



FRANCE

ANZAC DAY ON THE SOMME FROM ARRAS (TOUR CODE: 13566)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Arras

TRAVEL PERIODS

24 Apr 2024 - 26 Apr 2024

EXPERIENCE

Battlefields

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

A special tour covering the main Australian ANZAC Day 2024 ceremonies at Villers Bretonneux and Bullecourt.

Highlights

- Stay 2 nights in the charming and historical city of **Arras**
- 2024 Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Australian National Memorial near Villers Bretonneux
- Attend the "Digger" Service at Bullecourt.
- Visit the Sir John Monash Centre

Designed specifically for those who would like to attend the 2024 ANZAC Day dawn service at the Australian National Memorial near Villers-Bretonneux. After the dawn service, you will have an opportunity to visit the Victoria School and the Sir John Monash Centre before moving on to the "Digger" service at Bullecourt and later a visit to the Museum of Bullecourt.



✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period

✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind

✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support

✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices

✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited

✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights accommodation in Arras at Mercure Arras Centre Gare
- Customised ANZAC Day coach tour
- Breakfast Box on Day 2
- Breakfast at your hotel on Day 3

ITINERARY

Day

1

Arras

Make your own way to Arras and check in at your hotel.

The rest of your day is at leisure to explore the beautiful, historical city of Arras. Here are some of our recommendations.

Following the city's WWI connection, you may choose to visit the Wellington Tunnels, just 1km from your hotel, and site of one of the greatest surprise attacks of WWI. It is now a museum 20 metres underground. It is recommended to book a timed ticket in advance if you choose to visit.

Nearby, there is the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Visitor Centre, where you can learn about the remarkable work they undertake to maintain British and Commonwealth cemeteries and memorials around the world. A free audio tour provides you with an in-depth guide to their work.

In Arras, discover a city with 2000 years of history. You may choose to visit one of their museums, such as the Museum of Fine Arts, visit the Belfry, the Citadel or stroll around the impressive Grand Place and Heros Square.

Overnight stay in Arras at **Mercure Arras Centre Gare**.

Day

2

Arras Villers Bretonneux Pozieres Arras

Your day begins with a very early departure, approx 2.30am, from outside the hotel. Your coach will be waiting nearby and a representative will escort you from the hotel to the coach.

Travel to Villers Bretonneux for the dawn service at the Australian National Memorial.

After the service we will remain on site at the Memorial where you will have time to visit the memorial itself, take a coffee and croissant before visiting the Sir John Monash Centre at 8am. At 9.30am we make our way to the village of Villers Bretonneux, where at 10.00am you will visit the Victoria School and Museum. You will also have time for a coffee in the village bar and a look around.

Leaving the town of Villers Bretonneux at 11.30am, your afternoon includes the crash site of the Red Baron, an overview of the Battle of Le Hamel and the 3rd Division Memorial. On the Somme 1916 Battlefield we first see Pozieres Ridge including the Gibraltar Blockhouse, 1st Division Memorial, 2nd Divisional Memorial at the 'Windmill'.

At 2.30pm, we'll stop in Bullecourt Village for the 'Digger' service, followed by an opportunity to visit the Museum at Bullecourt before returning to Arras. Drop off point will be close to your hotel.

Overnight stay in Arras at **Mercure Arras Centre Gare**.

Note: due to the early departure, a take away breakfast box will be provided today by the hotel. During the day there will also be a number of opportunities to buy a coffee or something to eat.

Brunch is included today.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Arras

After breakfast, check out from your hotel where this tour ends.

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

At the Australian National Memorial in Villers Bretonneux there will be airport style security in place.

Before the event, you will also need to pre-register online with DVAA, and bring your registration with you on the day, along with your Passports as proof of identification on the day.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package