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3.5 DAY TOUR TO YPRES AND BERLIN
Thursday 11th – Sunday 14th October 2012

Tour Summary

Itinerary Number: Version 3

Staff nos. 8 + 2 guides

Outbound Date: 11.10.12

Departure School:

Pickup Address: As above

Coach Size: 2 x 49

Crossing Type : Eurotunnel

Outbound Crossing Time: 0820

Inbound Crossing Time: 0920

Student nos: 70

Inbound Date: 14.10.12

Return School:

Destination Address: See below

Coach Operator: New Adventure

refs: 42715920 & 42716043

Day 1 – Thursday 11th October – The Ypres Salient

0445 2 x 49 seater Executive coaches with DVD arrives.
Coach Company: New Adventure Travel

0515 Depart School

0700 Collect Guides and depart Maidstone Services, J8 M20
Sean Cripps & Ian Coyne requested

0820 Outbound Shuttle **refs: 42715920 & 42716043**

1000 Arrive France (local time)

1100 Ypres area to include:

- **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 & Advanced Dressing Station**

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Ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; young soldiers – Pte V J Strudwick; The treatment of casualties, medical advances; John McRae 'In Flanders' Fields'

- **Langemarck German Military Cemetery;**
German cemetery ethos, Slaughter of the Innocents, The significance of Hitler's 1940 visit; Links to the causes of WW2.
- **Vancouver Corner**
The use of poison gas and its effects; Wilfred Owen's 'Dulce et Decorum Est'; A link to WMD today
- **Tyne Cot CWGC**
1917 – 3rd Ypres ' the Battle of Passchendaele'; Battlefield conditions; A chance to reflect

1800 Dinner in Ypres

1930 Menin Gate briefing for Last Post

2000 Last Post Ceremony

2030 Depart for accommodation: **Messines hostel confirmed**

Day 2 – Friday 12th October

0830 Depart accommodation with packed lunch

Travel to Berlin c10hours

1830 Arrive Berlin

Check-in at accommodation: Singer 109 hostel

Dinner in accommodation
Evening option – bowling

Day 3 – Saturday 13th October

0830 Depart accommodation with packed lunch for walking tour of Berlin

- **Reichstag:**
From the Unification of Germany to the end of the Great War; Democracy to dictatorship; Freikorps, Spartacists & the rise of National Socialism; Who votes for Hitler? The Reichstag Fire 1933; The Battle for Berlin; from Cold War division to Reunification.
- **Brandenburg Gate:**
The symbol of Berlin; The backdrop to political changes in Germany; from Spartacist revolt, to Nazi Parades and the building of the Berlin Wall.
- **Soviet War Memorial Tiergarten**
Soviet 'liberation' and occupation of Berlin; Why is it here? What does the memorial say about the Soviet attitude towards Germany & the Great Patriotic War.

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- **Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe**
What is the purpose of the Eisenman's memorial? How does modern Germany remember the Holocaust?
- **Fuhrer Bunker**
Description of the former buildings which were on this site; What was the Fuhrer Bunker? 'Der Untergang' – the end of the Thousand Year Reich

Lunch to be taken around Cora Berliner Strasse

Re-join coach at Cora Berliner Strasse

- **Unter den Linden**
From Imperial avenue to Nazi parade route; One of Berlin's finest boulevards
 - **Bebelplatz**
Art & Literature in Weimar Germany; The book burning May 1933; Censorship & repression in Nazi Germany
 - **Neue Wache**
Berlin's War memorial since the 1931; How the changing regimes of Germany remember the fallen; Käthe Kollwitz's sculpture O
 - **Olympic Stadium – internal viewing tbc**
 - The 1936 Berlin Olympics; Nazi propaganda; The Olympic Bell; flame & the cauldron; The Langemarkhalle, Maifeld, Lists of Winners. 'Jesse' Owens and other competitors' stories as time permits
 - Dinner at approx 1845
 - Return to accommodation & collect luggage
- 2000 Depart for Calais

Day 4 – Sunday 14th October

Arrive Calais

0920 Inbound Shuttle: **Booking Reference 42715920 & 42716043**

0900 Arrive UK (local time)

1100 Arrive school (approx)

Your itinerary may be subject to change at short notice due to a variety of factors. Whilst every effort will be made by the guides to visit all the sites included in your itinerary, there may be times when this will not be possible.

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