



Centennial Tour: The 369th NY Infantry Regiment in World War I

10 days | Jul 10 2023—Jul 19 2023

Throughout Belgium and France, the influence of WWI can still be felt. As you visit memorials, trenches, and museums, you'll learn about the important role the 369th and 107th New York Infantry Regiments played in the outcome of the war. Explore the locations that were the backdrops for pivotal battles and take time to honor the sacrifices made by the Allied soldiers.

Your tour package includes

- 8 nights in handpicked hotels
- 8 breakfasts
- 4 dinners with beer or wine
- 1 champagne tasting
- 6 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Sanctuary Wood Museum (Hill 62)
- Ypres Salient Flanders Field Museum
- Memorial Museum Passchendaele
- Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery
- Hooge Crater Museum
- Somme American Cemetery
- Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial
- Champagne Tasting
- La Main De Massiges WWI Frontline
- Battles of Belleau Wood & 2nd Marne

Tour pace

You will walk for about 2.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including cobblestone streets and paved roads.

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Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Brussels.

Day 2: Arrival in Brussels & transfer to Lille

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to Belgium! Transfer to Lille, France and gather with your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Ypres & Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony

Included meals: breakfast

Travel to Ypres, Belgium and take a walking tour of the city with a local guide.

- Take a guided tour of the Canadian Hill 62 Memorial at Sanctuary Wood
- Enter the In Flanders Fields Museum, where you'll discover the impact that WWI had on this region
- Visit the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 on the grounds of a historic château to learn about the battle that took place there
- Pay a visit to the Tyne Cot Cemetery
- See the Langemark German war cemetery

This evening, attend the Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony.

Day 4: Sightseeing tour of Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery & Hoge Crater Museum

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Spend the day visiting memorials and museums that honor soldiers who fought during WWI.

- Visit the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, the prime witness of more than four years of violent warfare
- On a guided sightseeing tour, learn how from 1915 until 1920 the hamlet of Lijssenthoek became the venue for the biggest evacuation hospital in the Ypres Salient
- Visit the Hoge Crater Museum, Belgium's best private WWI museum
- Explore life-size reconstructions of World War I battle scenes as well as the museum's extensive collection of weapons, equipment and photographs
- See the Lille War Memorial when you return to Lille this evening

Tonight, explore the best of Lille's culinary scene.

- Walk through the Grand Place, the city's main square, to view the ornate Vieille Bourse stock exchange building
- Stop at an estaminet, or small restaurant, near the neoclassical opera house to try a typical appetizer with beer
- Make your way past the grand Lille Cathedral to a modern brasserie where you'll enjoy a delicious three-course meal
- End your evening with dessert in a cave bar, paired with the best beer in the city

Day 5: Battle of St. Quentin Canal

Included meals: breakfast

Travel to a variety of sites that played an important role in the success of the Battle of St. Quentin Canal.

- Visit the Somme American Cemetery and Memorial
- See the bunkers of the Hindenburg Line, a German defensive position that played an important role during the Battle of St. Quentin Canal
- Stop in Bellicourt to visit the Bellicourt American Monument, which honors the American soldiers who fought alongside British and French troops
- Travel to Joncourt to see where the Allied forces broke through the German line
- Head to Bellenglise to see the Riqueval Bridge and the monument that honors the 4th Australian Division
- Stop to see the memorial for the American 11th Engineer Regiment in Gouzeaucourt

Day 6: Transfer to Champagne Region via Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial & Séchault

Included meals: breakfast

Transfer from Lille this morning. Along the way, stop to visit the Meuse-Argonne cemetery, a 130.5-acre World War I cemetery in France where many men of the 369th Infantry Regiment are buried. Afterwards, transfer to the tiny village of Séchault in Northern France to see the memorial dedicated to the famous Harlem Hellfighters.

Later, continue to your hotel in the Champagne Region.

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Reims & Champagne Tasting

Included meals: breakfast, wine tasting, dinner

Explore Reims, home to the world's most renowned Champagne estates.

- Visit the Gothic-style Reims Cathedral, a UNESCO-recognized site
- Step inside the Basilica of Saint-Rémi, the oldest church in Reims
- Pass by the Palace of Tau, a palatial 13th-century Gothic chapel and hall
- Tour one of the most reputed wine cellars in Champagne, where you'll enjoy a tasting of the famous bubbly

Gather with your group for an included dinner this evening.

Day 8: Visit La Main De Massiges WWI Frontline & Givry-en-Argonne

Included meals: breakfast

This morning, enjoy a guided sightseeing of La Main De Massiges WWI Frontline.

- Located on the top of a large hill, the hand of Massiges (La Main de Massiges) is just east of where the Champagne Front joined the Argonne Front during WWI.
- Explore the labyrinth of passageways that had once been created by French and German soldiers with a local guide.

On your way back to the Champagne Region, pass through Givry-en-Argonne to see where the 369th shed their American weapons and were assigned to French command.

Enjoy a free evening in the Champagne Region.

Day 9: Transfer to Paris via Belleau Wood battlefield & 2nd Marne memorial

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Depart your hotel in the Champagne Region this morning.

- Stop to pay respects at Les Fantomes, the memorial to the 2nd Battle of the Marne and the US Oise-Aisne Cemetery
- Visit the battlefield of Belleau Wood, where the 369th Harlem Infantry made important contributions as part of the French 4th Army
- Learn about the significance of the Battle of Belleau Wood as you explore the remnants of shell holes and trenches

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- End with a visit the Hill 204 US Monument overlooking Château-Thierry

Continue to your hotel in Paris this afternoon.

Tonight, celebrate your trip with your group members during a farewell dinner.

Day 10: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.