



Discover France and Belgium

10 Days | Summer 2026

The experience of a lifetime is waiting for you. Every detail from the cities you'll stay in to the cultural discoveries you'll make have been customized by your teacher for your group. Take a look at your personal itinerary for a sneak peek of what's in store.

Included on tour



Round-trip flights on major carriers; full-time Tour Director; project-based learning program, EF's personalized learning experience; hotels with private bathrooms; breakfast and dinner daily unless otherwise specified.

Sightseeing: Bastogne; Versailles; Paris

Entrances: Passchendaele Museum; In Flanders Fields Museum; "Last Post Ceremony" at Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres; Bastogne War Museum; Mardasson Memorial; 101st Airborne Museum; Verdun Memorial; Caen Memorial; Pointe du Hoc; American Cemetery at Colleville; Versailles Palace & Gardens; Art activity, Paris; Seine River cruise

Overnights: Ypres region (2); Bastogne (1); Verdun region (1); Normandy region (2); Paris (2)



Your Itinerary

Day 1: Fly to Belgium

Board your overnight flight to Brussels!

Day 2: Brussels | Ypres region

Arrive in Brussels and travel to the Ypres region

Meet your Tour Director at the Brussels airport and continue to Ypres, a small Flemish town that saw five bloody battles during World War I. Once situated right between the lines of the allied and German troops and still surrounded by stones marking the limit of the German offensive, Ypres remains an important pilgrimage site.

Day 3: Ypres region

Visit the Passchendaele Museum

Formerly the "Streekmuseum," this re-opened in 2004 as the "Memorial Museum Passchendaele." It is housed in the old Zonnebeke chateau in the heart of the 1917 Passchendaele battlefield and tells the story of the fighting in this area during the four years of the war. You will see many photos, uniforms and artifacts on display, and a reconstructed trench and WWI dugout.

Visit the In Flanders Fields Museum

Learn about the impact and consequences of The Great War through personal stories and authentic artifacts.

Attend the "Last Post Ceremony" at the Menin Gate Memorial

Experience a unique and moving nightly ceremony to honor the dead of WWI. At exactly 8 pm up to six members of the regular buglers from the local volunteer Fire Brigade step into the roadway under the memorial arch and play the Last Post, followed by a short silence and Reveille. The Last Post Ceremony has become part of daily life in Ieper (Ypres) and the local people are proud of this simple but touching tribute to the courage and self-sacrifice of those who fell in defense of their town.

Day 4: Ypres region | Bastogne

Travel to Bastogne

Travel to the city of Bastogne, site of the historic Battle of the Bulge.

Guided sightseeing of Bastogne

Upon arrival in Bastogne, your local guide will show you the rich history of this southern Belgian city. The Battle of Bastogne occurred at the end of 1944 through the beginning of 1945 and was a major turning point in WWII. This small Belgian city was attacked by German forces, but, under the direction of the famous American General Patton, the Allies emerged victorious. On your tour you will see the Bastogne Barracks, the Mardasson Memorial and the remains of foxholes in the surrounding forests.

Visit the Bastogne War Museum

Learn more about the Battle of the Bulge in this innovative museum that explores the Second World War and how civilians lived in Bastogne during the occupation, the battle and dealt with the aftermath.

Day 5: Bastogne | Verdun region

Visit the 101st Airborne Museum

Immerse yourself in the history of the 101st Airborne Division, famously known as the "Screaming Eagles, and the pivotal role they played in World War II during your visit at this museum.

Transfer to the Verdun region

Welcome to Verdun, a quiet city known for the famous Battle of Verdun during World War I between the German and the French armies in 1916.

Visit the Verdun Memorial

Visit the Verdun Memorial, which houses a moving collection of newsreels and photos depicting the aftermath of the battle of Verdun, as well as a reproduction of Fleury's bullet-riddled landscape.

Day 6: Verdun region | Normandy region

Travel to the Normandy region

Journey to the Normandy region, the location of many of the battles that turned the course of World War II. See why Normandy is not only known for its connection with major military events, but for its scenic beauty, elegant landscapes and patchwork fields, as well.

Day 7: Normandy region

Visit the Caen Memorial: Museum of Peace

Pay tribute to WWII troops who fought on the beaches of Normandy as you visit the Caen Memorial. You'll see a short film about the D-Day invasion, followed by a slide show on WWII. A third audio-visual presentation recounts the wars in Korea, Afghanistan, and Vietnam, as well as the continuing quest for world peace. Afterwards, tour the museum and see displays that depict pre-WWII Europe and trace the events that eventually led to the outbreak of war. Take time to walk through the Nobel Peace Prizewinners' Gallery, a gallery that highlights the accomplishments of the men and women who struggled for peace.

See La Pointe du Hoc

The Pointe du Hoc was a vital position on the Atlantic Wall because it contained guns capable of firing on Omaha and Utah Beaches. It was one of the strongholds in the German fortifications. Colonel Rudder's "Rangers" battled the German observation post on the edge of the Point and the monument commemorates their courage on the morning of June 6th.

Visit the American Cemetery

Visit the final resting place of 9,386 American military soldiers, most of whom gave their lives during the landings and ensuing operations of World War II. The site also includes a memorial commemorating the soldiers and a chapel bearing the poignant words: "These endured all and gave all that justice among nations might prevail and that mankind might enjoy freedom and inherit peace."

Visit Arramanches

Visit the seaside town of Arramanches, whose coastline hosted some of the D-Day landings in 1944. As part of the designated 'Gold Beach' area, British troops landed here. Arramanches was also important in WWII as one of the chosen sites for the Mulberry Harbours built by the British forces to aid in the allied invasion of Normandy. The massive concrete blocks can still be seen today.

Day 8: Normandy region | Paris

Travel to Paris

Welcome to Paris, the cosmopolitan City of Light. While visiting, learn why Paris has grown to become the undisputed center of France, and one of the world's most important cities both culturally and politically.

Guided excursion to Versailles

Journey to the town of Versailles, home of the decadent Palais de Versailles. During your guided tour of this lavish estate, discover why Versailles was more than just a vacation home for Louis XIV. Explore the state apartments of the king and queen and the magnificent Hall of Mirrors. Then walk through the meticulously landscaped gardens and marvel at dozens of ornate fountains. *(Because of the extreme popularity of Versailles, guided visits of the interior cannot be guaranteed during peak seasons. In this case, your group will hear a presentation from your guide before entering the palace.)*

Day 9: Paris

Guided sightseeing of Paris

Discover the city on the Seine during your panoramic bus tour. An expert local guide will accompany you as you drive through Paris' lively Latin Quarter. Nearby, see Notre-Dame Cathedral, standing tall at the center of the city. You will also drive down the elegant, tree-lined Champs-Élysées. Finally, be sure to snap a photo at the magnificent Eiffel Tower, an unmistakable and controversial symbol of Paris since its appearance at the 1889 World's Fair.

Art activity

A local artist will introduce you to the world of painting, including various techniques and helpful hints on how to improve your art. Pick from one of the innumerable subjects in the City of Light and create your own masterpiece!

Seine River cruise

Take a narrated river cruise along the Seine. As your boat glides from one graceful bridge to the next, sit back and gaze at the illuminated landmarks of Paris as they pan into view.

Day 10: Depart for home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight

Your Tour Director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

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