

## Educational Travel Experience Designed Especially for Episcopal Academy



# Remembering The World Wars

January 3 - January 11, 2018












### ITINERARY OVERVIEW

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- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM NORTH AMERICA
- DAY 2 ARRIVE LONDON (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 LONDON (CHURCHILL'S LONDON)
- DAY 4 LONDON - DOVER - THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN - FERRY TO CALAIS - DUNKIRK AREA (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 5 DUNKIRK - THE YPRES SALIENT
- DAY 6 DUNKIRK AREA - THE SOMME - NORMANDY (1 NIGHT)
- DAY 7 D-DAY INVASION BEACHES - PARIS (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 8 PARIS (THE LIBERATION)
- DAY 9 DEPARTURE FROM PARIS

## ITINERARY

The Great Powers had anticipated the outbreak of general war in Europe for some time and had based their military strength to some degree on their industrial prowess. None of them, however, recognized the extent to which industrial technology had altered the battlefield. The First World War was one of the deadliest conflicts in history, and paved the way for major political changes, including revolutions in many of the nations involved. Twenty years after the conclusion of peace, war again erupted in Europe when German forces invaded Poland.

 Educational Tour/Visit	 Cultural Experience	 Festival/Performance/Workshop	Tour Services
 Recreational Activity	 LEAP Enrichment	 Match/Training Session	    









### DAY 1 Wednesday, 03 January 2018





-  Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from Philadelphia to London-Heathrow, England

### DAY 2 Thursday, 04 January 2018

Our 24-hour Tour Director will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.

-  Our private coach will be waiting to transfer us to our hotel in London.
-  For the next two evenings we will enjoy the convenience of our centrally-located London hotel, where daily breakfast will be included.
-  London is the largest city in Europe: quite a feat, considering its location on a relatively small island. London's location is perfect for an administrative, communications and trade center, as the Romans realized when they founded their city in AD 43. London is filled with countless historic and cultural treasures that meld seamlessly in this exciting, contemporary city.
-  In London, the cost of public transport is included for all group sightseeing. Escorted by our Tour Director, we will be able to experience the city in the same manner as the local people.
-  Explore the British Museum, one of the most comprehensive collections of art and artifacts in the world. Highlights of our visit will include the Rosetta Stone, the discovery of which led to the deciphering of hieroglyphs; the Elgin Marbles from the Parthenon in Athens; and the Sutton Hoo Treasure.
-  We will enjoy our evening meal together in a local restaurant.

### DAY 3 Friday, 05 January 2018

-  During our time in London we will explore the areas of Westminster and Whitehall, including Trafalgar Square, Whitehall, Horse Guards Parade, Parliament Square, Downing Street, St. James's Park and Buckingham Palace.
-  Discover the Cabinet War Rooms, from which Winston Churchill and his War Cabinet planned and executed their strategy during World War II. The 21 rooms include the Transatlantic Telephone Room, from which Churchill spoke directly with the U.S. President in the White House.
-  View the beautiful Renaissance-style church of St. Paul's Cathedral which was designed by Sir Christopher Wren after the previous church was destroyed during the Great Fire of 1666. St Paul's miraculously escaped WWII air raids during The Blitz (from the German word, 'lightning') which was the most intense bombing campaign Britain has ever seen.
-  Visit the Imperial War Museum, where we will encounter the stark reality of war in the 20th Century. Housed in the former Bethlehem Hospital for the Insane, the museum includes the Blitz Experience of Londoners during World War II and a Holocaust Exhibition, the first of its kind in Europe (one exhibition permitted per visit).



**DAY 3 Friday, 05 January 2018**



We will enjoy our evening meal together in a local restaurant.

**DAY 4 Saturday, 06 January 2018**



Today we will travel from London to Northern France.



We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring today.



Visit the Battle of Britain museum, which commemorates the greatest air battle of all time. Situated on the historic airfield at Hawkinge, the Museum's original 1940 buildings, some of which still bear the scars of war, contain the world's largest collection of authentic Battle of Britain relics and related memorabilia. The airfield itself was the nearest Royal Air Force station to enemy-occupied France and only some ten minutes flying time away from the Luftwaffe fighter airfields in the Pas-de-Calais. In addition, the airfield and surrounding district was subjected to long range cross-Channel shelling from the German shore batteries stationed along the French coast.



View the Battle of Britain Memorial. Following the fall of Paris in June 1940, the invasion of Britain became imminent, and air superiority was essential for the invading forces. Just under 3,000 men of Royal Air Force Fighter Command formed the forefront of British resistance. To the Prime Minister they were 'The Few'; to their leader, Air Chief Marshal Dowding, they were 'My Dear Fighter Boys'. Well over 500 of them died between 10 July and 31 October 1940 - the official dates of the Battle and nearly 800 more did not live to see the end of the war in 1945.



Visit Dover Castle a medieval castle spectacularly situated above the White Cliffs of Dover. The castle founded in the 12th century is the largest in the UK and has guarded the UK shores from invasions for 20 centuries. Deep below the Castle are the secret tunnels where the Dunkirk evacuation operation of May 1940 - codenamed 'Dynamo' - was masterminded.



Later this evening, board the ferry at Dover and travel to Calais.



We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring for the next four days.



We will continue to Dunkirk (area), our base for the next two nights. Breakfast and dinner will be included at the hotel.

In May of 1940, the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) in France aiding the French, was cut off from the rest of the French Army. Encircled by the Germans they retreated to the area around the port of Dunkirk. Churchill ordered any ship or boat available, large or small, to collect the stranded soldiers, and 338,226 men were evacuated in what became known as the miracle of Dunkirk.



**DAY 5 Sunday, 07 January 2018**



During the course of our tour we will gain from the knowledge and insight from local guides while we are here in France.



Visit the museum located in Bastion 32 which served as the headquarters for the French and Allied forces during the Battle of Dunkirk and Operation Dynamo. The Mémorial du Souvenir tells the incredible story of the battle and of the evacuation of more than 338,000 allied soldiers from the 'Pocket of Dunkirk'. Following our visit, we will take a short walk to the beach at Malo-les-Bains where much of the evacuation took place.

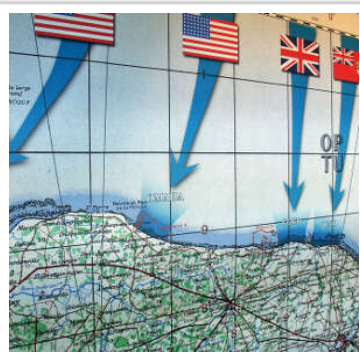


Take a tour of the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917, including the museum's newest addition, the Gallery of Remembrance. The museum features over 5,000 items to include memorabilia, artifacts, photographs, films and wartime maps. Concentrating on the five battles of Ypres and the Battle of Passchendaele 1917, the museum also has a six metre deep dugout with reconstructed communication, dressing posts accommodation and headquarters. Another highlight of our visit we will be the trench experience comprising of six different types of trenches, 125 metres in length, including four German and two British sections.






Spend time at Tyne Cot, the largest British and Commonwealth war cemetery in the world. The site, includes the graves of 11,953 men who were killed or died of wounds received in the defense of Ypres between 1914 and 1918. The largest number of deaths occurred in 1917 during the months of the epic struggle known as the "Flanders Offensive".
















**DAY 5 Sunday, 07 January 2018**

-  Ypres features gabled guild houses and patrician mansions around the Grote Markt and at the western end of this main central square, Ypres's medieval wealth is reflected in its extravagant Gothic Lakenhalle (Cloth Hall). The original, constructed between 1250 and 1304 along the Ieperlee River, which has long since been banished underground, was blown to bits between 1914 and 1918 and reconstructed with painstaking care in subsequent decades, though the work wasn't finished until 1967. Gilded statues adorn the roof, and a statue of Our Lady of Thuyne, the patron of Ypres, stands over the main entrance, the Donkerpoort. Inside, the spacious first-floor halls where wool and cloth were once sold are now used for exhibits; the upper-floor storage space houses the In Flanders Fields Museum, which provides an interesting and comprehensive background guide to the causes and actions of the Great War.
-  LEAP Activity - In Flanders Fields!  
To conclude our day dedicated to the battle of Ypres, we will read together John McRae's poem "In Flanders Fields" and then discuss the powerful meaning and lessons from the poem. Afterwards the students will write their own poem based on their feelings and experiences in France and Belgium, and then share their poem with the group at dinner.
-  We will view Menin Gate and then we will witness the Last Post Ceremony, which takes place each evening at 8:00pm. This is a moving ceremony that takes place under the Menin Gate in Ypres and has become part of the daily life of the local people. It is a simple but moving tribute to the courage and self-sacrifice of those who fell in defense of their town.

**DAY 6 Monday, 08 January 2018**











-  Today we will travel from the Lille area to Normandy. We will explore the Somme en route.
-  Take a tour providing an overview of the Somme Battlefields, which saw British, Australian, and other Commonwealth soldiers suffer great loss of life. The tour will include the trench lines and some of the cemeteries and memorials.
-  Visit the Battlefield Park at Vimy Ridge, and explore the Underground tunnels and trenches. The attack at Vimy Ridge was part of an offensive mounted primarily to draw the Germans' attention from a major French offensive on the Aisne. The site is now owned by the Canadian Government, and is maintained as a Memorial to the Canadian forces who fought in the Great War.
-  Visit Newfoundland Memorial Park, the biggest battalion memorial on the Western Front and the largest area of the Somme battlefield that has been preserved. In addition, see the Schwaben Redoubt and the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing. Thiepval was chosen as the location to commemorate those who died in the Somme sector before March 20, 1918 and who have no known grave.
-  Explore Newfoundland Park, located near Beaumont Hamel that was created in memory of the 29th Division of the Newfoundland Regiment and their fight here in World War I. Over 90% of the regiment was lost on 1 July 1916.
-  Visit Musée Somme 1916 (the Somme Trench Museum) in Albert. The museum recreates the heart of the battlefields of the Somme, now known as "Poppy Country," and follows the soldiers into the trenches of the 1916 offensive. In an 820ft-long tunnel, approximately 33ft underground, are a series of scenes portraying the daily life of the troops, including original items from this turbulent period of history.
-  Our base tonight will be Normandy (area), where breakfast and dinner will be provided at the hotel.

**DAY 7 Tuesday, 09 January 2018**








-  The Normandy region of France comprises 360 miles of coastline bordering lush farmland and bustling market towns. Despite its natural beauty and gastronomic delights, the area is primarily known for its history: from William the Conqueror to WWII. It is perhaps this rich heritage, along with the verdant surroundings, that inspired the Impressionist movement, begun here in the 19th century.
-  Due to the volume of history and information to be learned in this location, we will benefit from the knowledge and wisdom of a Full Day Local Specialist-Guide today.
-  Visit the Utah Beach Museum, housed in an old German bunker. We will get an intimate look at how the D-Day landing took place through a short film and by seeing the personal items the soldiers carried.
-  Walk on Utah Beach, where we will view the US Monument.



**DAY 7 Tuesday, 09 January 2018**

-  LEAP: Soldiers' Stories  
Using first-hand accounts of US servicemen involved in the D-Day landings in June 1944 put yourself in the shoes of the soldiers to assist in a better understanding of what they experienced.
-  Experience the solemn serenity of the Normandy American Cemetery. Overlooking Omaha Beach and the English Channel, the memorial grounds contain the graves of 9,387 soldiers, each marked by a white marble cross or Star of David.
-  Explore Pointe du Hoc, a nearly 100-meter-high cliff, with perpendicular sides jutting out into the Channel. It was assigned to the U.S. 2nd Rangers to take and hold during the D-Day landings. Pointe du Hoc now features a memorial and museum dedicated to the battle. Many of the original fortifications have been left in place and the site remains speckled with a number of bomb craters.
-  View the coast at Omaha Beach, where you can still see war wreckage.
-  The Mulberry Harbor was built for D-Day in June 1944. It consisted of two artificial harbors which were towed across the English Channel and put together off the coast of Normandy. The Mulberry Harbor's purpose was to ease and speed up the unloading process so that Allied troops were supplied as they advanced across France and therefore became one of the greatest engineering feats of World War II.
-  We will continue our journey to Paris.
-  Paris is one of the most iconic cities in the world, filled with culture and history, monuments and museums. Known as the City of Light, Paris is a million things to a million people. No writer has ever been able to truly capture Paris in words, and only the experience of being there can begin to express the grandness and magic of this incredible city.
-  In Paris, the cost of public transport is included for all group sightseeing. Escorted by our Tour Director, we will be able to experience the city in the same manner as the local people.
-  For the next two evenings we will enjoy the convenience of our centrally-located Paris hotel, where daily breakfast will be included.
-  This evening, dinner will be provided in a local restaurant.

**DAY 8 Wednesday, 10 January 2018**

-  Ascend the Arc de Triomphe, a massive triumphal arch commissioned by Napoleon. Today, it is a symbol of Paris and is home to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
-  Walk through the Jardin des Tuileries, the Neo-Classical gardens outside of the entrance to the Louvre and continue to La Place de la Concorde for a magnificent view of the Champs Élysées. Time permitting we will explore the Champs Élysées, which offers a beautiful look at Parisian life and architecture.
-  Visit the Hôtel des Invalides, an imposing building commissioned by Louis XIV in 1670 for his wounded and homeless veterans. We will also visit the gilded Dome Church, one of the finest examples of 17th century French architecture. It is highlighted by the massive Tomb of Napoleon.
-  Visit Notre-Dame Cathedral. Work began in 1163 on a spot that had been a holy shrine since Roman times. Over the centuries, the cathedral has been the scene of some of France's most momentous occasions, including the coronation of Napoleon.
-  This evening, dinner will be provided in a local restaurant.
-  Experience the perfect introduction to the beauty of Paris on a Seine River Cruise. We will pass under many graceful bridges and view important landmarks on both banks during our trip.
-  Ascend to the top of Paris' most recognizable landmark, the Eiffel Tower, built for the Universal Exhibition of 1889. The wrought-iron tower was not meant to be permanent, and the first permit was only for 20 years. But by that time, it had proved to be a valuable communication device for radio. It is now France's global icon and has hosted over 200 million visitors.



**DAY 9 Thursday, 11 January 2018**



Our rewarding and enjoyable tour comes to an end as our Tour Director accompanies us to the airport on our final day.





#### How to Enroll

The Trip ID for your program is **150511** and you can register by going to:

[www.worldstridesdiscovery.org/register](http://www.worldstridesdiscovery.org/register)

Please contact your Program Leader for further information.

**Program Leader:** Max Kelly

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#### What is Included:

- Round trip airfare with a major carrier on scheduled flights and guaranteed dates
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges (which will not change after time of enrollment for any participant)
- Accommodation in three and four star hotels in twin or triple rooms with private facilities guaranteed throughout
- A filling breakfast everyday to get the day started well throughout your touring program
- A hearty three course dinner daily reflecting local cuisine on every evening (usually in local restaurants in capital cities)
- A full-time WorldStrides Tour Director, familiar with our LEAP Educational Program, to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- The expertise and perspective of local guides during your tour
- All excursions, cultural activities and (several pre-booked) admissions as per your itinerary
- Transportation by private coach for airport transfers and touring, except in London and Paris, where public transport is used (and the cost included) for group sightseeing
- Ferry from Dover to Calais
- Three college credits issued by University of California - San Diego for high school students (upon successful completion of online course work)
- Basic health insurance while on tour (including medical treatment on tour up to \$7,500) and \$50,000 of coverage for emergency evacuation and repatriation

#### This Does Not Include:

- Lunches or beverages with meals
- Visas (if required)
- Tips and gratuities for the guide and driver
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage
- Travel insurance - We offer and always recommend our Trip Mate travel insurance policy to all participants. This comprehensive policy includes health, property and cancellation coverage at a cost of \$149
- Alternatively, you may wish to purchase our enhanced policy which includes a Cancel For Any Reason option for \$249

# Students can earn 3 FREE COLLEGE CREDITS while gaining a global perspective!

**Be the teacher who gives your students a competitive edge for their future!**

WorldStrides Perspectives programs offer students the opportunity to earn three free college credits for their travel. This type of academic credential gives students a competitive advantage on college applications, distinguishes them as savvy travelers and online learners, and gives them a jump start on their path to a successful completion of higher education. WorldStrides is the only educational travel company that offers students this level of free college credit!



### Earning academic credit through WorldStrides

Middle school students traveling on a WorldStrides Perspectives program also have the opportunity to earn free high school credit – yet another differentiator from their peers. All credit, both college and high school, is available to students after they complete online post-tour coursework through our learning management system called Schoology. Coursework is evaluated by WorldStrides Curriculum and Academics Department. Students earning college credit are issued a transcript through our university partner, the University of California – San Diego. Students earning high school credit will be issued a transcript directly from WorldStrides.

As an accredited school, our programs are centered on a structured curriculum that meets the same state and national standards that your school has to meet. Our Tour Directors are trained in our trademarked approach to learning called LEAP – Learning through Exploration and Active Participation. Tour Directors use hands-on, interactive lessons to bring curriculum to life and engage students in the world around them. By challenging students to actively explore, ask questions, and develop a point of view about what they’re seeing and doing, our LEAP methodology creates a richer experience that delivers a lasting learning impact.



### Offer your students a global perspective

Our courses focus on global perspectives and issues, and are designed to move students through awareness, understanding, appreciation, interaction, and experience in a foreign country. Forces behind global thinking – like technology, social-mindedness, politics, environment, ecology, economy, and culture – will all feature prominently in the courses. We believe that strong global thinking leads to success in citizenship, stewardship, and leadership. Each day, your Tour Director will facilitate activities designed to ignite a desire for change and to cultivate a hope for the future. The lessons provide students with the ability to understand other traditions, cultures, viewpoints, and global issues; they position students to take an active role in society.

**For questions on WorldStrides Discovery for Credit programs and how your students can receive 3 free college credits, please contact WorldStrides Curriculum and Academics Team at [discovery@worldstrides.com](mailto:discovery@worldstrides.com).**



## Doctors on Call Program



WorldStrides has an exclusive partnership with The George Washington University Department of Emergency Medicine and a George Washington doctor serves on staff as our WorldStrides Medical Director. The Doctors on Call Program offers teachers, parents, and students the unparalleled benefit of receiving medical phone consultations while traveling abroad. The doctors will evaluate the situation, injury, or illness over the phone and make recommendations for treatment accordingly.

### How does it work?

George Washington's Emergency Physicians will accept our phone calls, determine whether the patient should go directly to the hospital, and assist us from there all the way through the process. If someone needs to go to the hospital, they will expedite the process and help save valuable time for the patient, the Program Leader, and the Tour Director.

The Tour Director and Program Leader will initiate the process when it becomes necessary. The doctor on-call will contact the Program Leader and patient and determine the next steps to be taken.



## FLAG Financial Assistance

WorldStrides believes that every student should have access to the benefits of educational travel. To support this vision, our team established the FLAG Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to students.

Applying for FLAG financial assistance is easy and confidential. Families with annual adjusted income of up to \$85,000 may qualify. One short call to WorldStrides Customer Service can tell families how much assistance may be available for their program.

Over \$10 million in financial assistance and scholarships has been given out through this incredible program. Without this assistance, thousands of students would have missed out on the chance to learn in new ways, beyond classroom walls.

