REMEMBRANCE TRAVEL FOR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE 2017 & 2018
Walk in the footsteps of heroes
WELCOME TO THE ROYAL
BRITISH LEGION’S 2017
& 2018 REMEMBRANCE
TOURS RANGE

We’re here to remember the sacrifice

As the national custodian of Remembrance,
The Royal British Legion believes that Remembrance
should be used as a means of educating people about
the realities of conflict, those affected by war and the
importance of peace.

Remembrance Travel for Schools and Young People
was therefore created by The Royal British Legion to
enable this belief to become a reality.

WHY CHOOSE REMEMBRANCE TRAVEL?
We specialise in taking school and youth groups on high quality,
affordable tours to the battlefields of Europe, as well as to other
fascinating destinations in the UK and Europe. Our service
is totally flexible. You can specify what you want from your
trip and one of our experienced guides will then make all the
arrangements for you, as well as lead the tour.

Prior to the tour, our specialist team and your Royal British Legion
Tour Guide will work with you to ensure students and staff gain the
maximum benefit from their trip. On the trip, you are accompanied
by the same Royal British Legion Tour Guide that has planned the
itinerary with you, whose knowledge of the destination and the
military conflicts and campaigns are second to none.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE
During your tour, your Royal British Legion Tour Guide will provide
your group with the opportunity to hold an Act of Remembrance.
It can consist of a short poem and/or prayer, followed by the
names read out of those to be commemorated as appropriate,
and a brief period for silent reflection; it also provides the
opportunity to lay a wreath or other tokens of remembrance.
What is included can be discussed prior to the event to tailor it to
your group’s specific needs.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WREATH
AND REMEMBRANCE TOKENS
Included in your package is a Royal British Legion Wreath to be
placed at a cemetery or memorial during your tour. The wreath
can be personalised with your school/group’s logo as a centre
badge. A wooden Remembrance Token is provided for each
member of your group which can be either non-denominational,
a Cross, Jewish Star of David, Muslim Crescent or Little Khanda
(Sikh Symbol).
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION TOUR GUIDES
Dedicated Military Historians who bring the past to life

Our highly experienced and knowledgeable guides, many with direct Service experience, are dedicated historians who will help to bring your tour to life. Their intimate knowledge of the campaigns and events is second to none and this will help to provide the context in which so many made the ultimate sacrifice.

Your guide will prepare your itinerary personally with you prior to the tour and then accompany you throughout your time away. They can also, on prior request, research former students or individual family members who may have fallen and provide a personalised version of events. The guide will provide your group with the opportunity to hold an Act of Remembrance during the tour.

Our team of expert guides includes:

**BOB DARBY**
Bob has been guiding groups around the battlefields of the world for almost 20 years. He served in both the British Army and later with the Sultan of Oman’s Land Forces retiring in the rank of Major. His operational experience with the Parachute Regiment took him to both Northern Ireland and the Falklands.

Recent tours have taken him as far afield as the Falklands, Singapore and Sicily, as well as to Berlin, the Western Front and Second World War sites in Normandy, Holland and Germany.

**TERRY WEBB**
Terry served 25 years in The Royal Army Ordnance Corps, being commissioned from the ranks. It included active service in Northern Ireland, the Falklands and Cyprus, as well as service in Germany, Middle East and elsewhere.

Terry has been a Battlefields Guide since 2006. Terry’s interests and expertise span both World Wars and he has guided parties ranging from families to schools, the general public, military units and historical interest groups.

**EUGENIE BROOKS**
Eugenie was a police officer for 33 years and also served in the RAF Reserves. She has been visiting the Battlefields of France and Flanders since her childhood and has guided private groups there for 14 years. She joined The Royal British Legion on her retirement from the Metropolitan Police and enjoys guiding school groups in both this country and Europe. She has a great interest in both World Wars, her father being a fighter pilot and her grandfather an “Old Contemptible” of the Rifle Brigade.

**SIMON HOPKIN**
Simon has been leading tours to the battlefields and Remembrance sites of Western Europe for over 12 years. Following a Regular Army career spanning 36 years with the Royal Artillery during which time he served in Canada, France and the Falkland Islands he then completed a further 9 years with the Army Cadet Force. He has travelled widely and his guiding experience includes leading tours for cadet forces, veterans, serving military and the general public.

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100TH ANNIVERSARIES

2017 marks the 100th anniversary of two significant battles during the First World War. Your Royal British Legion Tour Guide, a dedicated historian, can help to bring these battles and other conflicts to life.

BATTLE OF PASSCHENDAELE
31ST JULY – 10TH NOVEMBER 1917

The Battle of Passchendaele, also known as the Third Battle of Ypres, was a major campaign of the First World War, fought by the Allies against the German Empire. Meticulously planned the battle was launched on the Western Front on 31st July 1917 to gain control of the ridges south and east of Ypres in West Flanders. The battle continued through until the fall of Passchendaele village. The offensive resulted in gains for the Allies, but was by no means the breakthrough intended, and such gains as were made came at great cost in human terms. The Allies and the Germans suffered together more than 450,000 casualties for a movement of the frontline of only 8 kilometres. Passchendaele is known as “Passion-dale” (valley of suffering) and remains an international symbol of total war.

BATTLE OF CAMBRAI
20TH NOVEMBER – 7TH DECEMBER 1917

Cambrai was at one of the principal railway intersections and German garrisons of the Western Front. Lying on a vast chalky plain made it ideal terrain for the British command to use tanks in significant force. General Julian Byng, commander of the British 3rd Army, proposed a frontal attack on the Hindenburg Line to create a breach in the German front being held by troops who had been weakened by great losses at Ypres. Despite a promising start to the battle the counter-attack orchestrated by the German army was both brutal and devastating. By the time the fighting ended, all the terrain which had been won in the initial stages of the offensive had to be abandoned and the losses for both sides were high. The British casualties amounted to 44,000 killed, wounded and lost in action (including 6,000 prisoners) and the Germans 45,000 (including 10,000 prisoners).

WHAT’S NEW

Staffordshire - World War One

With increasing demand for World War One trips within the UK we have revised our Day Trip and 2-Day Tour to Staffordshire with the help and support of our Royal British Legion Tour Guide, Glenn Hearnden who also represents the CWGC (Commonwealth War Graves Commission). During a visit to Staffordshire different themes or topics can be explored in relation to the memorials at the NMA, life in the trenches at The Staffordshire Regiment Museum, and whilst visiting the cemeteries at Cannock Chase. For more details see page 18.

COMING SOON

The Western Front: Surgery & Medical Treatment

This new tour to the Western Front can cover a variety of topics, and your Royal British Legion Tour Guide can tailor the content and focus of your itinerary according to whether you choose to visit Ypres, The Somme or both. Key topics include the conditions needing medical treatment such as ill health due to the demands of everyday trench life, wounds from small arms fire, artillery fire and other high explosives, problems caused by shrapnel, infection, the increased number of head injuries and the effects of gas.

Depending on your group’s specific requirements the work of different medical personnel and facilities can also be explored including the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) and the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY), stretcher bearers, horse and motor ambulances, plus the casualty evacuation stages and various treatment areas; regimental aid posts and field ambulances, advanced dressing stations, casualty clearing stations and base hospitals.

To register your interest in our new Surgery & Medical Treatment Tour please contact your Tours Specialists Kerry or Lisa: team@remembrancetravelschools.org.uk or call 0330 160 8008
ALL TOURS INCLUDE:
- Exclusive coach hire throughout your tour including pick-up and drop-off at your school or college
- Return Channel crossings to Calais
- 1, 2 or 3 nights’ accommodation
- Continental breakfasts, packed lunches and dinners
- Services of an expert Royal British Legion Tour Guide throughout your trip
- Individually tailored itinerary prepared directly with you by your Royal British Legion Tour Guide
- Educational Visits Guide
- One free museum entry per full day
- Act of Remembrance
- Royal British Legion Wreath & Remembrance Tokens
- 1 Free Staff Place for every 8 Students
- All Government Taxes, Service Charges & VAT
- 24 hour emergency cover and support

Tours throughout 2017 & 2018
2 Days from £169 per student
3 Days from £275 per student
4 Days from £379 per student

The Western Front is synonymous with the five years of trench warfare and combat between the Allied and German armies. The Ypres Salient, Vimy Ridge, the Somme and Verdun are the most well known battlefield locations of the Western Front and this tour gives you the opportunity to visit them, learn about the battles fought and their significance and also to discover the differing experiences of the soldiers that fought at each of them.

It is estimated that almost 8 million soldiers and civilians from both sides lost their lives at the Western Front, which is why 100 years on it remains the most significant destination for tours of remembrance and World War One historical studies.

During your time away, you will have the opportunity to visit battlefield sites and trenches, memorials, visit both Commonwealth and German cemeteries, perhaps including those of family members or former students of your school, museums and locations related to key events or individuals. Hear the story of John McCrae, surgeon and poet, visit the dugout experience at the Passchendaele Museum and learn about the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Sample Itinerary
Three Day Tour
DAY ONE

DAY TWO

DAY THREE
Visit Vancouver Corner. Visit Langemark German Cemetery. Visit Tyne Cot CWGC Cemetery & Visitor Centre. Students to hold Act of Remembrance. Channel crossing. Return to school. (B,L)

Meals included: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

“Hull to Zeebrugge ferry crossings are available for a supplement.

“We had an absolutely wonderful tour to the Western Front and the whole visit exceeded my expectations. Much of the success of the tour is down to the excellent guiding which was spot on. The students really warmed to him over the two days and his expertise and knowledge was amazing.”

THE PRIORY SCHOOL
YPRES
THE LAST POST AT THE MENIN GATE
Belgium • First World War 1914 - 1918

ALL TOURS INCLUDE:
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2 DAYS – ALSO INCLUDED:
* 1 night's accommodation
* Continental breakfast, packed lunch and dinner

Tours throughout 2017 & 2018
Day Trip from £79 per student
2 Days from £169 per student

No battlefield of The Great War saw more intensive fighting than the Ypres Salient in Belgium. Down the Menin Road, on Messines Ridge and at Passchendaele, nearly every regiment in the British Army passed this way.

Many thousands never returned. We remember those who fell in the three battles of Ypres and the 54,866 Missing who are honoured nightly during the poignant Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate.

The Ypres Salient was the scene of the first major use of chemical weapons and almost saw the British Army destroyed. The British offensive of 1917 introduced a word that has become synonymous with the brutality of mechanised warfare - Passchendaele. It had an evil reputation with British soldiers, such that it inspired poets such as Sassoon and Rosenberg and artists such as Grosz.

Marking the beginning of the end of the First World War, the Passchendaele 1917 Memorial Museum offers audio-visual presentations of the history of the Ypres Salient and the Battle of Passchendaele. There are many exhibits of equipment, armaments and personal effects. The museum also houses a recreation of a substantial British dugout.

Visits can be arranged to preserved trenches, mine craters from underground battles such as Spanbroekmolen and Caterpillar, Talbot House and the Firing Post in Poperinge.

Sample Itineraries
Day Trip

Two Day Tour
DAY ONE

DAY TWO

Meals included: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Hull to Zeebrugge ferry crossings are available for a supplement.
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2 DAYS – ALSO INCLUDED:

- 1 night’s accommodation
- Continental breakfast, packed lunch and dinner

THE SOMME CENTENARY TOURS
France • First World War 1914 - 1918

Tours throughout 2017 & 2018
Day Trip from £79 per student
2 Days from £169 per student

2016 marks the centenary of the Battle of the Somme making it a highly significant time of year to visit. The Battle of the Somme was the largest battle on the Western Front and is particularly significant to Britain: those five months in 1916 claimed over 400,000 British casualties, the highest in any single battle, with a record 58,000 of those on the first day alone.

This battle still incites controversy: was it an appalling and unjustifiable loss of life, or a necessary campaign to wear down the German Army. Following five months of gruelling struggle with the British and French forces having penetrated 6 miles into German-occupied territory, this piece of French countryside was reduced to razed villages and burnt out farmland and, today, villages and fields in this part of France are forever linked to cities and regions of Britain.

Visits can be arranged to preserved trenches, such as Newfoundland Park and Maricourt. Stand at Serre where the Pals Battalions advanced across No Man’s Land at 7.30am on July 1, 1916, a day when 20,000 British troops died.

Your guide will use the sites, memorials, cemeteries and museums to tell the story of the men who were there and as poignant reminders of the sacrifices and impact of the battle.

Sample Itineraries
Day Trip

Two Day Tour

DAY ONE

DAY TWO

Meals included: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Hull to Zeebrugge ferry crossings are available for a supplement.

“The Somme visit was fantastic; Tom our Legion guide was outstanding as he always is. The pupils really enjoyed the visit and found it very worthwhile.”

THE CITY ACADEMY
NORMANDY
D-DAY LANDINGS
OPERATION OVERLORD
France • Second World War 1939 - 1945

Tours throughout 2017 & 2018
3 Days from £289 per student
4 Days from £389 per student
5 Days from £499 per student

By the first week of June 1944, Nazi Germany controlled most of Western Europe and had built defences along the coast of continental Europe and Scandinavia called the Atlantic Wall. In the UK, Allied airborne and seaborne forces, numbering 156,000, were poised to assault these defences in the landing zones and beaches of Normandy, France. We follow in the footsteps of the men who turned words into reality and landed on that momentous morning of June 6 and fought to liberate Europe.

American Beaches
The men who landed on Utah suffered very few casualties – men killed or wounded. They got off the beach and linked up with the paratroops. On Omaha everything that could go wrong – went wrong. The German defenders were fresh troops who were well trained. The bombardment by Allied ships and planes did not kill or simply stun them and so when the first landing craft hit the beach the German defenders responded aggressively. Omaha that would later become known as “Bloody Omaha” is in the opening moments of Saving Private Ryan. By the end of the day the Americans had suffered over 4,000 casualties. It was only through sheer guts that the men had fought their way ashore and made a lodgement in France.

British and Canadian Beaches
These beaches were given the code names Gold and Sword for the British and Juno for the Canadians. Loaded with weapons and equipment, feeling sick from the bad weather, and nervous, they were about to hit the beaches. There had been a heavy bombardment by battleships and aircraft but the German defenders were well dug in or under thick reinforced concrete defences. It was a tough fight to get off the beaches and through the obstacles, barbed wire and minefields.
As the day came to a close 25,000 troops were ashore at Gold. Not far from the beach the seaside resort of Arromanches would become the site for one of two Mulberry artificial harbours - the remains of which we can still see today.

By the end of the day the Canadians at Juno had secured the beach and pushed inland almost reaching the city of Caen. At Sword the British had linked up with airborne forces on the left flank but were stalled 5 kilometres (3 miles) short of Caen, its D-Day objective. It would be almost a year before the Allies defeated Nazi Germany and peace was established in Europe.

Sample Itinerary
Four Day Tour

DAY ONE
Depart from school. Channel crossing. Travel on to Normandy. Visit Pegasus Bridge, Memorial Pegasus Museum and Merville battery. Continue to accommodation and check in. Overnight at accommodation. (D)

DAY TWO

DAY THREE

DAY FOUR
Visit Le Mémorial de Caen Museum. Channel crossing. Continue back to school. (B,L)
Meals included: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner
Portsmouth to Caen ferry crossings are available for a supplement.
DUNKIRK MIRACLE
THE EFFORTS OF THE THREE SERVICES
France • Second World War 1939 - 1945

Tours throughout 2017 & 2018
Day Trip from £79 per student
2 Days from £169 per student

It’s hard to believe that the Dunkirk evacuation - the most miraculous and important retreat in British military history - took place just over 75 years ago. Dunkirk will forever be associated with the amazing 1940 rescue of the British Expeditionary Forces and the flotilla of ships and boats that helped them.

The evacuation of more than 330,000 British and French troops from Dunkirk in May 1940 was one of the turning points of the Second World War. Four long years of occupation followed, a period which included the reconstruction of the Atlantic Wall to prevent any Allied return.

On this tour you will discover the miracle of Dunkirk and learn about the unsung heroes who defended the strong points to buy time for the evacuation.

As well as the evacuation beaches, war cemeteries and museum, your visits could include Mount Cassel, held by the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and Glosters, buying time for the evacuation from Dunkirk, the Bergues-Furnes canals, where dramatic sacrifices were made in the defence of Dunkirk, resulting in the first VC of World War Two.

Sample Itineraries
Day Trip

Two Day Tour
DAY ONE
Depart from school. Channel crossing to Calais. Visit the scene of the infamous SS massacre of the 2nd Warwickshires near Esquelbecq. Tour the Bergues-Furnes canal area. Visit Mount Cassel. Visit Cassel cemetery. Overnight at accommodation near Dunkirk. (D)

DAY TWO

Meals included: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Hull to Zeebrugge ferry crossings are available for a supplement.
ALL TOURS INCLUDE:

- Exclusive coach hire throughout your tour including pick-up and drop-off at your school or college
- Return Channel crossings to Calais
- 2, 3 or 4 nights' accommodation
- Continental breakfasts, packed lunches and dinners
- Services of an expert Royal British Legion Tour Guide throughout your trip
- Individually tailored itinerary prepared directly with you by your Royal British Legion Tour Guide
- Educational Visits Guide
- One free museum entry per full day
- Act of Remembrance
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ARNHEM
THE SACRIFICE FOR HOLLAND
Netherlands & Germany • Second World War 1939 - 1945

Tours throughout 2017 & 2018
3 Days from £279 per student
4 Days from £389 per student
5 Days from £489 per student

Perhaps no country in Europe suffered more or resisted the German invasion as tenaciously as The Netherlands. On this fascinating tour, your students will learn of the moving history of Operation Market Garden and the tragic failure at Arnhem - 'A Bridge Too Far'.

In Autumn 1944, for the campaign codenamed ‘Operation Market Garden’, Allied troops were air-dropped into the Arnhem and Nijmegen regions to seize crossings over the many waterways. The plan was then to enable powerful armoured forces to enter Germany and end the war - but the operation proved a controversial failure that cost many lives. The battles involved British, American, Polish and German troops. You will be able to examine the battle areas and reach your own conclusions on what went wrong and give thought to the human aspect of war, including the treatment of wounded troops and informal truces.

Visits can include the preserved battlefield at Overloon, Commonwealth, US and German military cemeteries; Rheinberg, where many RAF crews are buried; and to Reichswald Forest in Germany.

You will also have the opportunity to remember the brave men and women of the Army and the RAF who gave their lives in the epic advance of the ground forces in support of US, British and Polish airborne troops.

Sample Itinerary
Four Day Tour

DAY ONE
Depart from school. Channel crossing. Travel through Belgium and France retracing the Allied advance into the Netherlands. Travel on to Arnhem. Visit John Frost Bridge. Overnight at accommodation near Arnhem. (D)

DAY TWO
Visit Rheinberg. Visit Reichswald Forest. Visit the Old Church and Airborne Cemetery at Oosterbeek. Students to hold Act of Remembrance. Tour the landing and dropping zones. Overnight at accommodation near Arnhem. (B, L, D)

DAY THREE

DAY FOUR
Depart Arnhem for Calais. Channel crossing. Continue back to school. (B, L)

Meals included: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Hull to Zeebrugge ferry crossings are available for a supplement.
ALL TOURS INCLUDE:
- Return flights to Krakow
- Return airport to accommodation coach transfers
- 2 or 3 nights’ accommodation
- Continental breakfasts
- Full Day’s Coach Excursion (with a packed lunch) to include:
  - Guided Tour of Auschwitz & Birkenau Concentration Camps
  - Visit to Rakowicki Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery
- Entrance to Oskar Schindler’s Factory & visit the Nazi-era Jewish Ghetto (on a walking tour with your guide)
- Services of an expert Royal British Legion Tour Guide throughout your trip
- Individually tailored itinerary prepared directly with you by your Royal British Legion Tour Guide
- Educational Visits Guide
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KRAKOW & AUSCHWITZ
THE HOLOCAUST REMEMBERED

Poland • Second World War 1939 - 1945

Tours throughout 2017 & 2018
3 Days from £399 per student
4 Days from £469 per student

Formerly the capital of Poland, Krakow contains a beautiful castle, one of the oldest universities in Europe and in the Main Market Square, or Rynek Glowny, is the largest plaza of medieval Europe. It also had an established Jewish community, some four centuries old, until the Nazis arrived in 1939.

Approximately 1½ hours away from the centre of Krakow, Auschwitz was the location of the three largest German Nazi concentration camps and extermination centres. Over 1.1 million men, women and children lost their lives here between 1941 and 1945. The authentic Memorial consisting of the former camps and the post-camp relics are protected by the State Museum which was created in 1947. Krakow and Auschwitz have since become enduring and deeply moving testaments to the brutality and inhumanity of war.

This tour is only recommended for children over 14 years of age.

Sample Itinerary
Four Day Tour

DAY ONE
Flight from your chosen departure airport to Krakow. Coach transfer from airport to your accommodation. Walk around the Old Town, the main market square and Wawel Castle. Overnight at accommodation in Krakow.

DAY TWO

DAY THREE
Visit Oskar Schindler’s Factory and the Nazi-era Jewish Ghetto. Visit Kazimierz (Jewish District) and visit the Galicia Jewish Museum. Overnight at accommodation in Krakow. (B)

DAY FOUR
Visit the Wieliczka Salt Mines. Transfer to airport. Flight from Krakow to UK airport. (B)

Meals included: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch

“Excellent trip - well run and very interesting.”
DENE MAGNA SCHOOL
ALL TOURS INCLUDE:
- Return flights to Berlin
- Return airport to accommodation coach transfers
- 2, 3 or 4 nights’ accommodation
- Continental breakfasts
- Third Reich Walking Tour
- U-bahn and S-bahn Pass for the duration of your stay
- Services of an expert Royal British Legion Tour Guide throughout your trip
- Individually tailored itinerary prepared directly with you by your Royal British Legion Tour Guide
- Educational Visits Guide
- Act of Remembrance
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BERLIN
THE THIRD REICH
Germany • Second World War 1939 - 1945

Tours throughout 2017 & 2018
3 Days from £335 per student
4 Days from £399 per student
5 Days from £469 per student

The streets and the buildings of Berlin can tell the stories of the rise of Nazism, World War II and Allied liberation.

Your Third Reich Walking Tour will start in the heart of west Berlin, in front of the spire of the bombed out Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church where you will hear a full description of the ferocity of the Allied bombing campaign, the defence of the Nazi Reich Capital and the experiences of those caught in the onslaught of the Soviet forces. See Goering’s Air Defence Ministry where the Luftwaffe coordinated the Battle of Britain, the site of Goebbels’ Propaganda Ministry and the ruins of Himmler’s SS and Gestapo HQs by the Topography of Terror.

Visit the site of Hitler’s New Reichs Chancellery, the seat of power of Nazi held Europe, and the exact location of the Fuhrer Bunker. Your guide will provide a step by step account of Hitler’s suicide, the last days spent in the bunker, and the fate of his remains based on information from the latest Soviet archives and detailed research. You will also follow the route of the Soviet attack towards the final battlefield for the Reichstag and stop before the Soviet Memorial flanked with T34 Tanks and Red Army Howitzers.

Sample Itinerary
Four Day Tour

DAY ONE
Flight from your chosen departure airport to Berlin. Coach transfer from airport to your accommodation. Visit Reichstag and Brandenburg Gate. Overnight at accommodation in Berlin.

DAY TWO
Third Reich Walking Tour. Visit the Jewish Museum and the Holocaust Memorial. Students to hold Act of Remembrance. Visit Potsdamer Platz. Overnight at accommodation in Berlin. (B)

DAY THREE
Visit Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. Visit TV Tower and Alexanderplatz. Overnight at accommodation in Berlin. (B)

DAY FOUR
Visit the House of the Wannsee Conference. Visit the Olympic Stadium. Transfer to airport. Flight from Berlin to UK airport. (B)

Meals included: B = Breakfast

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ALL TOURS INCLUDE:
- Flight to Berlin and from Krakow
- Return airport to accommodation coach transfers
- 4 or 5 or nights’ accommodation
- Continental breakfasts
- Transfer by coach from Berlin to Krakow (7 to 8 hours)
- Services of an expert Royal British Legion Tour Guide throughout your trip
- Individually tailored itinerary prepared directly with you by your Royal British Legion Tour Guide
- Educational Visits Guides
- Act of Remembrance
- Royal British Legion Wreath & Remembrance Tokens
- 1 Free Staff Place for every 10 Students
- All Government Taxes, Service Charges & VAT
- 24 hour emergency cover and support

IN BERLIN:
- Third Reich Walking Tour
- U-bahn and S-bahn Pass for the duration of your stay

IN KRAKOW:
- Full Day’s Coach Excursion (with a packed lunch) to include:
  » Guided Tour of Auschwitz & Birkenau Concentration Camps
  » Visit to Rakowicki Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery
  » Entrance to Oskar Schindler’s Factory & visit the Nazi-era Jewish Ghetto (on a walking tour with your guide)

Tours throughout 2017 & 2018
5 Days from £579 per student
6 Days from £659 per student

Combining Berlin and Krakow will give your students a more intensive historical perspective of events during World War II. Starting in Berlin where the streets and the buildings of the city can tell the stories of the rise of Nazism, World War II and Allied liberation, your students will take part in a Third Reich Walking Tour led by a Royal British Legion Tour Guide. Starting in the heart of West Berlin you’ll stop at key sights which your guide will explain the significance of during this turbulent time. They will also learn how the “Final Solution” was created. This policy of deliberate and systematic genocide across German-occupied Europe was formulated in procedural terms by Nazi leadership on 20 January 1942 at the Wannsee Conference near Berlin. Transferring over to Krakow your students will see how this plan created by the Nazi regime in Berlin was then executed and culminated in the Holocaust. During an insightful visit your students will learn about a life of repression, prejudice and persecution under the Nazi regime. The full day excursion during this part of your tour includes a visit to Auschwitz & Birkenau Concentration Camps which have since become enduring and deeply moving testaments to the brutality and inhumanity of war.

For more details about Berlin and Krakow please refer to pages 12 & 13.

Sample Itinerary
Five Day Tour

DAY ONE
Flight from your chosen departure airport to Berlin. Coach transfer from airport to your accommodation. Visit the Reichstag and Brandenburg Gate. Overnight at accommodation in Berlin.

DAY TWO
Third Reich Walking Tour led by a Royal British Legion Tour Guide. Visit the House of the Wannsee Conference. Visit Potsdamer Platz. Overnight at accommodation in Berlin. (B)

DAY THREE
Transfer by coach from Berlin to Krakow Free time to explore the Old Town, the main market square and Wawel Castle. Overnight at accommodation in Krakow. (B)

DAY FOUR

DAY FIVE
Visit Kazimierz (Jewish District) and the Galicia Museum or the Wieliczka Salt Mines. Transfer to airport. Flight from Krakow to UK airport. (B)
Meals included: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch

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HISTORY OF WARFARE
WATERLOO 1815 TO PASSCHENDAELE 1917
France & Belgium • Military History

Tours throughout 2017 & 2018

3 Days from £275 per student
4 Days from £379 per student

This unique tour covers Waterloo 1815 to Mons 1914 and then Passchendaele 1917. All three have key historical significance. Waterloo 1815 marked the end of the Napoleonic War and the ascendency of the British Empire, Mons 1914 was the start of the Great War for Britain and Passchendaele 1917 marked the beginning of the end of the Great War.

This tour is particularly suited to schools studying the history of warfare, and in particular the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo and the Centenary of The Great War. It provides an alternative approach to other tours by providing a wider overview of military history in Europe.

During your tour we recommend that you include the following visits that are of particular relevance.

The Battle of Waterloo is a battlefield, museum and remembrance venue combined. The whole battlefield can be viewed from the top of the Lion Mound and at its foot is the Memorial 1815. The Panorama building holds the canvas painted by Louis Dumoulin in 1912 to mark the first centenary of the battle.

The Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 offers audio-visual presentations of the history of the Ypres Salient and the Battle of Passchendaele. There are many exhibits of equipment, armaments and personal effects. The museum also houses a recreation of a substantial British dugout.

Sample Itinerary
Four Day Tour

DAY ONE
Depart school. Channel crossing. Travel to Hill 60. Continue to Ypres. Visit In Flanders’ Fields Museum. Dinner in Ypres. Attend Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. Students to lay wreath. Overnight at accommodation. (D)

DAY TWO
Travel to Waterloo Battlefield. Visit Waterloo Museum. Visit Hougoumont Farm. Overnight at accommodation. (B,L,D)

DAY THREE
Travel to Mons. Recall the First and Last Shot and the Old Contemptibles at Nimy and Obourg. Visit St Symphorien CWGC Cemetery. Students to hold Act of Remembrance. Travel to Le Cateau via Landrecies-Maroullies ‘Forest of Mormal’. Visit Suffolk Hill, the Battle of Le Cateau. Overnight at accommodation. (B,L,D)

DAY FOUR

Meals included: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Hull to Zeebrugge ferry crossings are available for a supplement.
ALL TOURS INCLUDE:
- Return flights to Berlin
- Return airport to accommodation coach transfers
- 2, 3 or 4 nights’ accommodation
- Continental breakfasts
- Cold War Walking Tour
- U-bahn and S-bahn Pass for the duration of your stay
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- Act of Remembrance
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BERLIN
THE COLD WAR
Germany • The Cold War 1945 - 1990

Tours throughout 2017 & 2018
3 Days from £335 per student
4 Days from £399 per student
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As a result of the defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II, the United States, Great Britain, France and the Soviet Union divided Germany into two zones. The Soviet Union occupied East Germany and installed a rigidly controlled communist state. The other three Allies shared the occupation of West Germany and helped rebuild the country as a capitalist democracy. The City of Berlin, located 200 miles inside East Germany, was also divided. Half of the city, West Berlin, became part of West Germany.

Your Cold War Walking Tour will start at the infamous Checkpoint Charlie, where the Cold War powers formerly faced off just yards apart. Your guide will describe the routines and duties of border guards, the Soviet and Allied forces, Stasi and CIA. Your students will get an extraordinary insight into what it meant to live in the eastern bloc’s most Stalinistic State, the former GDR; the successful and failed escapes where Border Command followed the orders of ‘shoot to kill’ rather than allow the heinous crime of ‘flight from the Republic’; how MI6 and the CIA tunnelled under the Wall and Soviet Zone and tapped into the Red Army’s secret communications and the methods used by the Stasi to guarantee control of East Germany’s population.

Sample Itinerary
Four Day Tour

DAY ONE
Flight from your chosen departure airport to Berlin. Coach transfer from airport to your accommodation. Visit the Story of Berlin. Overnight at accommodation in Berlin. (B)

DAY TWO
Cold War Walking Tour. Visit the Stasi Museum and Memorial. Visit the East Side Gallery. Overnight at accommodation in Berlin. (B)

DAY THREE
Visit Berlin’s ‘Unterwelten’ – Berlin from Below. Visit the Berlin Wall Memorial & Documentation Centre. Students to hold Act of Remembrance. Visit the DDR Museum followed by the TV Tower and Alexanderplatz. Overnight at accommodation in Berlin. (B)

DAY FOUR
Visit Reichstag and the Brandenburg Gate. Transfer to airport. Flight from Berlin to UK airport. (B)

Meals included: B = Breakfast

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2 & 3 DAYS – ALSO INCLUDED:
- 1 or 2 night's accommodation
- Continental breakfast

LONDON
BRITAIN’S MILITARY HISTORY
UK • Britain’s Military History

Tours throughout 2017 & 2018
Day Trip from £45 per student
2 Days from £99 per student
3 Days from £165 per student

Our tours to London provide the opportunity for you and your students to enjoy a remarkable insight into the roles played and sacrifices made by our armed forces in conflicts over the past 100 years, as well as a fascinating insight into the strategic decisions made by political and military leaders in London.

London is home to many world-renowned sights, including the Imperial War Museum, HMS Belfast and Churchill Museum and Cabinet War Rooms.

To mark the start of the Centenary of the First World War, a transformed IWM London reopened in July 2014 with ground-breaking new First World War Galleries and a dramatic new atrium featuring key stories and iconic objects from their collections.

HMS Belfast is now the only surviving vessel of her type to have been in service during the Second World War. Learn about her place in Britain’s maritime heritage and view the preservation projects on board.

In 1940, as the bombs rained down on London, Churchill, his cabinet, Chiefs of Staff and Intelligence chiefs were meeting below ground in a fortified basement in Whitehall known as The Cabinet War Rooms. Today you can still see it just as it looked during the war.

Sample Itineraries
Day Trip
Depart from school. Visit the Imperial War Museum. Meet Chelsea Pensioners at the Royal Hospital Chelsea. Visit Whitehall to see the Cenotaph, Women at War Memorial, Downing Street, Horse Guards, Guards Memorial. Students to hold an Act of Remembrance. Return journey to school.

Two Day Tour
DAY ONE

DAY TWO
Meet the Chelsea Pensioners at the Royal Hospital Chelsea. Visit HMS Belfast. Visit the Churchill Museum and Cabinet War Rooms. Return journey to school. (B)

Meals included: B = Breakfast
STAFFORDSHIRE – WW1
REMEMBERING THE FALLEN
UK • Britain’s Military History

Tours throughout 2017 & 2018
Day Trip from £55 per student
2 Days from £145 per student
Part of The Royal British Legion, the National Memorial Arboretum honours the fallen and recognises service and sacrifice. During your visit your Guide can focus on different themes or topics in relation to the memorials such as:-

For Primary: Exploring the NMA, Symbols Bingo, The Armed Forces Memorial
For Secondary: Remembrance, Commemoration & Memorialisation, Shot at Dawn, The work of the RAMC Royal Army Medical Corps, The role of Women at War, Cultural and Ethnic Diversity

A visit to the Staffordshire Regiment Museum includes a tour of a 100 metre reconstruction of a trench system and here your group will discover what life was like for soldiers living and fighting in the trenches during the Great War.* The daily routine, where they sleep, what they eat, what they wore and what equipment they had. How did soldiers develop a process for the treatment of casualties and how was medicine applied during the war? Why did both sides have trenches during the stalemate?

Cannock Chase was the location of both the Brocton and Rugeley camps during the First World War. Today it is the final resting place of nearly 5,000 German soldiers, sailors and airmen who lost their lives during and shortly after the First and Second World Wars – as impressive as those found in France in Belgium. With every headstone telling a story, your students can learn how to interpret them.

Sample Itineraries
Day Trip

Two Day Tour
DAY ONE
Depart from school. Visit the Staffordshire Regiment Museum. Visit Cannock Chase CWGC Cemetery & German Military Cemetery. Overnight at accommodation. (D)

DAY TWO
Visit the National Memorial Arboretum. Students to hold an Act of Remembrance. Return journey to school. (B,L)

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Optional Visits
Depending on your schools location you may choose to add on an additional visit to either the RAF Museum in Cosford or the IWM at Stretford or Duxford – prices on request.

*Please note, the trench is outside and subject to the prevailing weather conditions.

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As our Remembrance Travel tours are available throughout the year, during term time and also during half terms and holidays, you are able to select travel dates that suit you and your students.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ONLINE LEARNING RESOURCES
Once you have made your booking you can access The Royal British Legion Learning Resources which can be used in both formal and informal learning environments.

The resources are designed to support current areas of the National Curriculum for History, English and Citizenship for Key Stages 1-4, as well as providing valuable resources for older students.

The resources include in-depth historical information, downloadable classroom activities, lesson plans, assembly ideas and witness testimonies via case studies. From peacetime operations to international conflict, wartime heroes to word leaders, students can see how past and present conflicts have shaped the world today and affect the lives of ordinary people.

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1) Contact Remembrance Travel for Schools and Young People to register your interest. One of our Tours Specialists will then discuss your choice of date, destination, itinerary and accommodation with you.

2) Following this discussion, you will receive your personalised quotation, including a Booking Form.

3) To book your students’ places, complete and return the Booking Form to us with your deposit payment by the agreed date.

4) On receipt of your Booking Form and deposit payment, our Customer Service Tours Specialist Team will confirm your tour booking. Your Royal British Legion Tour Guide will then contact you to prepare your group’s personalised itinerary.

5) Once your final balance payment has been made, we will then prepare your final travel documentation and send it to you, so that you are fully organised and prepared well in advance of the tour departure date.
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