

## Day 1

### **Abele Airfield**

Airfield operations and early flying

### **Lijssenthoek**

Causes of the Great War, 1914 battles, ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; Empire troops, the role of women in the Great War

### **Bayernwald – German trench system**

The development of Trench warfare; use of ground, trench construction, daily routine, technology, problems with trench fighting

### **Essex Farm CWGC and Advanced Dressing Station**

Young soldiers – Pte V J Strudwick; the treatment of casualties, medical advances; John McCrae 'In Flanders' Fields'

### **Langemarck Germany Cemetery - German Perspective**

German cemetery ethos, Slaughter of the Innocents, Hitler's 1940 visit, causes of WW2, reconciliation. Aviator Verner Voss

### **Vancouver Corner – Gas**

Poison gas and its effects, WMD today

Check into hotel

## Day 2

### **In Flanders Field (IFF) Museum**

Entrance to recently refurbished, interactive museum – one of the finest Great War museums in Europe.

### **Battlefield Walk from Railway Wood to Hooze – Entry Point East**

The attack of the 10<sup>th</sup> Liverpool Scottish, June 1915 – Noel Chavasse and Arthur Bartlett; R.E. Grave CWGC – the smallest CWGC in the world – the story of Lt Geoffrey Boothby  
New methods of warfare: mining; the use of gas; flamethrowers

### **Hooze Crater Museum – Booking required**

Museum with a recreation of a trench system:

An opportunity for the group to handle equipment and weaponry – we hold kit here for demonstration purposes

### **Lunch at the Museum**

### **Poperinghe – The Firing Post**

Military discipline in the Great War; Courts Martial; punishment and executions. Conscientious objectors - discussion

### **Poperinghe – Talbot House**

Thousands of British soldiers passed through Talbot House during the three years it was open from the end of 1915. It was a quiet and unique place behind the British lines where men could spend time relaxing, writing letters and meeting with serving friends, brothers and fathers, in what must have felt like a British "home-from-home".

## **Brandhoek CWGC**

Captain Noel Godfrey Chavasse VC and Bar MC RAMC

Return to Ypres for free time

**2000** Last Post Ceremony

## **Day 3**

### **Messines Ridge**

The Ypres Salient in 1917 - orientation; lessons learned from 1916; German defences on the high ground; plan for the Messines offensive June 1917.

### **Spanbroekmolen Crater**

Mine warfare on the Messines Ridge; Zero Hour 7th June 1917; going over the top.

### **The Welsh Memorial**

3rd Ypres: 31st July 1917 - the Battle of Pilkem Ridge; what was the objective? Why the delay after the Battle of Messines?

### **Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917**

Excellent museum which contains a recreated British bunker and trench system; the development of Trench warfare, tactics and technology.

### **Tyne Cot CWGC**

3rd Ypres the final phases: the Battle of Passchendaele October 1917 to the end of the war, Remembrance.