

Clan Chisholm tour 8 – 11 September 2019

Day 1 Sunday 8 September 2019

- Time ? Arrival in Lille Europe railway station.
- ? Transfer by coach from Lille to Ypres.
- ? Check-in in Ariane Hotel.
- ? Visit at the statue of Elsie Knocker and Mairi Chisholm in the garden of Ariane Hotel.
- ? Tour on foot (a walk of about 2 hours) in Ypres with visits to the:
- Saint George's Memorial Church ;
 - Saint Martin's cathedral ;
 - Market Square ;
 - Cloth Hall and Tourism Office ;
 - Menin Gate ;
 - a part of the medieval ramparts ;
 - Lille Gate ;
 - Ramparts Military Cemetery.
- 8.00 pm Last Post Ceremony under the Menin Gate.
- Possibility of laying a wreath during the ceremony.
- 9.00 pm Dinner ?

Day 2 Monday 9 September 2019

- 8.00 am Breakfast in Ariane Hotel.
- 9.00 am Tour by coach.
- 9.45 am Passing by:
- In Boesinghe: Essex Farm cemetery, where the Canadian Colonel John McCrae wrote his poem 'In Flanders Fields'.
 - In Zuidschote: the French Cross of Reconciliation for the victims of the gas attack on 22 April 1915.
 - In Dixmude: the Yser Tower, a peace monument that commemorates the Flemish soldiers killed on the Yser Front during World War I.
- 10.00 am Driving along the 'Cellar House' in Pervyse.
- 10.30 am Visit at the Trench of Death and Museum, Dixmude.
- 11.30 am Leaving by coach.
- 12.00 am Lunch at restaurant 'The Peace', Market Square, Dixmude.
- 1.30 pm Leaving by coach.
- 3.00 pm Visit at Passchendaele:
- Tyne Cot Visitors Center
 - Tyne Cot Cemetery
 - Tyne Cot Memorial
- 4.30 pm Leaving by coach.
- 4.45 pm Visit at Zonnebeke – Polygon Wood:
- Buttes Military Cemetery (Australian)
 - New-Zealand Memorial
- Visit at Polygon Wood Cemetery.
- Walk in Polygon Wood.
- 6.00 pm Return by coach to Ypres.
- 6.30 pm Arrival at Ariane Hotel.
- 8.00 pm Dinner at ?

Day 3 Tuesday 10 September 2019

- 08.00 am Breakfast at Ariane Hotel.
- 08.45 am Collecting the picnic.
- 09.00 am Tour by coach – France.
- 10.30 am Visit at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial:
- the trenches
 - some concrete tunnels
 - the Visitors Center
 - the monument for the Moroccan division
 - the Canadian Memorial
- Picnic.
- 12.00 am Leaving by coach.
- 1.30 pm Visit at Longueval:
- South African Museum
 - Delville Wood
 - Delville Wood cemetery
- 3.00 pm Leaving by coach.
- 3.30 pm Visit at Thiepval:
- Visitors Center
 - Museum
 - Memorial
 - British and French cemetery
- 5.30 pm Leaving by coach for Ypres.
- 8.00 pm Arrival at Ariane Hotel, Ypres.

Day 4 Wednesday 11 September 2019

- 07.30 am Breakfast at Ariane Hotel.
- 08.30 am Check-out.
- 09.00 am Tour by coach.
- 09.45 am Visit at the American Military Cemetery 'Flanders Fields' in Waregem.
- 10.45 am Leaving by coach to Mons.
- 12.15 am Visit at the Saint-Symphorien Military Cemetery.
Here are the graves (Commonwealth and German) of the first victims of the war of 22 August 1914 and of the last ones that fell on 11 November 1918.
- 1.00 pm Lunch at 'Le Coq Wallon' (the Walloon rooster) in Saint-Symphorien.
- 2.30 pm Leaving by coach.
- 4.00 pm Arrival at Lille-Europe railway station.
- The coach returns to Ariane Hotel in Ypres.