

# Flanders Fields

## School Tour Operators' Familiarisation Trips 2018

ITINERARY 29-31 AUGUST 2018: Never The Last Post

**Day 1: Wednesday 29 August 2018**

Pick up by coach at following locations:

- 4.30 am Sharpes of Nottingham, Coach Gap Lane, Cropwell Bishop
- 6 am Birmingham International Station  
(From Drop Off point [www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations-and-destinations/stations-made-easy/birmingham-international-station-plan](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations-and-destinations/stations-made-easy/birmingham-international-station-plan))
- 8:30 am Stansted Airport Coach Park (It is signed from Arrivals Hall)
- 9:45 am Ebbsfleet International Station (coach Pickup/Drop off zone front of station)
- 11:00 am Dover Port, P&O Terminal Building with crossing at 12:05 am
  
- 12:05 P&O Crossing
  
- 16.00 Arrival at Peace Village
  - ❖ Refreshments
  - ❖ Tour of the grounds
  - ❖ Check-in
  
- 16:30 Presentations by
  - ❖ VISITFLANDERS
  - ❖ Flanders Fields regional tourism office Westtoer
  
- 17.00-19.00 Trade fair with local suppliers, contact details to be sent in due course
  
- 19.00 Network reception & dinner
  
- 20.30 Evening activity: Peace Village Education: workshop Into the Trenches part 1
  
- 21:00 Evening at leisure at the Peace Village



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#### Day 2:

#### Thursday 30 August 2018

- 8:00
- 8.45

Peace Village Education Workshop 'Into The Trenches' Part 2: Medical Treatment  
Exploring the Messines Ridge:

During the morning we find out all about the Messines Ridge. For most of the war, the ridge was occupied by the German forces. At Bayernwald, we explore a German trench system with underground listening posts and bunkers. In 1917, the British Army launched a massive offensive to drive the Germans of the high ground. The Pool of Peace, a crater resulting out of a 40 ton explosion, is a breath-taking silent witness of the largest man made explosion at the time. Back in Messines, we explore the ridge on foot to find out about the human cost of the Battle of Messines. At the Messines Visitor Centre, the panoramic photographs tell more than words can.

❖ Stops to include: Bayernwald & Pool of Peace. The walk is a combination of the March of the P hoenix & In the Footsteps of the Kiwis, two walks offered by Peace Village Education. Stops here include the Messines Ridge Cemetery, NZ Memorial Park, Island of Ireland Peace Park, Messines Crypt & Visitor Centre.



- 12.30

Lunch TBC

- 13:15

Following the medical evacuation chain:  
In the afternoon, we explore how the casualties were removed from the battlefields, through a chain of regimental aid post and various dressing stations to the field hospitals or casualty cleaning stations. Life behind the lines explored through the Chinese Labour Corps and legendary every man's club of Talbot House. At the Poperinge Death Cells, the story of the shell shocked soldiers who were shot at dawn, is brought to life.

❖ Stops: Ration Farm, Kandahar Cemetery, Chinese Memorial Busseboom, Lijssenthoek Cemetery, Death Cells & Talbot House



- 18:00
- 20:00
- 21:15
- 21:45

Dinner at Peace Village

Last Post Ceremony under the Menin Gate followed by some free time in Ypres.

Journey's End Play – a 30 minute sample of the play

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**Day 3: FRIDAY 31 AUGUST 2018**

- 8:00 Departure Peace Village
- 8:15 Hooge Crater Museum with trenches experience & hospital room
- 9:15 Coach tour through the battlefields
- 9:45 Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917
- 10:45 Tyne Cot Cemetery
- 11:30 Lunch and time to explore Bellewaerde Park
- 13:30 Departure for Calais
- 16.05 Ferry crossing P&O
- 16.35 Arrive Dover
- 18.00 Drop-off Ebsfleet
- 19.30 Drop-off Stansted
- 22.00 Drop-off Birmingham
- 23.00 Drop-off Nottingham



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