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The 3rd Battle of Ypres

The battlefields of the Ypres Salient are a must-see to everyone interested in the history of the Great War. That Ypres was fought over so hard was due to the fact that it was the last stand possible to keep the Germans from capturing the French ports of Dunkirk, Calais and Boulogne. These ports were vital in the communication and supplies lines of the British. Therefore Ypres had to be held at whatever cost.

The Tour

Your professional battlefield guide will come pick you up at your accommodation*.

From Ypres the tour brings us to **Boezinge**, where we start our story of the *Battle of Pilckem Ridge*. The advance in the northern part of the Ypres Salient was the only small success at the beginning of the Third Battle of Ypres. We follow in the footsteps of the 38th (Welsh) Division towards the **National Welsh Memorial** and the Steenbeek, where we find the **Harry Patch Memorial**. It was at this spot that the last Tommie crossed the Steenbeek during the attack on Langemark in August 1917.

From Langemark we drive on towards the **Frezenberg Ridge** where the Scottish retook the high ground. The **Scottish Memorial** tells the full story of the 3rd Battle of Passchendaele by depicting the various nationalities that took part in the offensive.

At **Polygon Wood** we relive the advance of the ANZACs through the wood. We also visit the memorials at Buttes New Cemetery.

Via Zonnebeke and 's Graventafel Ridge we drive up to **Tyne Cot Cemetery**, the largest CWGC cemetery in the world. Next to the nearly 12,000 graves the Tyne Cot Memorial lists 35,000 names of missing.

From Tyne Cot, we follow in the footsteps of the Canadians that cleared the village of **Passchendaele**, with enormous losses...

Back in Ypres after about 3 hours.

** When accommodated in the Ypres area, there will be no extra charge for the pick-up and drop-off at your accommodation. If you want to be picked up from other places (like Bruges, Ghent, Lille, Arras, ... et cetera), there will be an extra charge for the extra mileage.*

Practical Information

- » **Departure** from your accommodation in Ypres at about 9 am; back in Ypres by 12 pm. The tour can also be organised in the afternoon.
Other departure points (Bruges, Ghent, Lille, ...) are possible, but may result in an extra charge.
- » **Tariff:** € 190 (with a maximum of 7 participants).
 - > If more than 7 participants, tariff will be depending on the coach tariff.
 - > In the price is included: transportation with minibus and professional guide/driver.
 - > No entrance fees to be paid during this tour.
- » **Walking:** only short distances from the car to the actual sites. Never more than 500 yards.

**Want to add a specific site to the itinerary? Or want to combine several itineraries?
Please let us know, and we'll provide a quote!**