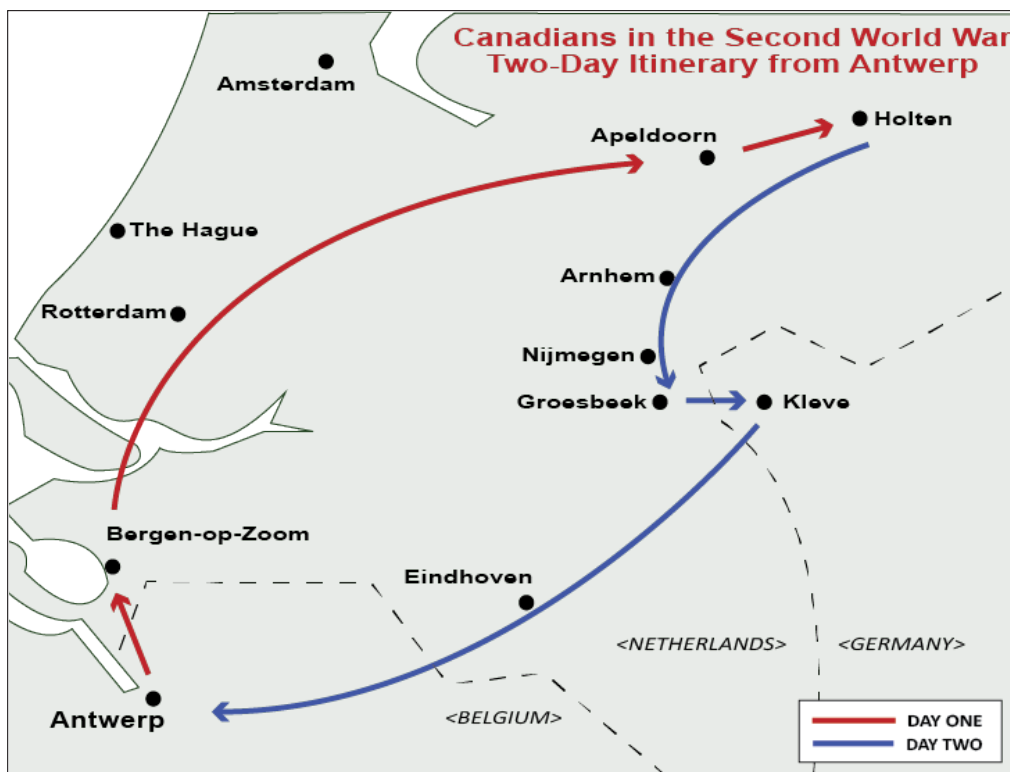




CANADA REMEMBERS GUIDE

WWII in Two Days from Antwerp

From Antwerp, spend two days visiting WWII museums and memorials, three Canadian cemeteries and several Commonwealth cemeteries with Canadian burials.



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 (DAY ONE):

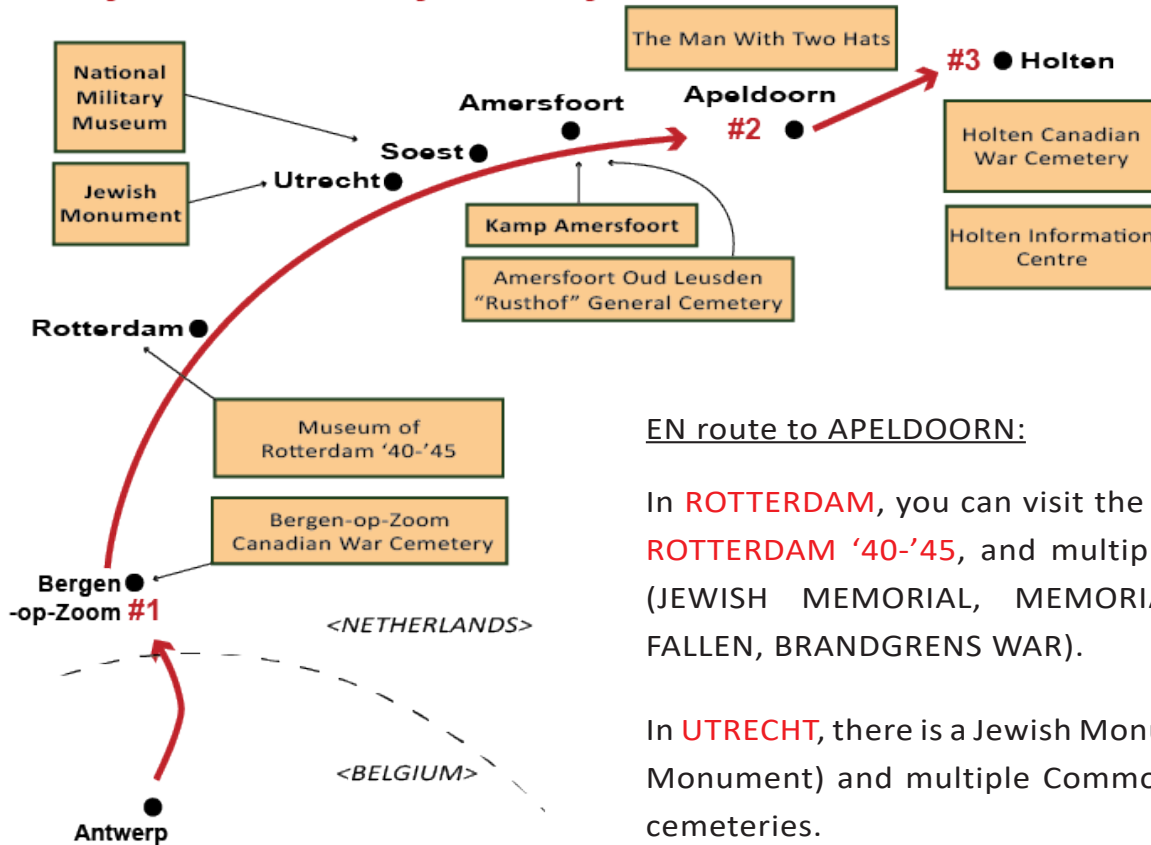
9.00am **#1** Set GPS (40km) to **BERGEN-OP-ZOOM CANADIAN CEMETERY** in the Netherlands. The Record Book in the Registry near the entry has a good explanation about “the War in Belgium and Holland” as well as a history of this cemetery. Of the 1,119 burials here, 972 are Canadians who died during the Battle of the Scheldt.

(Spend 30 min here.)

10.30am **#2** Set GPS (180km) to **APELDOORN** on the route that goes through ROTTERDAM and UTRECHT. There are many remembrance sites along this route so you may have to choose one museum plus one cemetery as it would be hard to do everything in one day. *(This itinerary includes a couple of stops along the way, so you should end up in Apeldoorn around 2.30pm.)*



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EN route to APELDOORN:

In **ROTTERDAM**, you can visit the **MUSEUM OF ROTTERDAM '40-'45**, and multiple memorials (JEWISH MEMORIAL, MEMORIAL TO THE FALLEN, BRANDGRENS WAR).

In **UTRECHT**, there is a Jewish Monument (Joods Monument) and multiple Commonwealth war cemeteries.

In **SOEST**, just east of Utrecht is the **NATIONAL MILITARY MUSEUM**.

In **AMERSFOORT**, visit **KAMP AMERSFOORT** (former Nazi extermination camp) Memorial and Museum and/or stop at the **AMERSFOORT ("OUD LEUSDEN" OR "RUSTHOF") GENERAL CEMETERY**. At entry, walk past the Soviet burial ground, look for the "OORLOG" (= "war") sign and the Cross of Sacrifice. It is small (only 232 total burials) but we have 60 Canadian Air Force buried and commemorated here.

2.30pm #2 In **APELDOORN**, 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.)*



3.00pm **#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 min here.*)

4.00pm **#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.

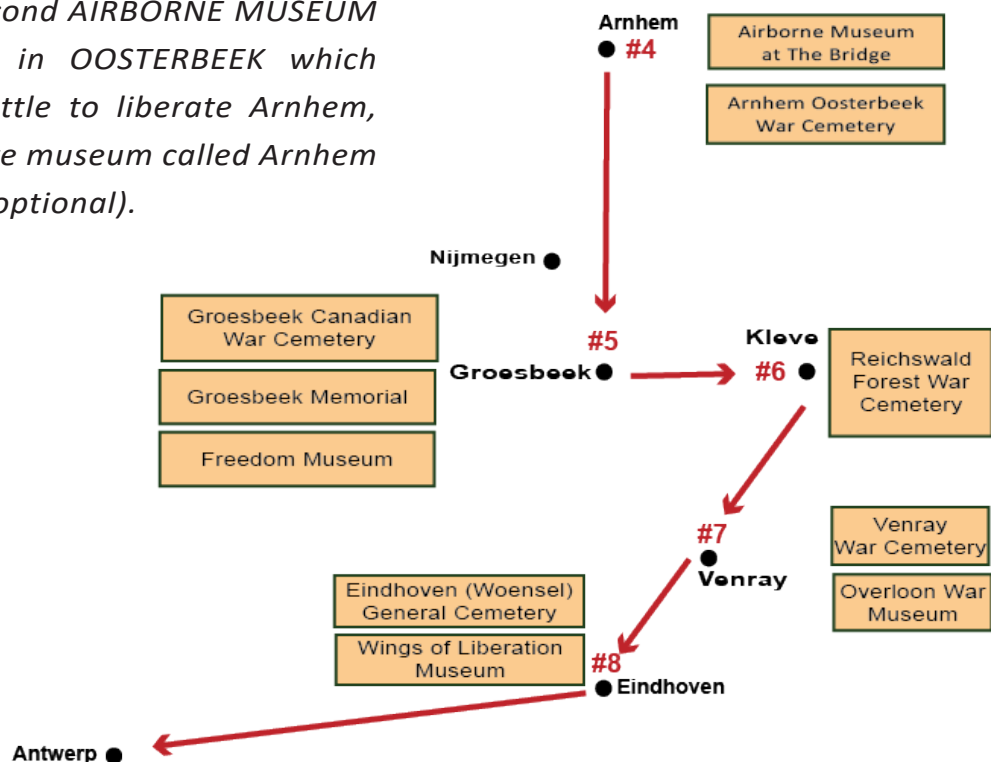
SELF-GUIDED ITINERARY (DAY TWO):

8.30am In ARNHEM, walk to the **AIRBORNE MUSEUM AT THE BRIDGE**, which is about Operation Market Garden ("a bridge too far") (*Spend 15 min. here.*)

9.00am **#4** Set GPS (8km) to **ARNHEM OOSTERBEEK WAR CEMETERY** ("AIRBORNE WAR CEMETERY"), which has more than 1,700 Allied soldiers, of which 32 are Canadians.

There is a small memorial to air despatchers just down the road from the parking lot. *Note that there is a second AIRBORNE MUSEUM ("HARTENSTEIN") in OOSTERBEEK which illustrates the battle to liberate Arnhem, as well as a private museum called Arnhem Oorlogmuseum. (optional).*

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10.30am **#5** Set GPS (30km) to **GROESBEEK CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY**. This is a very large cemetery with over 2,600 war dead, of which Canadians account for 2,338 of the burials. In addition, the **GROESBEEK MEMORIAL** is inside the cemetery. This heartbreaking wall lists the names of more than 1,000 soldiers who died liberating this area in late 1944 and early 1945 and have no known grave. *(Spend 45 min here.)*

12.00pm **#5** Set GPS (2km) to **FREEDOM MUSEUM** (Vrijheidsmuseum). There are permanent and temporary exhibits; the theme is freedom and “without borders”. Personal stories of impact of Operations Market Garden and Veritable on the populace and land (Check for hours at freedommuseum.com) *(Spend 60 min here.)*

1.00pm **#6** 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.)*

3.00pm **#7** Set GPS (43km) to **VENRAY WAR CEMETERY**, a small cemetery near the town of Venray with very active local volunteers seeking information from visitors about those who are buried here. We have 22 Canadians (of a total of 663 Commonwealth burials), of which two are army and 20 are Air Force. *(Spend 30 min here.)*

MUSEUM near VENRAY: *The OVERLOON WAR MUSEUM is in Overloon 6km north of Venray) (oorlogsmuseum.nl (“oorlog”= war). One of the country’s two largest military museums; a lot of tanks and airplanes (including a Lancaster), so if that’s something you like, you will want to stop!*

5.00pm **#8** Set GPS (50km) to **EINDHOVEN (WOENSEL) GENERAL CEMETERY (OUDE TOREN)** The Commonwealth burials are in five different plots. Walk past the large willow and toward the back; you will see the Cross of Sacrifice. We have 50 Canadians buried and commemorated here - all Air Force. *(Spend 30 min here.)*

MUSEUM near EINDHOVEN: *The WINGS OF LIBERATION MUSEUM (in Best, 10km from the cemetery) (wingsofliberation.nl) is a museum with hangars displaying tanks and airplanes, but it’s mostly about Operation Market Garden and the US 101st Airborne Division.*

RETURN TO ANTWERP (90KM)