives from the original woodland.
Prices:	FREE
Web Address:	www.delvillewood.com/bienvenue2.htm

Lochnagar Crater

Description:	The result of a mine explosion on 1st July 1916, this is the largest surviving crater on the Western Front, and one of the most impressive sites on The Somme Battlefields.
Prices:	FREE
Web address:	www.lochnagarcrater.org

Newfoundland Park, Beaumont Hamel

Description:	Undoubtedly one of the largest and best-preserved trench memorials on the Western Front. Just outside the park lies Hawthorn Crater, and within it are the 'Danger Tree' and remains of the British Front Line. The German Front Line can be seen across No Man's Land. Canadian guides can be pre-booked free of charge between May and November.
Prices:	FREE
Web address:	www.vac-acc.gc.ca/remembers/sub.cfm?source=memorials/ww1mem/beaumonthamel
Minimum group size:	10
Maximum group size:	50

Thiepval Memorial and Visitor Centre

Description:	This is the largest memorial to the British missing on the Western Front, containing the names of 73,412 men who died from 1915 to 1917 and have no known graves. The new visitor centre houses an informative exhibition designed to aid understanding of the history of Thiepval during WWI.
Prices:	FREE
Web address:	www.thiepval.org.uk

Curriculum-linked Visits on The Somme

Ulster Tower

Description:	Built as a memorial copy of the tower that the 36th Ulster Division had trained under in County Down, Northern Ireland, the tower marks the site against which the men of Ulster advanced on 1st July 1916. The northernmost 7km of The Somme Battlefield can be seen from here.
Prices:	All ages £0.85

Vimy Ridge

Description:	The scene of fierce fighting in 1917, when the Canadians successfully took the ridge from the Germans. Students can take a guided tour of the tunnels, trenches and the cemeteries 20 people at a time.
Prices:	FREE
Web Address:	www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/history/first-world-war/vimy-ridge
Minimum group size:	10
Maximum group size:	50

Wellington Quarry

Description:	New on-site education materials available – contact us for more details. Re-opened in 2008, after being closed since its use as an air raid shelter in WWII. You now have the opportunity to visit part of the network of tunnels which played a key part in the Battle of Arras. Your group will descend 20 metres in a glass lift to take a guided tour. A great new alternative to Vimy Ridge which can get booked up very early.
Prices:	All ages £2.70

Leisure and Entertainment Visits

Bellewaerde Theme Park

Description: Spend a day at this fantastic theme park which offers a wonderful mix of animals, nature and attractions, and is ideal for class bonding.

Prices:

Age Band	Price Per Person
6-11	£14.45
12-16	£15.50
16+	£20.50

Web address: www.bellewaerdepark.be10

Minimum group size: 20

Eating Out

We are able to pre-arrange and pre-pay for your meals at a choice of restaurants in the area. Prices for a two course meal including soft drink start from £12 per person.

Start Planning Today

At NST, we work hard to make your booking process as simple as possible. We know that the last thing you need is more work. That's why, with just five easy-to-follow steps, we'll make your journey a smooth one!

Step One

Make a No Obligation Provisional Booking

We will check and hold travel and accommodation options for your chosen dates allowing you time to promote your tour to students and parents.

Step Two

Confirm Your Booking

Confirm your booking with deposits and we'll provide you with a payment schedule and student payment cards helping you to organise the collection of payments. Just another way we make life easier for you!



Step Three

Let NST Tailor-Make Your Tour

Your dedicated Educational Tour Co-ordinator will work with you to plan and pre-book an itinerary which meets your learning objectives. Your final itinerary detailing every part of your tour will be sent a full 4-weeks before departure.

Step Four

Let NST Help You Plan & Promote Your Tour

Our team of specialists will support you throughout the planning and approval stages and provide everything you need to plan a successful tour.

- ✓ Free preview visits*
- ✓ Pre tour safety guidance
- ✓ Risk assessment guidance
- ✓ Large colourful posters to promote your tour around school
- ✓ PowerPoint presentations for parents' evenings



Step Five

Enjoy Your Tour, You're In Safe Hands

We're confident you'll have a fantastic tour. Should you need help or assistance while you're away, we're only a phone call away, 24-hours a day.

* Terms & conditions apply.

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