

In Memory of the Somme 2009
Tour Hosts: Archdeacon Gary Harch and Mrs Marie-Claire Harch

Day 1	Sat 18 April	Brisbane Singapore	Dep 1445 Arr 2045 Dep 2340	Singapore Airlines Singapore Airlines	SQ 236 SQ 334
Day 2	Sun 19 April	Paris	Arr 0645	Transfer to Hotel – Rooms usually not available before 1400 hrs. Drop off luggage. Set out on Paris Panorama Tour including a visit to the Eiffel Tower. Return to hotel for check in. Balance of the day at leisure. (D) STAY: Hotel Campanile Tour Eiffel	
Day 3	Mon 20 April	After breakfast transfer from the hotel to the Louvre. You may enjoy the entire day absorbed in the wonderful works of art on display or you may choose to spend the afternoon in shopping or private sightseeing. This evening we shall enjoy a dinner cruise on the River Seine. (B,D) STAY: Hotel Campanile Tour Eiffel			
Day 4	Tue 21 April	This morning an excursion to Versailles is planned. The afternoon is free. This evening there is the opportunity to take an optional tour to the Lido for a show. (B) STAY: Hotel Campanile Tour Eiffel			
Day 5	Wed 22 April	Depart Paris for Chartres. Visit the cathedral with its stained-glass windows. Stop for lunch at Le Mans then on to Rennes for overnight. (B,D) STAY: Hotel Escale Oceania or Hotel Oceania			
Day 6	Thu 23 April	Morning visit to Mont. St-Michel, monastery and town and the nearby beaches that figured in the WWII offensive. Visit to the Memorial de Caen. Overnight at Caen. (B,D) STAY: Novotel Hotel			
Day 7	Fri 24 April	This morning we visit the cider factory at Cambremer, and the cheese factory at Livarot.. Then on via Rouen (Joan d'Arc country) to Amiens for overnight. (B,D) STAY: Hotel Mercure			
Day 8	Sat 25 April	Anzac Day. Visit Villers-Bretonneux to attend the combined Anzac Day Memorial Service. Do an inspection of the Franco-Australian Museum. Lunch will be in Albert. Inspect the war and tourist sights such as the Musee des Abris and then return to Amiens for dinner and overnight, (B,D) STAY: Hotel Mercure			
Day 9	Sun 26 April	Visit the Notre Dame Cathedral in Amiens and other sights including Hortillonnages. Then to Pozieres to visit yet another Australian war memorial, and also to Thiepval, and the Bullecourt Digger Memorial. Then to Arras for overnight - time to visit the glorious cathedral, formerly an abbey. (B,D) STAY: Hotel Mercure			
Day 10	Mon 27 April	Travel on today to visit the Australian Memorial Park at Fromelles, which saw the greatest loss of Australian life in one battle, Then to Ypres and Menin, via Lille. We plan to visit the war sites of Polygon Wood, Tyne-cot and Passchendaele. At Ypres we shall attend the Menin Gate Service at 8pm. Time to walk the ramparts (B,D) STAY: Hotel Novotel			

Day 11	Tue 28 April	Ypres – a day at leisure. (B,D) STAY: Hotel Novotel
.Day 12	Wed 29 April	Drive on today to Dunkerque/Calais to join the ferry to Dover. On arrival we join our coach and travel on to Canterbury for a visit to the cathedral and some city sightseeing. (B,D) STAY: Falstaff Hotel
Day 13	Thu 30 April	We visit Leeds Castle today enroute to Brighton where we will visit the Royal Pavilion on the famous Brighton Pier and then on to Portsmouth. (B,D) STAY: Ibis Hotel
Day 14	Fri 01 May	A visit to Wilson House, home of the Earls of Pembroke, is on our agenda today. We shall also visit the Royal Naval Museum and view Henry V111's <i>Mary Rose</i> and Nelson's <i>Victory</i> , before continuing our journey to Salisbury for overnight. (B,D) STAY: White Hart Hotel
Day 15	Sat 02 May	A visit to the ancient site of Stonehenge is included today. We shall also visit the magnificent cathedral and enjoy some leisure time this afternoon. (B) STAY: White Hart Hotel
Day 16	Sun 03 May	Perhaps attend Sung Eucharist in Salisbury Cathedral – 10.00AM. Thence on to Bath. Here we visit the Roman Baths, Bath Abbey and the Jane Austin Centre. Then continue on to Cheltenham for overnight. (B,D) STAY: Central Hotel
Day 17	Mon 04 May	Our excursion today will allow us to discover some of the sights of the Cotswold region, including bird parks and falconry gardens. We shall visit Warwick Castle and Stratford. Return to Cheltenham for overnight. (B,D) STAY: Central Hotel
Day 18	Tue 05 May	This morning we discover the splendour of Blenheim Palace then travel to the university town of Oxford. Time to explore before journeying on to London. (B,D) STAY: Corus Hotel
Day 19	Wed 06 May	London – Full day tour of the sights.. We will stop for a pub lunch during the day. (B) STAY: Corus Hotel
Day 20	Thu 07 MAY	Day at leisure. Optional sightseeing, perhaps a visit to Greenwich, Windsor or maybe shopping in Oxford Street. Tonight our Farewell Dinner. (B,D) STAY: Corus Hotel
Day 21	Fri 08 May	Transfer to the airport this morning for our return/onward flights. (B)
Day 22	Sat 09 May	LONDON Dep: 1200 Singapore Airlines SQ312 SINGAPORE Arr: 0745 Dep: 0955 Singapore Airlines SQ245 BRISBANE Arr: 1925

INCLUSIONS:

- **Accommodation** – hotels are 3/4* category with private facilities. Tour based on share twin accommodation. Supplement is payable for passengers requiring single rooms.
- **Meals** – breakfasts (Continental) throughout. Additional meals as indicated above – **L = Lunch; D = Dinner**
- **Entrances** – we have arranged for pre-payment of entrances as follows:
 - France:** Louvre (individual), Eiffel Tower, Seine River Cruise with dinner, Versailles (group visit), Mont Saint Michel, Cider factory, cheese factory, Caen Memorial, Franco-Australien Museum Villers Bretonneux, Musee des Abris, Hortillonnages.
 - England:** Canterbury Cathedral, Leeds Castle, Royal Pavilion Brighton, *Mary Rose*, *HMS Victory*, Royal Naval Museum, Wilton House, Salisbury Cathedral, Stonehenge, Roman Baths Bath, Jane Austen Centre, Bath Abbey, Blenheim Palace, Warwick Castle, Thames River Cruise,
- **Touring** – in air-conditioned coach with driver and English speaking guide. Additionally, local guides may be provided in some locations (as required by local tourism legislation). We shall utilise the services of a French guide and driver in France, and an English guide and driver in England. This is a private tour.
- **Porterage** – This is included on the England part of the tour, but is not possible to confirm in France.
- **Taxes** – Hotel and road taxes and service charges.
- **Ferry** – Seat from Calais to Dover

NOT INCLUDED:

- **Airfares** – Brisbane/Paris and London/Australia economy class airfares with Singapore Airlines have been arranged on a group basis. These flights may be reserved in conjunction with this tour. Flight departs from Brisbane. Canterbury Tours reserves the right to change bookings to an alternative carrier if necessary, depending on costs and schedules. Upgrades to Business and/or First Class on one or more sectors may be available – we are happy to provide details of additional costs required.
 - NB:** Should passengers wish to utilise the services of alternative carriers, arrival and departure transfers at the beginning and/or end of this tour may not be provided. Passengers arriving at different times/days/airports will be required to pay a supplement for transfer to join the tour.
 - NNB:** Singapore Airlines flights utilised qualify for KrisFlyer points accreditation.
- **Airline taxes / airport charges** – These taxes change daily and the calculation of them is as will prevail on the date of payment. It is expected that an amount of A\$450+ should be allowed to cover these taxes – this is however, an approximation.
- **Optional Extras:** A small number of optional tours/visits will be available as follows:
 - Paris: Dinner and show at the Lido \$260 pp
 - London: Windsor Castle tour **approx** \$75 pp
 - London: Evening theatrical performance – on request only
- **Tips** – to driver and guide, and anywhere else you have received good service.
- **Insurance** – Travel Insurance is extremely important. Travelmarket Brisbane, in association with Canterbury Tours, will be happy to arrange this on your behalf. Alternatively, you are at liberty to arrange insurance independently.
- **Passport and visa fees** - currently, there are no visa requirements for passengers on Australian passports visiting France or England.
- **Items of a personal nature** – this goes without saying!

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Canterbury Tours is a tour wholesaler and utilises the retail services of Travelmarket Brisbane.

Travelmarket Brisbane, will be happy to arrange any extensions to your tour. Hotels, touring, flight reservations, car hire, rail travel, cruising etc may be booked at the end of your tour. Your airline ticket is valid for 12 months.

Should you require a stopover on your return journey to Australia, Singapore Airlines offers attractive stopover packages in Singapore for one day or several days.

Additional nights in London may be booked to allow for personal sightseeing.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE:

While every effort has been made to assess the cost of this tour as a whole, should there be variances to currency exchange rates and/or increases in airline fares, Canterbury Tours reserves the right to impose a surcharge to the quoted cost.

Should the tour numbers not reach the minimum required to obtain the quoted price, the tour may have to be cancelled. In this case a full refund of monies paid would be offered, or alternatively, the group as booked would be offered the option to proceed with the tour at a price to cover the reduced numbers.

Deposit

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm a place on the tour. Please consider Cancellation Insurance at this time, as this deposit is non-refundable except under extreme circumstances.

Balance of Payment

Full payment of the balance of the tour cost will be due and payable by 10 February 2009. After 28 February all unused accommodation will be released to the overseas suppliers, and late applications to join the tour will be possible only upon request and in consultation with the various overseas suppliers and the airline concerned.

Airline Schedules

As the operation of airline schedules is beyond our control, should we be notified of a change to our reserved flights we will immediately advise all passengers and either (a) arrange bookings with an alternative carrier; or (b) make adjustments to the itinerary to accommodate the flight changes.

Health

This tour is not strenuous, though there are days when quite a deal of walking is required, and often on cobblestoned streets – please consider your individual capabilities in this regard. The tour is not rushed and will be conducted to please all passengers if possible. We have only five 'single nights' in a destination (Rennes, Caen, Arras, Canterbury, Portsmouth) as all other stops are for two or more nights. We are not planning very early morning starts, though there are days when several hours will of necessity need to be spent in travelling.

If you require any information regarding the performance of sightseeing etc on this tour, we would be happy to clarify.

Tour Cost: **AUD 7675 # (share twin – land only)**
 Single Supplement AUD 1625
 Group airfare supplement (ex Brisbane) AUD 2100 *

Price subject to change. Unexpected currency fluctuation, fuel surcharges, increases imposed by overseas suppliers

*Airline taxes not included.

NB:

- This tour is quoted on a 'land only' basis. Passengers may choose to purchase the group airfare in conjunction with the tour.
- The group airfare is available only for those passengers who will depart from Brisbane.
- The group airfare does not include applicable airline taxes. Please allow approximately \$450 to cover these taxes which can be quoted only at the time of payment of your airline ticket.
- The 'land only' tour cost is based on a minimum of 20 passengers travelling on this tour. Should this minimum number (20) not be achieved, it will be necessary to impose a supplement of \$1200 per person.