

KNBS Year 10 Battlefields Tour 2024 Key information

Drop off and pick up:

Drop off time on Tuesday 25th June 2024 **is 5:00am at school (park in the school car park please)**
Bring 1 rucksack and 1 suitcase/larger bag to be stored during the journey

The coach will leave by 5:30AM

Pick up time at school is on Thursday 27th June 2024 – **ETA 23:45**. Students to keep parents informed of any changes.

Accommodation Details

Ypres Lodge
Dehemlaan 19,
8900 Ieper,
Belgium

Tel main: 0032 57 21 70 00

Itinerary

Day 1 Tuesday 25th June

- 5:00AM drop off and depart from school at 5:30AM– please ensure your Passport is readily available as these will be securely looked after by a member of staff until they are required at border checks.
- 10:05AM – check in at P&O Terminal, Dover , 12:05PM depart
- 14:35 Arrive at Calais (local time) – ETA at the Ypres Lodge 17:00
- 18:00 - Dinner
- 19:00 Coach out for a team building bowling session
- 21:00 Back at the hotel
- 22:00 lights out

Day 2 Wednesday 26th June Ypres - Passchendaele

- 07:00 wake up call for an 08:00 continental breakfast
- 08:45 Group briefing then board coach at 09:00
- **Lijssenthoek British Cemetery and Visitors Centre** – 2nd largest British military cemetery in the world and site of military hospitals during WW1
- **Langemark German Cemetery**. Contrast how the fallen soldiers on each side have been remembered
- **Lunch – eat packed lunch picked up from the Lodge**
- **12:30 Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917** – includes unique DUGOUT and TRENCH experience
- **Tyne Cot British Cemetery. Largest British military cemetery in the world** – built in the area where the Battle of Passchendaele was fought in 1917.
- **16:00 Ypres Centre** – some free time and a visit to St Georges Church – dedicated to perpetual remembrance – unique and often overlooked.
- 17:00 – Two course meal at a restaurant in Ypres centre.
- 18:45 – group visit to Leonidas Chocolaterie – chance to buy some Belgian chocolate!
- 19:30 – Walk to the **Menin Gate area** to take part in the Memorial service
- 20:30 Back at the hotel
- 10-10.30 lights out

Day 3 Thursday 27th June - Somme

- 07:00 wake up call for 08:00 breakfast
- 09:00 check out – everything on to the coach
- **Newfoundland Park**- preserved battlefield site of the Newfoundland's regiment 's failed attack on the first day of the Somme
- visit to the **Thiepval memorial** and visitor centre – memorial to the missing of the Somme
- Lunch
- 15:00 depart for Calais for 17:25 check in
- 19:25 Depart Calais – 19:55 arrive Dover (LT)
- 23:45 ETA school!

Equipment Checklist

- Passport
- GHIC card
- **1 bath towel (very important as the Ypres Lodge will not provide these!)**
- Toiletries
- Clothes for 3 days **outdoors** (maybe a few spares)*
- Night clothes
- Socks and underwear
- Waterproof jacket (and trousers if you have them)
- **Sturdy shoes or wellingtons (we should be ok at this time of year for just a good pair of walking shoes/trainers)**
- Large bag for dirty clothes
- **Hat/sun protection** as we are outside for large amounts of the day
- **Water bottle** the Ypres Lodge is reducing single use plastic bottles and these will not be available. Students will be encouraged to fill up a reusable water bottle for each day. You may want to bring spares /other drinks with you.
- Rucksack
- Food for journey on 1st day
- Snacks for 3 days to supplement provided meals and the journey home
- Writing implements such as **pens and pencils**
- Pocket money for souvenirs/gifts/drink out at bowling (c.50 Euros)
- **Some sterling** to purchase food on the return journey during the day as we will have a packed lunch provided by the Lodge but will not arrive back at school until 23:45.
- Travel sickness tablets/bands as required

*As the Battlefields of Ypres and the Somme can are very open and exposed areas it is vital that pupils bring layers of clothing, waterproof outer layers, and appropriate footwear.