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MINIGUIDE TO BATTLEFIELD TOURS



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WILL THERE BE OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE?

It depends on the tour as to whether you can explore in your own time as there are lots of different itineraries which will all have varied schedules. Some tours include knowledgeable tour guides which will tell you about the area and the battlefields.



CAN I BRING BACK A SOUVENIR?

No, unless you buy it from a gift shop or authorised trader. Please don't take your own 'souvenir' from any of the historical sites as this is prohibited.



WHAT IF I AM IN A WHEELCHAIR?



A Battlefield tour may not be suitable for people in wheelchairs as the Cemeteries may be grassy and hard to navigate. There can also be uneven ground under foot which isn't always ideal and could turn muddy!

ARE THERE TOILETS TO USE?

There aren't always toilets available near some Battlefield sites, so be aware of this when travelling, although there will be regular comfort breaks. Also, it's worth noting that some toilets have a charge payable for usage so ensure you have some loose change with you!



WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU?

Take a bag with you to carry a few essentials such as a bottle of water, camera, binoculars and anything else you may need. Shops may not be easily accessible.



WHAT DO I WEAR?

Make sure you dress according to the weather - a rain coat is always useful, just in case. Wear comfy shoes as there may be walking involved depending on your tour and the ground may not always be completely even.



WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT?

It's best to visit the Battlefields in Spring, Summer or early autumn. They tend to get very busy in November around Remembrance Day. The weather should hopefully be in your favour too, making it more pleasant to spend your time outside.



WHAT SORT OF TOUR WOULD SUIT ME BEST?

Depending on what interests you most, there are a number of different tours available. World War 1 Battlefield tours tend to explore the sites, cemeteries and museums, with many including a visit to Ypres and the Menin Gate. World War 2 Battlefield Tours all vary and can include visits to sites such as the D-Day Beaches, Pegasus Bridge and parts of Normandy, Arnhem Bridge from Operation Market Garden and Anne Frank's House in Amsterdam. For a more laid back option perhaps look at Battlefield cruise tours which visit Normandy and other Battlefield sites.



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CAN I TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS?

You can take photographs at your discretion, but again check your surroundings. Many of the museums will not allow you to take photos inside, so be aware of this and look for signs when you enter.



WHAT IS THE ETIQUETTE?

Be respectful. You can talk amongst yourselves, but please take notice of your surroundings and those around you.

Shh!

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