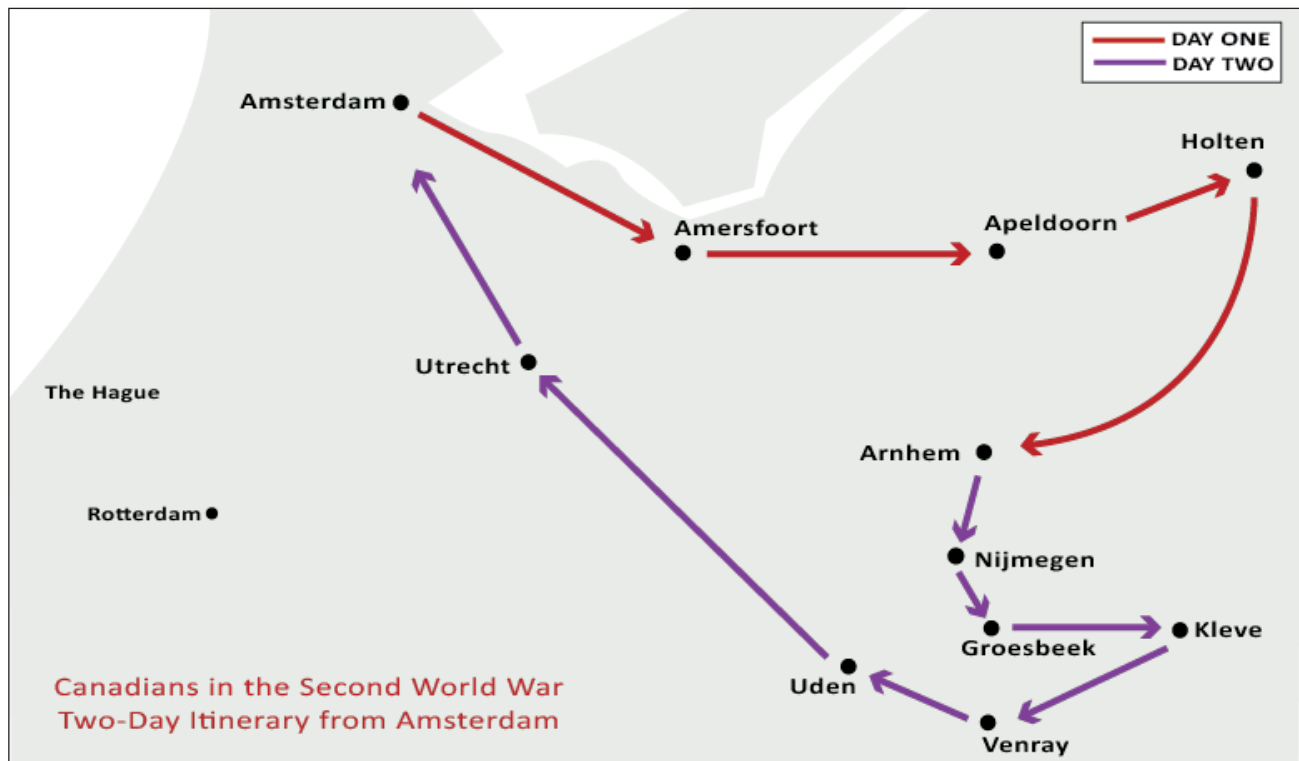




# CANADA REMEMBERS GUIDE

## WWII in Two Days from Amsterdam

From Amsterdam, visit cemeteries, museums and monuments that commemorate the role of Canadians in liberating the Netherlands. On Day One, a former Nazi prison, cemeteries at Amersfoort and Holten, and multiple memorials. On Day Two, six cemeteries with Canadian burials and two war museums.



*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!*

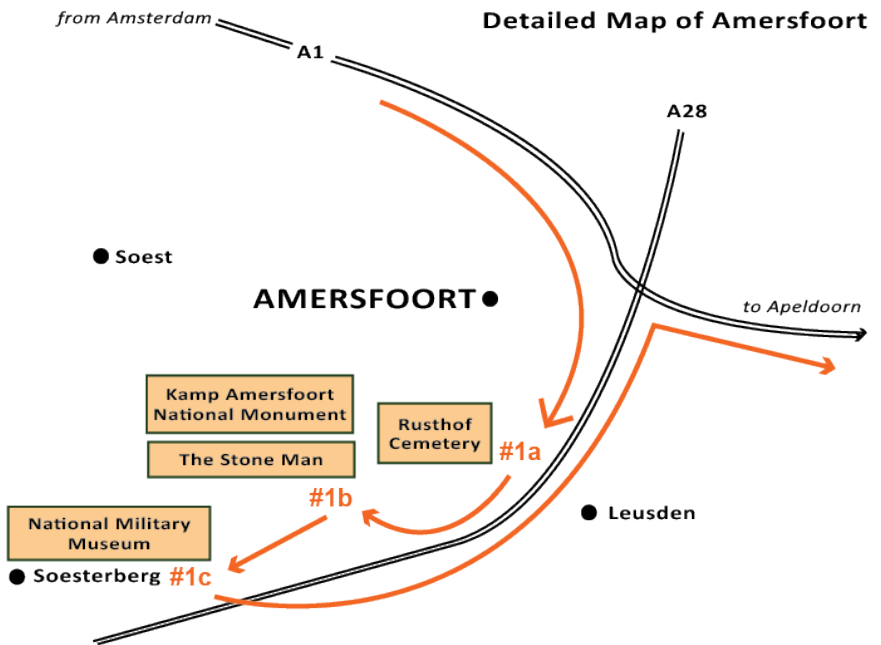
### DAY ONE SELF-GUIDED ITINERARY:

*Note: Stops #1a, #1b, #1c are shown on detailed Amersfoort map on next page.*

9.00am **#1a** Set GPS (55km) to **RUSTHOF CEMETERY** in Amersfoort. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission calls it "Amersfoort (Old Leusden) General Cemetery", but it is known locally as "Rusthof". From the car park, walk on the path *past* the Soviet burials and look for the sign that says "OORLOG" ("war") and the Cross of Sacrifice. Here are 200+ Commonwealth burials, of which 60 are Canadian airmen. *(Spend 30 minutes here.)*

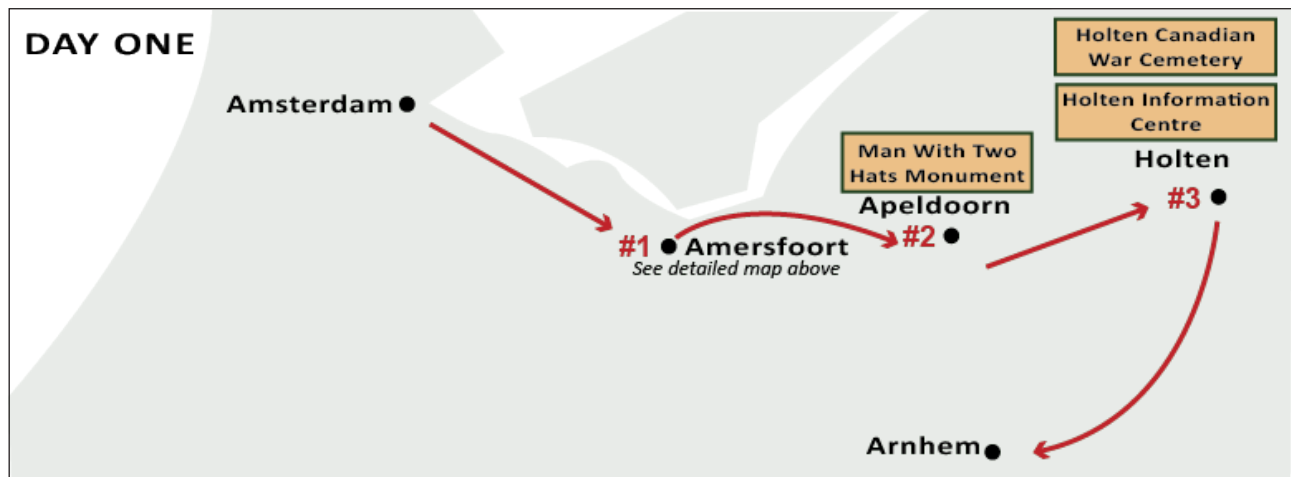


10.15am **#1b** Set GPS (1km) to **KAMP AMERSFOORT**, a former Nazi transit, labour and extermination camp. It is now a museum and memorial. Reserve tickets at [www.kampamersfoort.nl](http://www.kampamersfoort.nl). Walk 400m to **THE STONE MAN**, a tribute to the fallen of Kamp Amersfoort. (Spend 60 minutes here.)



11.15am **#1c** Set GPS (9km) to **NATIONAL MILITARY MUSEUM**, in Soesterberg. Huge museum with a lot of tanks and aircraft, focus is on Dutch experience under occupation. (Info at [www.nmm.nl](http://www.nmm.nl)) (Spend 60 minutes here.)

1.00Pm **#2** Set GPS (50km) to **APELDOORN**, to visit the **MAN WITH TWO HATS MEMORIAL** (The “National Canadian Liberation Monument”), which commemorates the liberation of Apeldoorn by Canadians and the close ties between the two countries. (On the outskirts of Apeldoorn is *Paleis Het Loo*, formerly the Royal Palace. Park can be visited.)





2.00pm **#3** Set GPS (40km) to **HOLTEN CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY**. This beautiful cemetery has 1,394 burials, of which 1,355 are Canadians who died in the Netherlands and Germany in the closing stages of the war. *(Spend 30 minutes here.)*

3.30pm **#3** On the same road (Eekhoornweg) and very close to the entrance to the cemetery is the **HOLTEN INFORMATION CENTRE** ("Infomatiecentrum Canadese Begraafplaats") which is A MUST-SEE!. This wonderful centre is a tribute to Canadians who liberated the Netherlands. The maps, photos and films are incredible. There is a database of every Canadian killed in the Netherlands. *(Spend 60 min here.)*

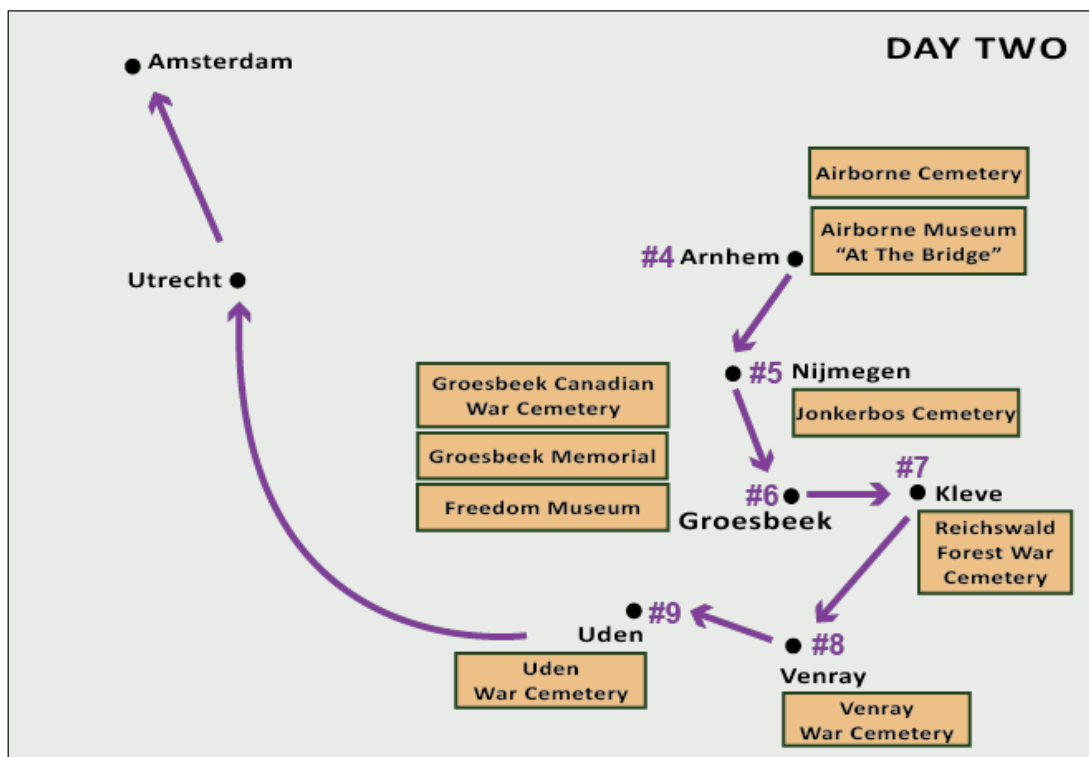
### STAY OVERNIGHT IN ARNHEM

### DAY TWO SELF-GUIDED ITINERARY:

*Lots of choices! There are three museums in the Arnhem area, as well as one in Groesbeek and another in Utrecht. I recommend walking to the Airborne Museum at the Bridge in town, then driving to the "Airborne War Cemetery" before heading to Nijmegen, then Canada's cemetery at Groesbeek and the museum there. Arnhem area museums:* AIRBORNE MUSEUM ("AT THE BRIDGE") in ARNHEM re Operation Market Garden.

AIRBORNE MUSEUM ("HARTENSTEIN") in OOSTERBEEK re the battle to liberate Arnhem.

ARNHEM OORLOGSMUSEUM a private museum with photos and displays about Arnhem.





8.30am **#4** Walk to **ARNHEM AIRBORNE MUSEUM AT THE BRIDGE** (*Spend 15 min.*)

9.00am **#4** Set GPS (9km) to **ARNHEM OOSTERBEEK WAR CEMETERY** ("AIRBORNE WAR CEMETERY"), which has 1,700+ Allied soldiers, of which 32 are Canadians. There is a small memorial to air despatchers just down the road from parking lot.

*(Spend 30 minutes here.)*

10.00am **#5** Set GPS (33km) to **JONKERBOS WAR CEMETERY** in Nijmegen. We have 90 Canadians commemorated here: 86 are Air Force and 4 are Army. Airmen were involved in strategic bombing operations and supporting land forces in the fall of 1944.

*(Spend 30 minutes here.)*

11.00am **#6** Set GPS (10km) to **GROESBEEK CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY**. This is a very large cemetery with just over 2,600 war dead, of which Canadians account for 2,338 of the burials commemorated here. *(Spend 30 min here.)*

11.45am **#6** Visit the **GROESBEEK MEMORIAL** Within the Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, there is a MEMORIAL WALL which lists the names of more than 1,000 soldiers who died liberating this area and have no known grave. Ninety-six Canadians are commemorated on the wall. *(Spend 15 min here.)*

12.00pm **#6** Set GPS (2km) to **FREEDOM MUSEUM** (Vrijheidsmuseum) There are permanent and temporary exhibits; the theme is freedom and "without borders". Personal stories of the impact of Operations Market Garden and Veritable on the populace and land (Check hours at [www.freedommuseum.com](http://www.freedommuseum.com)) *(Spend 45-60 min here.)*

1.00pm **#7** Set GPS (22km) to **REICHSWALD FOREST WAR CEMETERY** in Kleve, Germany. This cemetery is worth visiting because of its size and the number of Commonwealth burials commemorated here -- there are 7,671 in total, of whom 706 are Canadian (nearly all are Air Force). *(Spend 30 min here.)*

2.00pm **#8** Set GPS (45km) to **VENRAY WAR CEMETERY**, with Commonwealth burials dating from the liberation of Venray in October 1944 and later operations. Of the 663 commemorations, 22 are Canadian. *(Spend 30 min here.)*

3.00pm **#9** Set GPS (40km) to **UDEN WAR CEMETERY**, a small cemetery located in a residential neighbourhood between small apartment blocks. There are 53 Canadians buried here, of which 50 are airforce. They are among the 300+ airmen who died supporting land forces in liberation operations. *(Spend 30 min here.)*

**RETURN TO AMSTERDAM (110km)**