IN THE LAND OF THE POPPIES



6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

DAY 1

- Visit to the Remembrance Centre in Hermalle-sous-Argenteau
- Visit to Visé
- Meal at Le Mosa
- Visit to the Fort de Loncin
- Visit to the Belgian Owl Distillery
- Meal at the Fort de Lantin
- Overnight stay at Liège Van der Valk Hotel

DAY 2

- Cointe Interallied Memorial
- Visit to Darcis chocolate museum
- Meal at Silva Hotel Spa-Balmoral
- Visit to the town of Spa
- Visit to and meal at L'Avouerie d'Anthisnes
- Overnight stay at Liège Van der Valk Hotel

DAY 3

- Visit to the Latour Museum + tour of the Virton region
- Meal in Latour
- Camp Marguerre + Dusey Canon
- Meal and overnight stay at Logis Hotel Les Orchidées (Verdun)

DAY 4

- Visit to Vauquois Ridge
- Visit to the Chattancourt trench + Chattancourt
 cemetery
- Stop-off at Trench of Bayonets
- Meal at L'Abri des Pèlerins
- Visit to the Fort de Douaumont
- Visit to the lost village of Fleury
- Meal at La Gargote restaurant
- Overnight stay at Hotel Orchidees Logis

DAY 5

- Eparges Ridge
- Montsec Hill American Memorial
- Meal at Benoîte-Vaux
- Visit to the sugared almond factory in Verdun
- Meal at L'Authentique
- Overnight stay at Hotel Orchidees Logis

DAY 6

- History tour of Verdun town centre
- Meal at Chez Mamie
- Ouvrage Fermont









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WHAT TO EXPECT:

Visit to the Remembrance Centre in Hermalle-sous-Argenteau: find out more about the work of the Red Cross and Health Service during both world wars.

Visit to Visé: a sad name ('targeted') for such a pretty place, it would be the Great War's first martyr town.

Visit to the Fort de Loncin: now a military cemetery, it was destroyed by "Big Bertha" on 15 August 1914, crushing 350 of its defenders in the rubble.

Visit to the Belgian Owl Distillery: enjoy the unique taste of Belgian Single Malt Whisky.

Cointe Interallied Memorial: this world-unique monument was built in tribute to the millions of men and women killed in action.

Visit to Darcis chocolate museum: sink your teeth into the history of chocolate.

Visit to the town of Spa: creation of the German army's headquarters during World War I, Wilhelm II's abdication, peace negotiations... You will see Spa through the eyes of a period soldier.

Snack at Au Vieux Tancrémont: for fans of handmade tarts.

Visit to and meal at L'Avouerie d'Anthisnes: try the Belgo-Russian 14–18 beer, which is brewed in tribute to the Great War's Belgian Expeditionary Corps.

Latour Museum: find out more about the tragic history of Latour and surrounding battlefields.

Camp Marguerre + Dusey Canon: a concrete barrack, it was used to test the material's strength. The canon will give you an idea of that long-range weapon's power.

Vauquois Ridge: its huge craters are the result of mine warfare. Gaining this strategic location caused huge human losses. It still has a unique atmosphere.

Chattancourt trench + cemetery: this unique recreation at the crossroads of the Toulouse and Chattancourt trench will take you into the life of French soldiers from 14–18.

Bayonet Trench: monument in tribute to the 137th Infantry Regiment, which was buried by a bombing.

Fort de Douaumont: the cornerstone of Verdun's fortifications, it was soon captured and occupied by the Germans before being retaken in October 1916.

Lost village of Fleury: when nature tells its own story.

Eparges Ridge: a fascinating site whose bomb craters illustrate the intensity of the fighting, the scars of mine warfare.

Montsec Hill American Memorial: standing atop a hill used as a German observation post, it commemorates the First U.S. Army's 1918 offensive.

Visit to the sugared almond factory in Verdun: How did this sweet treat become the symbol of celebration? To find out, we visit Verdun, home of the sugared almond.

History tour of Verdun town centre: the scene of many Great War battles, Verdun will tell you its story.

Ouvrage Fermont: a reference site that has remained intact on the Maginot Line.









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