

Year 9 Battlefields Trip 7th-9th July 2017 - Useful information and itinerary.

Trip leader: Miss Mahoney

Trip mobile number: 07442 533 562 – This phone will be on from 3.30am on Friday 7th July and switched off once all students have been collected on Sunday 9th July.

Tour operator: Rayburn Tours. 01332 347828.

Meeting time: Friday 7th July 4.30am Cardinal Wiseman School carpark.

Students should bring the following:

- Passport
- EHIC
- Day bag
- Reusable water bottle
- Sun cream
- Spending money in Euros
- Sensible footwear
- Appropriate clothing
- Waterproof jacket
- Packed lunch and drink for the first day
- Snacks
- Towel
- Pencil case
- Mobile phone and charger
- Adaptor plug
- Personal medication
- Camera and charger

British Embassy details:

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Belgium: Avenue d'Auderghem 10
1040 Brussels
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Hotel details:

Hotel De Vrede
Grote Markt 35
8600 Diksmuide
Belgium
Tel: (00 32) 51 500 038

Important information about the trip for students:

1. You must take great care of your passport and EHIC.
2. The same standards of behaviour as at school apply in order for us to have a great time on this trip.
3. You will be put in groups led by a History teacher when we visit historical sites. You will need to stay in these groups at these times.
4. There are other times at which you will be able to move around with your friends, provided you are in groups of three or more.
5. During your free time in Ypres, you will be shown one spot where teachers can be found in case you need assistance.
6. You will be assigned rooms to share with your friends at the hotel. Miss Mahoney's decision about rooming is final. One person will be the 'room monitor' in charge of the key.
7. You will not be allowed to leave your room after 'lights out' unless there is an emergency situation.
8. You will be told where teachers' bedrooms are, in case you need us during the night.
9. You need to ensure your mobile phone is charged, has sufficient credit and that you can use it to call the teacher mobile number in France or Belgium. 0744 2533 562
10. You will not be allowed to buy anything in France or Belgium that you would not be permitted to buy as a child in the UK. Other than that, you may use your money to buy souvenirs and other items at certain times.
11. You should always inform a teacher if you do not feel well.
12. You will be given an activity book on this trip. This will give you extra information about some of the sites that we will visit, as well as short investigation activities. You should put full effort into this.

Itinerary

Friday 7th July 2017

04:30 - Students meet in Cardinal Wiseman School car park
08:39 - Coach departs Folkestone
10:14 - French time – shuttle arrives in Calais
12:00 - Thiepval Memorial & lunch
13:45 - Newfoundland Park, Beaumont Hamel
15:45 - Vimy Ridge Memorial
16:45 - Coach departs for Diksmuide, Belgium
Coach arrives at the Hotel De Vrede, Diksmuide, Belgium
19:00 - Dinner

Saturday 8th July 2017

09:30 - Coach departs Hotel De Vrede
10:00 - Trench of Death, Diksmuide
11:15 - Essex Farm Cemetery
12:15 - Langemarck German Cemetery & lunch
13:15 - Tyne Cot Cemetery
14:30 - Passchendaele Museum, Ypres
16:30 - Free time for personal shopping
17:45 - Dinner in Ypres
20:00 - Last Post Ceremony, Menin Gate
20.30 - Return by coach to Hotel De Vrede

Sunday 9th July 2017

10:30 - Depart hotel for Peace Tower, Messines
11:15 - Island of Ireland Peace Park, Messines
17:06 - French time: Shuttle departs Calais
16:41 - UK time: shuttle arrives Folkestone
19:00 - Coach arrives at Cardinal Wiseman School

NB: In the event that we are going to arrive back in Greenford earlier or later than planned, your child will telephone you to keep you updated.