



## FRANCE

# ANZAC DAY ON THE SOMME 2025

 (TOUR CODE: 12199)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Amiens

### TRAVEL PERIODS

24 Apr 2025 - 26 Apr 2025

### EXPERIENCE

Battlefields

### TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

A special tour covering the main Australian ANZAC Day 2024 ceremonies at Villers Bretonneux and Vignacourt.

## Highlights

- Stay 2 nights in the charming and historical city of **Amiens**
- 2024 Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Memorial to the Missing in Villers Bretonneux
- Visit the Sir John Monash Centre

Designed specifically for those who would like to attend the 2024 ANZAC Day dawn service at the Australian National Memorial near Villers-Bretonneux. After the dawn service, you will have an opportunity to visit the Victoria School and the Sir John Monash Centre followed by a stop in Vignacourt before returning to Amiens.

## INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights accommodation in Amiens at Holiday Inn Express
- Customised ANZAC Day coach tour
- Breakfast Box on Day 2
- Breakfast at your hotel on Day 3

## ITINERARY

## Amiens

Make your own way to Amiens and check in at your hotel.

The rest of your day is at leisure to explore Amiens, a city known for its **UNESCO** World Heritage listed Gothic Cathedral, the Belfry, the narrow streets of the St Leu district and its famous museums. If you have time, visit the outstanding maze of floating gardens called the Hortillonnages. With its 300 hectares of water gardens, Amiens is known as the "Venice of the North".

Amiens was a place where soldiers came to rest and recover. The "Weeping Angel" of the Cathedral became known around the world as soldiers sent photos and postcards home to their families.

Overnight stay in Amiens at **Holiday Inn Express Hotel**



## Amiens Villers Bretonneux Pozieres Amiens

Your day begins early with a 3.00am departure from outside the Holiday Inn Express Amiens, where the coach will be waiting.

Travel to Villers Bretonneux for the dawn service at the Australian National Memorial.

After the service we will remain on site at the Memorial where you will have time to visit the memorial itself, take a coffee and croissant before visiting the Sir John Monash Centre at 8am. At 9.30am we make our way to the village of Villers Bretonneux, where at 10.00am you will visit the Victoria School and Museum. You will also have time for a coffee in the village bar and a look around.

Leaving the town of Villers Bretonneux at 11.30am, your afternoon includes the crash site of the Red Baron, an overview of the Battle of Le Hamel and the 3rd Division Memorial. On the Somme 1916 Battlefield we first see Pozieres Ridge including the Gibraltar Blockhouse, 1st Division Memorial, 2nd Divisional Memorial at the 'Windmill'. Lunch is included.

At 2.30pm, we'll stop in Vignacourt before returning to Amiens.

Estimated time of Arrival in Amiens is 5.30pm.

**Note:** due to the early departure, a take away breakfast box will be provided today by the hotel. During the day there will also be a number of opportunities to buy a coffee or something to eat. Brunch is included today. Please note that the final itinerary details will be reconfirmed close to the departure.

Breakfast





Day **3**

## Amiens

After breakfast, check out from your hotel where this tour ends.

Breakfast



# ACCOMMODATION

## Holiday Inn Express Amiens Centre

### Amiens

Holiday Inn Express® Amiens hotel is ideally set on the edge of Amiens' Old Town. The reason why French people call Amiens "the small Venice of the North". Just a stone's throw from the hotel & can be visited on foot or by boat! Thanks to its ideal location, you can discover the main touristic attractions on foot : the gothic cathedral classified UNESCO Heritage, the floating gardens, Jules Verne's House, and the narrow streets of "St Leu" area, with its colourful houses, galleries, bookshops and trendy bars. Railway station also at 50m from the hotel.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

| OFFICIAL LANGUAGE | LOCAL CURRENCY |
|-------------------|----------------|
| French            | EUR            |

At the Australian National Memorial in Villers Bretenneux there will be airport style security in place. Before the event, you will also need to pre-register online with DVAA, and bring your registration with you on the day, along with your Passports as proof of identification on the day.

## Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package