Remembering World War I
Belgium & France

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Dear Yale Traveler

World War I began in June of 1914 with an assassin’s bullet, and ended four years later with more than ten million soldiers lost and three royal houses in ruins. As a scholar, I have devoted my life to examining this earth-shattering conflict, still referred to in Europe as “the Great War.” Please join me in September 2017 on a World War I-themed journey to Belgium and France that will commemorate the centennial of the United States’ entry into the fighting.

Begin in Brussels, where you’ll take a walking tour of the Grand-Place, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Put yourself in a pre-war frame of mind with a visit to the Musée Fin-de-Siècle and a private tour of an Art Nouveau townhouse. Drive to Ypres, site of a famous World War I battle, to visit the excellent In Flanders Fields Museum. Witness the deeply moving Last Post ceremony, a nightly bugle tribute to the fallen. Continuing our shared pilgrimage in France, walk through the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial, the largest U.S. military cemetery in Europe. See the trenches left behind on the Somme battlefields, and view the ossuary that holds the remains of 130,000 unknown soldiers who died at Verdun. Conclude on a high note in Reims, the heart of the Champagne region, to see the city’s magnificent Gothic cathedral and enjoy a special champagne tasting and dinner in the caves. Visit the Museum of the Great War in Meaux en route to Paris, where you stay overnight before your return flight the following morning.

My wife Caroline—a French native—and I look forward to sharing this time of sightseeing and commemoration with you. I encourage you to join me on this moving tour, so that together we may look on the landscape of war and return different.

Space on this exceptional program is limited. Please visit www.yaleedtravel.org/wwone17 to register now, or call Yale Educational Travel at 203-432-1952.

With best wishes from Yale,

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Learn more about the culture and history of France and Belgium.

**SITES OF MEMORY, SITES OF MOURNING: THE GREAT WAR IN EUROPEAN CULTURAL HISTORY**
by Jay Winter

Winter’s powerful study of the “collective remembrance” of the Great War offers a major reassessment of one of the critical episodes in the cultural history of the 20th century.

**A TALL MAN IN A LOW LAND**
by Harry Pearson

A light-hearted, informative portrait of contemporary Belgium and its history, culture, beer, chocolate, and traditions. Pearson—a British travel writer, journalist, and comic—is a former sports columnist for the Guardian.

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**Egypt & the Nile**
12/27/16 – 1/5/17
Eeva-Liisa Pelkonen, Associate Professor of Architecture

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Leo Buss, Professor of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

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**Highlights**

**Deepen** your understanding of World War I with lectures by historian Jay Winter and tours of important battlefields, monuments, and museums

**Attend** the Last Post at Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium—a deeply moving nightly tribute to the war dead. On the Belgian front line, see where the poem *In Flanders Fields* was composed

**Visit** the Champagne region for a special tour, tasting, and dinner in a renowned cave; see the magnificent Gothic cathedral in Reims

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Itinerary

**WELCOME PHONE CALL**

**Monday, August 28, 2017 (Tentative)**

Join Professor Winter at 5PM EST for a pre-trip welcome call in order to learn more about what to expect and get the chance to ask any questions you may have.

**DEPART U.S.A.**

**Sunday, September 10**

Depart the U.S.A. on an overnight flight to Brussels.

**BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**

**Monday, September 11**

Arrive in Brussels and transfer to the deluxe Hotel Amigo. An afternoon walking tour focuses on the Grand Place, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire its guild halls, Town Hall, and Breadhouse, and see the building where Karl Marx wrote *The Communist Manifesto*. In the early evening gather for introductory remarks by Professor Jay Winter, followed by a welcome dinner.

**BRUSSELS**

**Tuesday, September 12**

After a morning lecture on the Great War, admire the collections of the Musée Fin-de-Siècle, featuring artists such as Auguste Rodin, Pierre Bonnard, Alphonse Mucha, and Victor Horta. Following lunch, a private tour is arranged at the exquisite Solvay House. Designed by Victor Horta in 1894, it is among the key masterpieces of the Art Nouveau style that dominated the pre-war era. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

**BRUSSELS / YPRES, BELGIUM**

**Wednesday, September 13**

Drive to Ypres to discover the In Flanders Fields Museum at the famous Cloth Hall, which focuses on personal stories of ordinary people in West Flanders. You may wish to climb the adjacent bell tower to experience an extraordinary view of what was once a completely devastated region. After lunch at leisure, visit an intimate memorial found at the German cemetery near Vladslo, where artist Käthe Kollwitz’s sculpture *The Grieving Parents* stands in memory to her 18-year old-son, who died in the area. You will also tour a former dugout on the Belgian front line and see where poet John McCrae wrote his famous poem, *In Flanders Fields*. Return to Ypres for an early dinner before attending the Last Post at Menin Gate, a deeply moving nightly ceremony. Continue to the Hotel Recour for a one-night stay.

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YPRES / REIMS, FRANCE

Thursday, September 14
Drive through the scenic French countryside to tour the Somme battlefield memorials in an area where more than 20 nationalities came to fight. Walk in the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial Park and see the Thiepval Memorial designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens. Stop for lunch in Péronne, a town taken by the Germans in 1914, and explore the Historial de la Grande Guerre, an international museum of comparative history about the war. Its outstanding collection features carefully selected objects from both military and civilian daily life. This afternoon visit the Somme American Cemetery and the Bellicourt American Monument, placed above a tunnel that was part of the Germans’ Hindenburg Line broken by the American troops. Arrive in Reims, in the heart of the Champagne region, for check-in at the Holiday Inn Reims Center.  B, L

REIMS / VERDUN, FRANCE

Friday, September 15
Following a lecture by Professor Winter, drive to Verdun, the site of some of the fiercest battles of the Great War. En route stop at Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial, the largest American military cemetery in Europe with more than 14,000 burials. After lunch in Verdun, see the 17th-century citadel with its museum commemorating the 1916 German attack. Visit the Douaumont Ossuary, the national cemetery, whose vaults contain the remains of 130,000 unidentified French and German soldiers who perished during the “Hell of Verdun.” Return to Reims to discover the art of making champagne, a specialty of the area, during a tasting dinner in the caves.  B, L, D

What is Included:
- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions with professor Jay Winter, as well as local experts
- Six nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as per the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/hotel group transfers for all participants on suggested group flights
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers
- Taxes, service charges, portage
- Pre-departure materials and reading list
- Medical evacuation insurance through UHC Global Travel

What is Not Included:
- International airfare; passport fees; alcoholic beverages other than wine at lunches and dinners; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on group flights; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance and any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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Drive through the French countryside to see the Somme region's poignant war memorials including the Thiepval Memorial

Visit historic battlefields and cemeteries during a journey through France and Belgium.