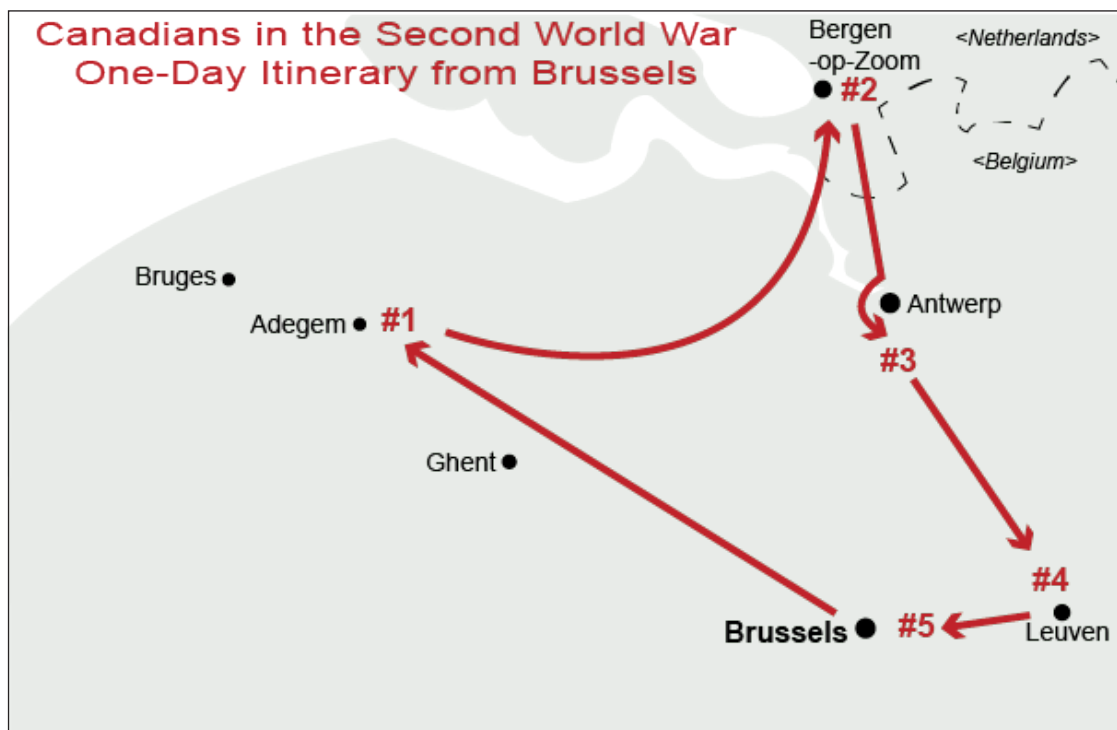




CANADA REMEMBERS GUIDE

WWII in One Day from Brussels

From Brussels, visit cemeteries, museums and memorials that commemorate the role of Canadians in liberating Belgium and the Netherlands.

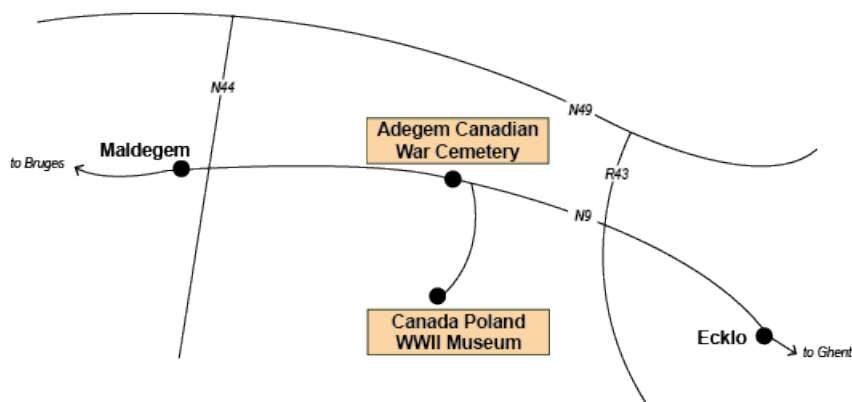


Bring small decorative Canadian flags to place at headstones in cemeteries and a pen to sign the Visitors Book in the Registry.

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

SELF-GUIDED ITINERARY:

9.00am **#1** Set GPS (90 km) to **ADEGEM CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY** in Maldegem, Belgium, which is the final resting place of 849 Canadians, many of whom died in the fall of 1944 in operations liberating this area of Belgium and other key target areas within the Scheldt River basin.
(Spend 30 min here.)





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10.45am **#1** Set GPS (3 km) to **CANADA POLAND WWII MUSEUM** Wonderful museum with information about “Operation Scheldt”. There are a lot of Canadian uniforms, films, photos, and a “tea room” restaurant on-site. Hours are limited (only Wed-Sun afternoons!) Check hours at canadapolandmuseum.com (*Spend 60 min here.*)

12.00pm **#2** Set GPS (100km) to **BERGEN-OP-ZOOM CANADIAN CEMETERY** in the Netherlands. The Record Book in the Registry Box near the entry has a good explanation about “the war in Belgium and Holland” as well as a history of this cemetery. Of the 1,119 burials here, 972 are Canadian. (*Spend 30 min here.*)

1.30pm **#3** Set GPS (50km) to **SCHOONSELHOF CEMETERY** which is just south of Antwerp in Hoboken/ Wilrijk. It is a very large cemetery with regular and CWGC (Commonwealth War Graves Commission) burials, so just follow the signs to Plot IV (look for the Cross of Sacrifice). We have 346 Canadians here (270 Army + 76 Air Force) all late 1944 and early 1945. (*Spend 30 min here.*)

3.00pm **#4** Set GPS (60km) to **HEVERLEE WAR CEMETERY** which is just east of Brussels, outside the town of Leuven. (*My GPS told me to go down a road that very clearly was for bikes but then it re-routed!*). This tranquil cemetery is in a rural area at the edge of a wooded area criss-crossed with hiking and biking trails. Read the front pages of the Cemetery Record for a description of the origins of the cemetery. There are 988 burials here, of which 157 are Canadians from the late stages of the Second World War. (*Spend 30 min here.*)

4.30pm **#5** Set GPS (25km) to **BRUSSELS TOWN CEMETERY** Finish the day at this old, sprawling urban cemetery where the military burials are in Plot X (10) located near the end of the long main central path. There are 49 Canadians here from the First World War and 74 (22 Army + 52 Air Force) from the Second World War. (*Park on the street. Spend 30 min here.*)

Tips: The street names look really long but they're usually just a few words put together and the names include the words: street (“straat”) or lane (“laan”) or road (“weg”), which we separate in English.

“Bierbeek” = Beer Stream
“Plein” = Square
“Dreef” means Drive
in rural areas!



“Kerspel” = Parish
“Straat” = Street