

Name:	Battlefields
Package Number:	1
Date:	Monday, 4 July – Friday, 8 July 2022
Cost:	£500
Trip Leader:	Mr Hayward
Tour Operator:	Diverse School Travel
Places Available:	40 Places

# Overview

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to visit the 1914 - 1918 Battlefields of the Somme, located in the beautiful, rural landscape of the region of Picardy and the Département de la Somme, France. This package includes a visit to the Battlefields of the First World War for Year 8 and 9 students who have an interest in History.

This is a **residential** week of five days and four nights. The visit will provide an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of people's experiences of war and the impact it has on the life of the individual and the life of the nation. The visit's main focus is the Somme and will include many sites such as Newfoundland Park Memorial, Thiepval Memorial, Rancourt French War Cemetery, Devonshire Cemetery, Somme 1916 Museum, Wellington Quarry, Vimy Ridge, Historical de la Grande Guerre, Peronne, and to complete the week a day at the Parc Asterix (fun theme park). Students will travel by coach and ferry to France. This package comes with full travel insurance with AXA Endsleigh (this covers COVID-19).

#### What is included in the price?

- Exclusive use of the executive coach throughout the tour
- Dover Calais return ferry crossing
- Four nights' accommodation
- Rooms are private dorms in a mixture of single and twin rooms
- Full board meal plan (all meals are included) at the accommodation
- Theme Park
- All excursions
- Insurance with Endsleigh Insurance

## Not included:

- Drinks
- Items of a personal nature, e.g. laundry, phone calls
- Visa or passport costs if applicable
- Food or drink on the ferry journeys or at service stations

## Travel

We will travel by executive coach and have exclusive use of the coach throughout the week.

# **Accommodation**

We will be staying in the Poppies Albert International School Hotel. Located in Albert, the hotel is the perfect base for exploring the battlefields. There will be single and twin rooms available to the students.

## Insurance

Comprehensive travel insurance is provided by Endsleigh.



# Overview

# **Passport and EHIC Information**

All students must have a passport for this package. Please ensure all passports are in date with at least three months remaining on the date of return. Students must bring their own passport on Monday, 4 July 2022.

You must order a free UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) or European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) before leaving the UK. If your child already has an EHIC it will still be valid as long as it remains in date. The GHIC or EHIC entitles you to state provided medical treatment that may become necessary during your trip. Please visit <a href="www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic">www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic</a>.

#### **COVID-19 Information and entering France**

As you are aware, entering a country is still complicated and restrictions are still in place. For students to enter France they must fulfil the requirements of **either** option **1a**, **1b** or **1c**:

- 1. Have an NHS COVID-19 pass (on phone and paper copy) which shows that a student is either:
  - a. Double vaccinated, or
  - b. Has had a positive COVID-19 result in the last 11-180 days (six months), or
  - c. Show proof of a negative PCR test (taken no more than 72 hours before departure)

# How to get a test

Your test must be carried out by a trained healthcare professional. Self-administered tests are not acceptable. Approved tests can be booked here: https://www.covid19-testing.org/travel-testing?gclid=CjwKCAiAvaGRBhBIEiwAiY-

yMA48c6CkzCs2zzgufPHpAUovTiOQYJYUocEjQmdGXMk25onhFU2K7BoC9fMQAvD BwE

In addition to travel requirements, all students will need to fill in a Passenger Locator Form (further details will be given nearer to the time to confirm what is needed).

A photocopy/photo of the following documents must be emailed to <a href="mailto:dhayward@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk">dhayward@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk</a> by Monday, 20 June 2022

- 1. EHIC or GHIC Card (please see confirmation number if you do not receive the card)
- 2. Passport (to clearly show photo, dates and passport number)
- 3. COVID-19 Pass or COVID-19 Recovery Pass or proof of a PCR negative test result (taken no more than 72 hours before departure)

# **Emergency Contact Details**

All students will have an emergency contact card with them. Students will be asked to put Mrs Reddy's enrichment mobile number into their phone on departure to use if there is an emergency.

If there is an emergency at home please call Mrs Reddy – 07825 160343

## Payment Plan Reminder

To ensure that all money is paid to the organisers a compulsory schedule of payment is detailed below:

By Friday, 25 March 2022 £100.00 Initial Deposit/Payment 1

By Friday, 22 April 2022 £100.00 Payment 2
By Friday, 20 May 2022 £100.00 Payment 3
By Friday, 17 June 2022 £100.00 Payment 4
By Friday, 1 July 2022 £100.00 Payment 5

You are now committed to the package that you have signed up for and all the costs involved. No refunds are possible. If there is an exceptional circumstance where your child is unable to attend the package chosen, please contact Helen Reddy (<a href="mailto:enrichment@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk">enrichment@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk</a>) to discuss. If another student can fill your child's place, then a full refund will be made by the College.

Battlefields Trip Meeting – Tuesday, 14 June at 5.00pm – Meet outside the Performance Hall



Name:	Package 1 – Battlefields, France			
		Itinerary		
Date	Time	Information	Clothing/What to Bring	
Monday, 4 July	Morning	6.15am Meet in the Coach Park 6.30am Depart from Coach Park Packed breakfast, drinks, and snacks are recommended for the journey and a packed lunch.	Comfortable clothing for travel Suitcases Passport EHIC or GHIC cards Phone with COVID Pass or Recovery Pass on the NHS App	
	Afternoon	1.40pm Check-in at Channel Port DFDS Dover 2.40pm Channel Crossing - DFDS Seaways	Comfortable clothing for travel	
	Evening	5.10pm Arrive at Channel Port DFDS Calais 7.15pm Arrive at accommodation, Poppies Albert International School Hotel 7.45pm Meal at accommodation	Smart/casual clothing for evening meal	
Tuesday, 5 July	Morning	8.00am Breakfast at the accommodation 10.00am Self-Guided Tour - The Battle of the Somme.  Visit Newfoundland Park Memorial Visit the infamous site where the 29th Division took to battle. Remember the Canadian soldiers who fought for the Allies in WW1, and explore one of the Western Front's best-preserved trench networks.	Casual clothing Suitable walking footwear Rucksack Drink's bottle Phone and money	
	Afternoon	Visit Thiepval Memorial Visit this humbling Memorial to the Missing of the Somme and walk through the iconic memorial archway. Thiepval is the largest Commonwealth Memorial to the missing in the world.  Visit Rancourt French War Cemetery Rancourt was of high strategic importance during the Battle of the Somme. The cemetery here now is the largest French cemetery in the region with the highest number of named and unnamed soldiers. Originally began by a committee of widows, sisters, and mothers on the initiative of Madame du Bos who wished to commemorate her son, over 8000 soldiers are buried here.	Casual clothing Suitable walking footwear Rucksack Packed lunches are provided Drink's bottle Phone and money	

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		Visit Devonshire Cemetery Explore the Devonshire Cemetery, which was built on land captured by the Devonshire regiment on the first day of the Battle of the Somme.  3.00pm Somme 1916 Museum As well as a diverse and fascinating collection of WW1 artefacts, the museum also boasts an impressive reconstruction of a dugout network that we are certain the students will love exploring!	
	Evening	6pm Dinner at the accommodation	Smart/casual clothing
Wednesday, 6 July	Morning	<ul> <li>8.30am Breakfast at accommodation</li> <li>10.00am Visit Wellington Quarry Built for the British Spring offensive of 1917, the Wellington Quarry was an immense underground barracks, with space for up to 24,000 soldiers and even its own hospital.</li> <li>12.00pm Visit Vimy Ridge Dedicated to the memory of the Canadian soldiers that fell during the First World War, the Vimy Ridge Memorial is set above the site of the battle that shares its name.</li> </ul>	Casual clothing Suitable walking footwear Rucksack Drink's bottle and packed lunch Phone and money
	Afternoon	2.00pm Museum Historial de la Grande Guerre This excellent museum, housed in the Château de Péronne, uniquely explores the Great War from the French, German and British perspectives.	Casual clothing Suitable walking footwear Rucksack Packed lunches are provided Drink's bottle Phone and money
	Evening	Visit Péronne Explore this small town on the banks of the Somme. There are several monuments of interest in this quiet provincial town as well as an important museum commemorating WW1.  6.00pm Meal at Bistrot d'Antoine Students will enjoy a traditional meal in this local restaurant.	Casual clothing Suitable walking footwear Rucksack Phone and money
Thursday, 7 July	All Day	8.00am Breakfast at accommodation  11.30pm Visit Activity Parc Astérix  Travel back to ancient Gaul at this fun theme park dedicated to the world of Asterix and his companion Obelix.	Casual and practical clothing for theme park Suitable footwear Rucksack Phone and money
	Evening	7.00pm Dinner at the accommodation	Smart/casual clothing



Date	Time	Information	Clothing/What to Bring
Friday, 8 July	Morning	8.30am Breakfast at accommodation     13.35pm Depart Albert	Comfortable clothing for travel
	Afternoon	4.35pm Channel Crossing - DFDS Seaways 5.05pm Arrive at Channel Port Dover	Comfortable clothing for travel Packed lunches are provided
	Evening	11.00pm End of trip and arrive at College Coach Park	Comfortable clothing for travel Students to purchase dinner from service station

#### Kit List

Please see below the required list for France. This list is merely a suggestion and is by no means extensive.

- Travelling to France students to wear comfortable clothing
- Students will not be required to wear College uniform during the trip
- Shoes (students will need comfortable shoes/trainers to walk in)
- Day bag/rucksack
- Lightweight waterproof jacket/coat
- Nightwear
- Toiletry bag toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, hair brush, pack of tissues
- Jumper/sweatshirt
- Underwear and socks
- Day clothes (Theme Park and day-to-day wear)
- Smart clothes including smart shoes (for social evening)
- Towel
- High factor sun cream/sun block
- Water bottle
- Secure wallet/purse
- Mobile phone/charger
- Personal First Aid Kit (sun cream, plasters, after sun, insect repellent, antiseptic creams, hand sanitiser) please note that these are suggestions and you should bring what you feel necessary

# Money

Any money that the students wish to take with them for shopping and food etc. will be their responsibility throughout the trip. We would recommend students put some money aside at the start of the trip for the journey home on the Friday to ensure that they can buy food on the ferry etc.

#### **Personal items**

Any personal items such as phones, watches, books, headphones etc. that the students wish to take with them on the trip will be their responsibility and the College cannot be held liable for any misplaced or broken items.

