



## CA War History: The Netherlands & France

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March 08 - March 20, 2025

**Day 1 Start tour**

**Day 2 Hallo Amsterdam**

Meet your tour director and check into hotel  
Rijksmuseum visit

**Day 3 Amsterdam Landmarks**

Amsterdam tour director-led sightseeing: Canal guided cruise, Diamond factory visit, Anne Frank House visit  
Jewish Historical Museum visit  
Traditional Dutch pannenkoeken dinner

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Kamp Vught guided visit  
Tour Director-led Sightseeing of Bruges

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Travel to Ypres  
St Julien Memorial  
Hill 62 (Sanctuary Wood) visit  
Passchendaele Canadian Memorial Park  
Talbot House Museum

**Day 6 Vimy**

Tyne Cot National Cemetery  
Travel to Vimy Ridge  
Memorial Museum visit  
Beaumont Hamel visit

**Day 7 Vimy--Normandy**

Travel to Normandy via Dieppe  
Dieppe Canadian landing beach visit

**Day 8 Normandy--Paris**

Arromanches Mulberry viewing  
Juno Beach Centre and guided park visit  
Canadian Military Cemetery visit at Beny-sur-Mer  
Travel to Paris  
Dinner in Latin Quarter

**Day 9 Paris Landmarks**

Paris guided sightseeing tour: Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Eiffel Tower, Champ de Mars, École Militaire, Les Invalides, Conciergerie, Tuileries Garden, Place Vendôme, Opera House  
*Optional Versailles guided excursion: State Apartments, Hall of Mirrors, Gardens of Versailles*

**Day 10 Paris**

**Day 11 Paris**

**Day 12 Paris**

**Day 13 End tour**

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for more information  
or  
sign-up details

# Reserve your Spot!

Tour Center ID:

Initial registration deadline: December 21, 2023

## What's included

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We provide everything you need for a remarkable trip:

- Round-trip airfare
- 8 overnight stays (10 with extension) in hotels with private bathrooms
- Full European breakfast daily
- Dinner daily
- Full-time services of a professional tour director
- Guided sightseeing tours and city walks as per itinerary
- Visits to select attractions as per itinerary
- Amsterdam canal cruise
- Tour Diary™
- Local Guide and Local Bus Driver tips; see note regarding other important tips
- Note: On arrival day only dinner is provided; on departure day, only breakfast is provided
- Note: Tour cost does not include airline-imposed baggage fees, or fees for any required passport or visa. Optional excursions, optional pre-paid Tour Director and multi-day bus driver tipping, among other individual and group customizations will be listed as separate line items in the total trip cost, if included.

## Tour investment

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Students (travellers under the age of 23): \$4,930

Adults (age 23 and over): \$5,685

Price reflects savings of a \$200 travel grant. Sign up by 10/31/2023 and enter code early2025 in order to take advantage of this limited-time offer!

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## CA War History: The Netherlands & France

### GROUP INFORMATION

**TourCenter ID:**

See Nicole Calder in WA 18  
for this code

**Departing From:**  
Vancouver

**Departing:**  
March 8, 2025

**Returning:**  
March 20, 2025

**Sign Up Deadline**  
December 21, 2023

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or sign-up information

**YOU CAN SIGN UP AT:**  
<http://www.explorica.ca/>

**Total Fee: \* \$4,930.00**

**Tour Quote Breakdown**

The following fees apply to your full-paying participants:

Tour Fee*	\$4,810.00
Versailles guided excursion	\$100.00
Private Group Fee	\$63.00
On-Tour Tipping	\$157.00
** Early Enrolment Voucher	\$ -200.00

**Total Fee\* \$4,930.00**

OR 15 monthly payments of \$325.33  
After initial payment of \$50.00

\* Last day for this Tour Fee is Dec 21, 2023.

\*\* Only valid with voucher code early2025

### TOUR ITINERARY (DETAILED)

- Day 1 Start tour
- Day 2 Hallo Amsterdam
- Meet your tour director and check into hotel
- Rijksmuseum visit

*Details: Rijksmuseum visit*

Amsterdam's most popular art museum opened in 1885 to house William V's personal art collection. It now holds an unbelievable collection of Rembrandts, Vermeers, and other Dutch masters, plus an extensive collection of Asian and decorative arts. Upstairs there's a collection of 17th and 18th century dollhouses, furnished just as real houses of the time would have been.

- Day 3 Amsterdam Landmarks
- Amsterdam tour director-led sightseeing
- Canal guided cruise, Diamond factory visit, Anne Frank House visit
- Jewish Historical Museum visit
- Traditional Dutch pannenkoeken dinner

*Details: Amsterdam tour director-led sightseeing*

Canals and crocuses. Bicycles and bluebells. With more canals than Venice (and more flower merchants than perhaps any other city in the world), downtown Amsterdam is an explosion of colour and light reflecting off the water. Take a glass-topped canal boat ride—the best way to see the gabled houses and nearly 1200 bridges. Visit a diamond factory to see how the stones are cut, and see the historic home where Anne Frank and her family hid for more than two years during WWII.

*Details: Canal guided cruise*

Take a glass-topped canal boat ride down the flower-lined canals of Amsterdam for an amazing view of the gabled houses and nearly 1,200 bridges.

*Details: Diamond factory visit*

Go on a Diamond cutting and polishing tour in one of Amsterdam's renowned diamond factories. The diamond cutting industry was introduced to Amsterdam in the 16th century by the Sephardic Jews.

*Details: Anne Frank House visit*

### Additional Adult Fees

The following additional fees apply only to full-paying participants 23 and older and are not included in the total price listed above.

Adult Supplement	\$125.00
Twin Room Upgrade	\$630.00
Additional Adult Fee	\$755.00

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Take a tour of Anne Frank's house, where three different Jewish families hid for more than two years during World War II and where Anne's famous diaries were discovered. See where she and her family lived before being betrayed to the Nazi's and deported to concentration camps.

*Details: Jewish Historical Museum visit*

Situated in the heart of the former Jewish Quarter of Amsterdam, the Jewish Historical Museum stands as a symbol of times both troubling and triumphant. Housed in a grand 17th century synagogue complex, the museum documents the 400-year history of the Jewish people in the region. With a permanent collection that includes an 18th century Sephardic Torah Mantle and a carved wood Ark dating from 1791, visitors will be awed and inspired by the various photographs, artworks, interactive displays and other insights into the Jewish way of life.

*Details: Traditional Dutch pannenkoeken dinner*

Enjoy a traditional Dutch dinner of pannenkoeken, a large thin pancake similar to a crepe, that can be topped with anything from bacon to apples or raisins and finished with a drizzle of stroop, which is a dark thick syrup.

Day 4 Amsterdam--Bruges

Kamp Vught guided visit

Tour Director-led Sightseeing of Bruges

*Details: Kamp Vught guided visit*

Now a museum and memorial centre, the former Nazi concentration camp known to the Germans as Konzentrationslager Herzogenbusch was one of only two concentration camps run in Western Europe by the SS outside of Germany.

Day 5 Bruges--Vimy

Travel to Ypres

St Julien Memorial

Hill 62 (Sanctuary Wood) visit

Passchendaele Canadian Memorial Park

Talbot House Museum

*Details: Travel to Ypres*

Almost destroyed by German shelling during World War I, Ypres rebuilt itself and now stands proudly as a city of peace, along with sister city Hiroshima.

*Details: St Julien Memorial*

German soldiers fighting on the Western Front first used mustard gas during the Battle of Ypres, and the St Julien Memorial marks the spot where Canadian soldiers first confronted this new weapon of war.

*Details: Hill 62 (Sanctuary Wood) visit*

Before joining the Battle of the Somme, Canadian troops fought hard to defend this area, a small part of Belgium still controlled by the Allies. The advances made by these troops were an unqualified success, according to the official British historical reports, but Canada suffered 8,430 casualties in the process.

*Details: Passchendaele Canadian Memorial Park*

In 1917, the Allies slogged through the swampy, rain-soaked, mud-drenched ground of Passchendaele toward heavily armed German troops, losing many lives and tanks in the process. Canadian troops were brought in at the end due to the difficult conditions -- their earlier victories had conferred an elite status -- and with their efforts the high ground was finally won. The battle was ultimately meaningless, however; the corridor opened by the action later proved unnecessary. Because of the horror of the Battle of Passchendaele, the name has come to symbolize the idea of war in its most brutal and senseless form.

*Details: Talbot House Museum*

In 1915, this large family home was opened as an "every man's club," a place for men of any rank to have some rest and relaxation during the Battle of Ypres. To the Senior Army Chaplain Neville Talbot's protestations, this club was named after his brother Gilbert who was killed in action in July of 1915.

Day 6 Vimy

Tyne Cot National Cemetery

Travel to Vimy Ridge

Memorial Museum visit

Beaumont Hamel visit

*Details: Tyne Cot National Cemetery*

Visit the largest Commonwealth world war cemetery. Almost 12,000 soldiers are buried here, and additional 35,000 names of missing soldiers are inscribed on the back wall. The list of missing continues on the Menin Memorial Gate.

*Details: Beaumont Hamel visit*

Newfoundland's most significant single military action was on July 1, 1916 at Beaumont Hamel, at the opening day of the Battle of the Somme. The day proved the bloodiest in history for the British army, and caused the greatest military loss in history for Newfoundland. To honour the regiment's bravery, King George V added "Royal" to the regiment's name, making it the only regiment in the British Empire to receive such a designation.

Day 7 Vimy--Normandy

Travel to Normandy via Dieppe

Dieppe Canadian landing beach visit

*Details: Dieppe Canadian landing beach visit*

Felled by bad luck and bad timing, the Royal Regiment of Canada lost about 80% of its attacking force to enemy fire and capture on "Blue Beach," in Dieppe. Their mission had been to take out the cliff-top German artillery guarding the beach to allow other Canadian and British forces to land, but their boats were spotted and the men trapped. The military failure led to a push for vast improvements in military communication and tactics later in the war to prevent another such tragedy.

Day 8 Normandy--Paris

Arromanches Mulberry viewing

Juno Beach Centre and guided park visit

Canadian Military Cemetery visit at Beny-sur-Mer

Travel to Paris

Dinner in Latin Quarter

*Details: Juno Beach Centre and guided park visit*

The innovative Juno Beach Centre is one of the first museums dedicated solely to chronicling Canada's extensive role in World War II. The museum takes advantage of its setting near the D-Day Beaches to show visitors how the landings were accomplished, as well as detailing Canada's contributions to the entire war, both at home and abroad.

*Details: Canadian Military Cemetery visit at Beny-sur-Mer*

Pouring onto the beaches of Normandy, Canada's 3rd Division and 2nd Armoured Brigade represented the entire nation, with regiments from Ontario, Manitoba, and Quebec. They secured the beachhead and held on against six days of counterattacks, when more troops were able to come ashore at the secured sight. The Beny-sur-mer Canadian War Cemetery contains more than 2,000 graves of the soldiers from the 3rd Division and the 15 airmen lost during these attacks.

Day 9 Paris Landmarks

Paris guided sightseeing tour

Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Eiffel Tower, Champ de Mars, École Militaire, Les Invalides, Conciergerie, Tuileries Garden, Place Vendôme, Opera House



*Optional Versailles guided excursion \$100*

State Apartments, Hall of Mirrors, Gardens of Versailles

*Details: Paris guided sightseeing tour*

What's that huge white arch at the end of the Champs-Élysées? The Arc de Triomphe, commissioned by Napoleon in 1806 after his victory at Austerlitz. Your licensed local guide will elaborate on this, and other Parisian landmarks. See some of the most famous sites, including the ornate, 19th-century Opera, the Presidential residence, the ultrachic shops of the Rue du Faubourg St-Honoré, and the gardens of the Tuileries. You'll pass the Place de la Concorde, where in the center you'll find the Obelisk of Luxor, a gift from Egypt in 1836, and the Place Vendôme, a huge square surrounded by 17th-century buildings. Spot chic locals (and tons of tourists) strolling the Champs-Élysées. Look up at the iron girders of the Eiffel Tower, built for the 1889 World's Fair to commemorate the centenary of the French Revolution. See Les Invalides (a refuge for war wounded), the École Militaire (Napoleon's alma mater), and the Conciergerie (the prison where Marie Antoinette was kept during the French Revolution).

*Details: Tuileries Garden*

Tuileries was originally the name of an old tiles factory. Yet, in the sixteen century, the queen of France, Marie de Medicis, ordered to build a castle with a long French garden at this place. Parisians used to call this new building the Tuileries Palace. During three centuries the garden was exclusively reserved for the court and the King. During the nineteenth century, the Tuileries palace became the residence of Napoleon I, Louis XVIII, Charles X, Louis-Phillipe and Napoleon III. In 1871, Parisians burnt down the castle of Tuileries, during the last French Revolution and the insurrection of Paris. However, the garden kept its 17th-century design and became a popular place, always crowded in summer time.

Day 10 Paris

Day 11 Paris

Day 12 Paris

Day 13 End tour