



CANADA REMEMBERS GUIDE

WW1 in Two Days: Paris to Ypres & Vimy

From Paris, visit six military cemeteries with Canadian burials and Memorials at Hill 62 and Beaumont-Hamel on day one, then stay in Ieper. On day two, visit Tyne Cot and Canada's Memorials at Passendale and Vimy.

Bring small decorative Canadian flags to place at headstones in cemeteries and a pen to sign the Visitors Book in the Registry.

Pack water and snacks in the car. Maps in this guide are for illustration only and are not to scale. Safe travels!

DAY ONE SELF-GUIDED ITINERARY:

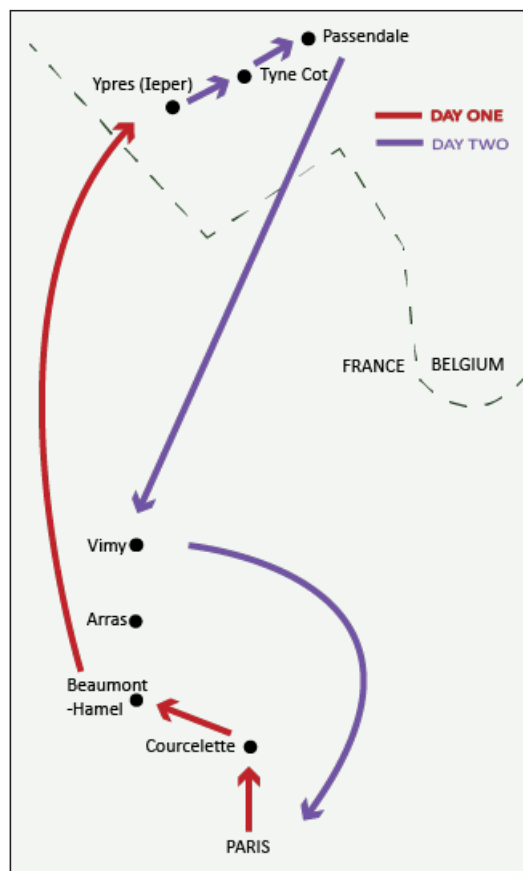
9.00am **#1** Set GPS (135km) to **SUNKEN ROAD CEMETERY, CONTALMAISON** Note: Make sure you put "Contalmaison" in search, as there are three other cemeteries with the same name. This one

(148 Canadian burials), and a tiny one simply called **2ND CANADIAN CEMETERY** (all 44 are Canadian casualties) are on the same service road. (Spend 15 minutes at each.)

11.00am **#2** Set GPS (6km) to **COURCELETTE CANADIAN BATTLEFIELD MEMORIAL** It is located on the D929 road, which has several Canadian memorials and cemeteries. This is one of four granite block monuments in this area dedicated to the actions of the Canadian Corps. (Spend 15 min here.)

11.30am **#2** Set GPS (2km) to **COURCELETTE BRITISH CEMETERY, COURCELETTE**, a large cemetery (785 of 2000+ burials are Canadian) just west of town. (Spend 15 min here.)

12.30pm **#3** Set GPS (10km) to **BEAUMONT-HAMEL NEWFOUNDLAND MEMORIAL** Located a few minutes NW of Courcellette, this is an incredible area, with intact trenches, a Caribou Memorial and a great Visitor Centre. (Spend 1 hour here.)





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DAY ONE SELF-GUIDED ITINERARY (CONTINUED):

2.00pm **#4** Set GPS (130km) to **SANCTUARY WOOD CEMETERY** on Canadalaan (Canada Road) just SE of Ieper, Belgium. There are 144 Canadians buried here.

(Spend 15 min here.)

4.00pm **#4** Set GPS (1km) to **HILL 62 (SANCTUARY WOOD) CANADIAN MEMORIAL** on Canadalaan (Canada Road) just SE of Ieper, Belgium. Go past the private Hill 62 Museum to get to the Canadian Hill 62 Memorial at the end of the road.

(Spend 15 min here.)

4.30pm **#4** Time permitting, consider stopping also at nearby **MAPLE COPSE CEMETERY**, a small battlefield cemetery in a wooded area with 155 Canadian burials.

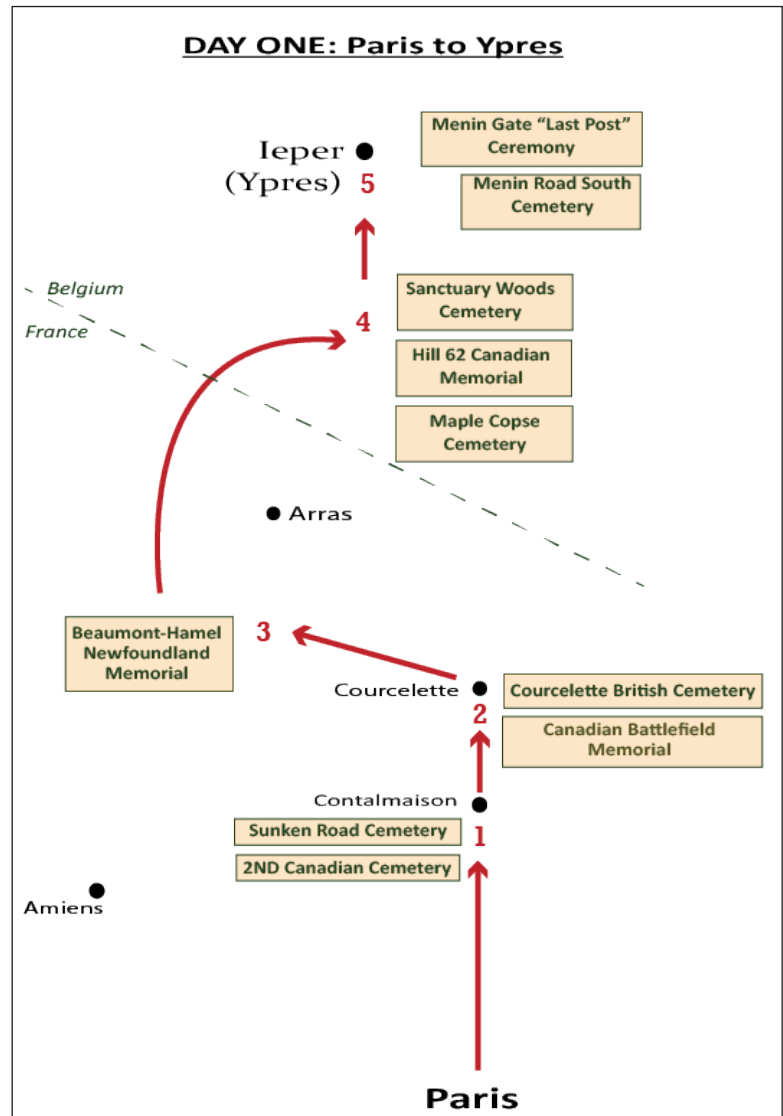
(Spend 15 min here.)

5.00pm **#5** Set GPS (4km) to **MENIN ROAD SOUTH MILITARY CEMETERY** a large collective cemetery in Ieper with 149 Canadian burials.

(Spend 15 min here.)

8.00pm **#5** In Ieper, attend the moving **LAST POST REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY** at the **MENIN GATE** (8.00pm every evening).

Stay overnight in Ieper.





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DAY TWO SELF-GUIDED ITINERARY:

9.00am **#6** Visit **IN FLANDERS FIELDS MUSEUM** in **IEPER**
(Spend 1 hour here.)

10.30am **#7** Set GPS (13km) to **PASSCHENDAELE CANADIAN MEMORIAL** Note: Town is now called **PASSENDALE**. The Road "Canadalaan", from here to Church, was constructed to commemorate the Canadian battle to win those 700 metres. (Spend 15 min here.)

11.00am **#7** Set GPS (1km) to **PASSCHENDAELE NEW BRITISH CEMETERY** There are 654 Canadian burials here. (Spend 15 min here.)

11.30am **#8** Set GPS (3km) to **TYNE COT CEMETERY & MEMORIAL** commemorating all those missing in action. (Spend 1 hr here.)

1.00pm **#8** Set GPS (3km) to **MEMORIAL MUSEUM PASSCHENDAELE 1917**
(Spend 1 hour here.)

2.00pm **#9** Set GPS (80km) to **CANADIAN NATIONAL VIMY MEMORIAL**. This stunning 27 metre-high monument is on Vimy Ridge in a large park with trenches and tunnels (tours available), a Visitor Centre and and two cemeteries (see below). This park has recently been added to the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. (Spend 2 hours here but go first to Visitor Centre as it closes at 5pm.)

5.00pm **#9** Visit **GIVENCHY ROAD CANADIAN CEMETERY** (all but one of 110 burials are Canadians) and **CANADIAN CEMETERY No.2** (473 Canadian burials) in Vimy Memorial Park.

Return to Paris (170km).

