The Legacy of World Wars I & II
England, Belgium & France

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Dear Yale Traveler

The 100th anniversary of the end of World War I ("The Great War"), which occurs in 2018 and will be marked with remembrance events around the world, is the perfect time to reflect on the evolution of Europe over the past century. This specially designed itinerary explores the artifacts, tactics, battlegrounds, and memorial sites associated with two world wars, as well as the challenges and opportunities facing the United Kingdom and the European Union in the years ahead.

Highlights include a special welcome reception and dinner at the members-only Oxford and Cambridge Club, in London; early entry to the Churchill War Rooms and a privately led tour of Bletchley Park, the central site for Britain’s codebreakers during World War II; a briefing at the European Parliament in Brussels on this international body’s role and powers; the moving Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres; and a wreath-laying ceremony at the American Cemetery in Normandy. Yale Professor Emeritus Jay Winter, whose interests include European culture in general and World War I in particular, will provide context and insights to each day’s activities during formal presentations and informal discussions. Throughout this memorable journey, stay at ideally situated hotels that exude local character—from posh Grosvenor House in London’s Mayfair district to an elegant boutique hotel in Bayeux—and savor the specialties of regional cuisine, ranging from fine dining and delicious country-style feasts to less formal meals at local pubs and bistro, and a tasting tour in Brussels of Trappist monastery beers, “frites,” chocolates, and waffles.

This commemorative journey is limited to 34 participants, so to reserve your space now mail or fax the completed reservation form to Yale Educational Travel, or make a secure reservation online at yaleedtravel.org/legacy18. If you have questions, please call (203) 432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu.

Happy travels!

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Upcoming Trips

Japan by Sea: Land of the Rising Sun
April 15–28, 2018
Prof. William Kelly
Anthropology & Japanese Studies

Adriatic Sea Voyage: Croatia & Montenegro
May 25–June 2, 2018
Prof. Anthony Kronman
Yale Law School

Africa’s Grand Safari by Private Plane
June 5–19, 2018
Prof. David Evans
Geology & Geophysics

Greece: A Family Adventure
June 28–July 7, 2018
Prof. Noel Lenski
Classics & History

Book Corner

Dreams of Peace and Freedom
By Jay Winter
Winter restores some of the 20th-century’s utopian projects to their rightful place in the historical record. He profiles six movements and projects born out of WWI that attempted better societies.

Codebreakers
Alan Stripp & F.H. Hinsley (Editors)
The “inside story” of the British codebreakers who cracked the German Enigma code and turned the tide of World War II, as told by 27 of the codebreakers themselves.

Suggested by Longitude Books
Itinerary
SEPTEMBER 22–OCTOBER 4, 2018

WELCOME PHONE CALL
Thursday, September 6 (tentative)
Join the group at 4:00 p.m. EDT for a pre-trip welcome call with Yale Professor Jay Winter in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

HOME / LONDON, ENGLAND
Saturday–Sunday, September 22 & 23
Depart home on an overnight flight to London, arriving on September 23. Upon arrival, check in to the Grosvenor House Hotel in Mayfair and relax before this evening’s welcome reception and dinner at the members-only Oxford and Cambridge Club.
Grosvenor House (R,D)

LONDON
Monday, September 24
This morning enjoy a specially arranged early-opening visit to the Churchill War Rooms, a museum comprised of the Cabinet War Rooms, a historic underground complex that housed a British government command center throughout World War II, and the Churchill Museum, dedicated to the life of British statesman Winston Churchill. Cross the Thames for a self-guided visit to the Imperial War Museums, with excellent exhibits on war from the 20th-century to the present. The afternoon and evening are at leisure for independent exploration and dining in London.
Grosvenor House (B,L)

The European Union was awarded the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize “for over six decades [having] contributed to the advancement of peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights in Europe.”

LONDON
Tuesday, September 25
Spend a full day exploring Bletchley Park, an 18th-century mansion that became the headquarters for Britain’s World War II codebreakers, most famous for penetrating the German Enigma code. Such highly acclaimed mathematicians as Alan Turing were recruited to work at Bletchley, and the intelligence Bletchley produced was considered “Ultra” secret, the highest security level in Britain. Enjoy an introductory lecture about the history of Bletchley, a tour of the grounds, a private lunch in Bletchley’s Victorian dining room, and free time for independent exploration of the exhibits. This evening’s guest lecturer will discuss Brexit, the United Kingdom’s planned withdrawal from the European Union.
Grosvenor House (B,L)

LONDON / BRUSSELS, BELGIUM
Wednesday, September 26
This morning take a guided tour of the National Gallery accompanied by an art historian. Founded in 1824, it houses a collection of more than 2,300 paintings dating from the
mid-13th century to 1900. Small in size but encyclopedic in scope, the
gallery’s works represent most major
devotions in Western painting
from Giotto to Cezanne. This
afternoon board the Eurostar train
to Brussels. Hotel Amigo (B,L,D)

BRUSSELS
Thursday, September 27
Brussels is one of the three bases
of the European Parliament, and
where elected members have their
offices. Enjoy a special briefing
at the European Parliament’s
Hemicycle gallery to learn about
this international body’s role and
powers. Also enjoy a tasting tour of
local products, including the fine
beer made by Trappist monks. The
afternoon and evening are free for
independent exploration and dining.
Hotel Bristol Stephanie (B,L)

BRUSSELS / LILLE, FRANCE
Friday, September 28
Drive from Brussels to Ypres, the site
of many battles between German
and Allied forces during World War
I and immortalized by the poem
“In Flanders Fields.” Written during
the war by Canadian physician Lt.
Col. John McCrae, the poem honors
the memory of McCrae’s friend and
fellow soldier Alexis Helmer, who
died in the Second Battle of Ypres.
Visit Tyne Cot cemetery, the largest
cemetery for British Commonwealth
forces in the world for any war, and
other World War I sites: Menin
Road, Hill 60, and Caterpillar
Crater. Also explore the exhibits
at the excellent In Flanders Fields
Museum, which focus on the
consequences of war as a historical
event and on the effects of war on
individuals. Continue across the
border to Lille for a two-night stay.
L’Hermitage Gantois (B,L,D)

LILLE
Saturday, September 29
Discover the sophisticated hub of
French Flanders during a morning
walking tour of Lille, including
the picturesque Old Town, with
its beautifully restored 17th- and
18th-century brick houses, as well as
20th-century Art Deco gems. Enjoy
the early part of the afternoon at
leisure, then drive to nearby Roubaix
for a visit to the Musee de la Piscine,
a museum of art and industry
housed in a former swimming pool
with a distinctive Art Deco interior.
Return to Ypres this evening to
attend the Last Post ceremony, a
tradition carried on with only one
interruption since July 2, 1928,
during which buglers from the local
fire brigade close the road under the
Menin Gate and sound the “Last
Post”. The Menin Gate was built as a
Memorial to the Missing, dedicated
to the British and Commonwealth
soldiers who were killed in the Ypres
Salient during World War I and
whose graves are unknown.
L’Hermitage Gantois (B,L,D)

LILLE / AMIENS
Sunday, September 30
The Battle of Amiens was the
opening phase of the Allied offensive
that ultimately led to the end of
World War I. Visit the Museum
of the Great War; the Somme
Battlefields and the preserved
trench lines and battlefield terrain
at Newfoundland Memorial Park;
La Grande Mine (known to the
British as Lochnagar Crater), caused
by the detonation of a British mine
just before the opening assaults of
the Battle of the Somme; and Vimy
Ridge, site of a battle that marked
the beginning of Canada’s evolution
from dominion to independent
nation. In the evening visit the 13th-
century Gothic Amiens Cathedral,
a UNESCO World Heritage site
and the largest of its kind in France.
Mercure Amiens Cathedral Hotel
(B,L,D)
AMIENS / BAYEUX
Monday, October 1
This morning travel to Normandy by motorcoach, crossing the Pont de Normandie, a cable-stayed bridge that spans the Seine, at Le Havre. Stop at the Mulberry B Harbor (also known as Port Winston), one of several temporary harbors built by the British during World War II to facilitate the offloading of cargo onto beaches during the Allied invasion of Normandy in June 1944. Also visit the D-Day Landing Museum at Arromanches, which focuses on the D-Day landings and the Allied action afterward. Villa Lara (B,L,D)

NORMANDY BEACHES & BATTLE SITES
Tuesday, October 2
Continue to explore D-Day sites, including the Airborne Museum in Ste-Mère-Église and the Ranger Memorial at Pointe du Hoc, a strategic promontory overlooking the English Channel. Attend a flag ceremony and wreath-laying at the Normandy American Military Cemetery and Memorial at St-Laurent-sur-Mer, where the graves of 9,387 troops commemorate lives lost during the D-Day landings. From the cemetery’s overlook, view Omaha Beach, a crucial Allied landing site during the Normandy invasion. Villa Lara (B,L,D)

BAYEUX / PARIS
Wednesday, October 3
This morning travel to Paris via motorcoach and enjoy an afternoon at leisure in France’s capital city before a special farewell reception and dinner. Hotel Pont Royal (B,D)

PARIS / HOME
Thursday, October 4
After breakfast transfer to Paris airports for flights home. (B)

PROGRAM COST
Per person, double occupancy: $8,695
Per person, single occupancy: $10,595

WHAT IS INCLUDED:
- Educational program of lectures and discussions with Yale study leader Jay Winter
- All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- Business premier tickets on Eurostar from London to Brussels
- Airport transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure days
- Baggage handling
- Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, and drivers
- Entrance fees
- Welcome and farewell wine receptions
- House wine, beer, and soft drinks with welcome and farewell dinners
- One glass of house wine, beer, or soft drink with group lunches and other group dinners
- Bottled water on motorcoaches
- Professional tour manager
- Emergency medical evacuation services with UHC Global Assistance

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- U.S. domestic and international airfare
- Passport/visa expenses
- Medical expenses and immunizations
- Travel insurance
- Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour
- Private airport transfers
- Excess-baggage charges
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted
- Laundry or dry cleaning
- Telephone, email, and fax charges
- Room service
- Other items of a personal nature

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AIR ARRANGEMENTS:
Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Please note: U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Round-trip economy-class airfare from New York to London, with return from Paris, is approximately $1,270 per person as of September 2017 and is subject to change without notice.

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WHAT TO EXPECT: At this time of year, the climate in the areas of England, Belgium, and France that you will visit is generally mild, with temperatures in the high 50s to mid-60s F and rain showers possible at any time. The pace of the trip is moderately active, with one to two miles of walking each day, occasionally on cobbled streets and uneven terrain. Elevators and handrails on stairs often are unavailable. Long motorcoach drives (2-3 hours and 4-5 hours) are broken into shorter segments with rest stops and site visits. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff.

INSURANCE: Yale Educational Travel highly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. If participants purchase trip insurance, and we hope that they do, participants are free to purchase the insurance of their choice. Most travel insurance must be purchased within 7-10 days of paying a deposit in order to include certain provisions including pre-existing conditions.
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Savor superb local specialties, including Trappist monastery beers and fine French cuisine, and stay at exceptional hotels that exude character and charm.