



TOUR DATES: 29TH APRIL - 1ST MAY 2016

PRICE PER PERSON: £390:00 (£60:00 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: (BED AND BREAKFAST BASIS)
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, ARRAS

HERTS AT WAR 1916

Tour Itinerary

Day 1

Picking up in Hertfordshire, we travel on to Dover with a stop at Ebbsfleet en-route. Crossing to Calais we travel down to pick up the story of the 1st Herts in the early months of 1916 who occupied trenches near Laventie. Next we make a visit to the incredible new memorial and museum at Notre Dame De Lorette before continuing south to our accommodation.

Day 2

We travel to the infamous Somme where the Herts Guards arrived in mid August 1916. Fierce fighting had been raging here since 1st July and the introduction of the 39th Division into the battle line was a sorely needed boost. We visit 'Y Ravine' where the Hertfords held the line during Autumn 1916 and re-tell the story of some of the personnel who fought and died in the trench warfare throughout the latter part of the year.

Lunch in Auchonvillers is followed by a journey to the site of the famous 'Schwaben Redoubt' where we recount the story of the Cambridgeshire's capture (with 1st Herts support) of the redoubt in October. It was the Schwaben Redoubt that was the starting point for the most important action that the Herts were involved in during the year. A full walking tour following the line of advance of the Hertfordshire Regiment in their attack on 13th November 1916 into the Ancre Valley makes up the remainder of our day's touring. This action was one of the single most successful episodes in fighting during the year and combining existing records, Battalion diaries and first-hand accounts we will step back in time to the fighting that took place almost 100 years before. Visit to Thiepval memorial

Day 3

Our final day is made up with an opportunity to visit the nearby grave of Hitchin's own Frank Young VC, who saw action in the area in September 1918 and was killed in the fighting around Havrincourt. We also plan to visit some nearby Tunnel systems which for a short time the Hertfordshire Regiment were employed in constructing. Return to the UK via Calais.

Booking

If you would like to book your place on this tour please download and complete the booking form and send to us with your deposit.

You can either send a cheque made payable to "Battle Honours Ltd", pay by BACS transfer (IBAN if overseas) both account details on bottom of booking form.

We also accept payment by Debit Card or Credit Card, please call 01438 880725 for further details.

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To Julian and Dan, Thank you so much for organising the 2015 Herts at War tour. This being my first tour of the WW1 battlefields, I did not know what to expect, what I got was an experience I will never forget, it will remain with me as a "joy" of my life. The tour was without doubt the most rewarding experience I have encountered. The information, the "boots" on the ground site visits, the personal recollections, the stories of the personnel and the pace of the tour was just superb, never rushed, I never thought I would have "enjoyed" such a tour so much. The visits to the war graves was spine tingling to see the graves of so many young men, as Julian said everyone a son, brother, husband. Let's all pray for them and let's never forget them. Thank you both again.

Ron Jack

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