

TO THE END OF THE WESTERN FRONT - 20TH TO 24TH APRIL 2026 - Brief Itinerary

Day 1 Monday 20th April 2026

We depart the UK early and travel via the ferry Dover to Calais. We continue to St Quentin for our lunch period and then continue to the Ibis Budget Verdun for an overnight stay.

Day 2 Tuesday 21st April 2026 - St Mihiel Salient

We depart for the Vosges visiting the St Mihiel Salient, seeing the trench systems at Tranchee du Soif and Bois Brule, and the memorial church at Marbotte. After lunch we see where the American forces were in 1918, visiting the US Memorial on Mont Sec, the St Mihiel American Cemetery, and the American Memorial in Thiaucourt. We then continue to the Des Vosges Hotel for a two night stay.

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3 Wednesday 22nd April 2026 - The End of the Western Front

We visit the battlefields in the Vosges mountains today at Hartmannswillerkopf, seeing the memorial museum, cemetery, and battlefield area. After lunch we look at the end of the Western Front visiting Pfetterhouse, seeing the border post area with Switzerland, and then going to where the front lines ran seeing the bunkers and battlefield area. We then visit Altkirch to see the final Demarkation Stone on the Western Front, and the German War Cemetery where the first German soldier to be killed on the Western Front is buried.

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4 Thursday 23rd April 2026 - Le Linge and Les Eparges

We visit the Le Linge Battlefield, the scene of heavy fighting in 1914 and 1915, seeing the preserved trenches and battlefield and seeing the museum. We then depart the Vosges and head for Les Eparges, a hilltop where both sides met in 1914 and the scene of extensive mine warfare. Here we see the mine craters, memorials and preserved battlefield. We also visit the memorial to French writer Alain Fournier, killed in the forest here in 1914 and the bodies of he and his men found many years later. We continue to Ibis Budget Verdun for an overnight stop.

Included meals: Breakfast.

Day 5 Friday 24th April 2026 - Main de Massiges

Departing Verdun, we visit the trench system at Main de Massiges where a whole battlefield has been reconstructed around original mine craters. Here we can walk in the trenches and across the battlefield, seeing bunkers, listening posts, dugouts, and an aid station. We then depart for the ferry and our return to the UK.

Included meals: Breakfast.

What's included:

- Hotel accommodation
- Coach Travel in Executive Coach with the services of an experienced driver.
- Specialist Battlefield Guide
- Itinerary as described above.
- Excursions to Hartmannswillerkopf, Le Linge & Main de Massiges