



MERCAT TOURS
INTERNATIONAL LTD

The Battlefields Experience Itinerary: Royal High School of Edinburgh

The Mercat Tours battlefield experience to France and Belgium will leave from the school on Saturday 27th May and return Thursday 1st June on 2017. Four nights' accommodation with full board will be provided at Peace Village and Poppies 2

Sat 27 th May	Depart school at 8.30pm Drive to Dover.
Sun 28 th	Ferry to Calais. Visit Bruges Arrive hostel approx. 5pm
Mon 29 th	Ypres Salient South: Messines, Pool of Peace, Sanctuary Wood, Hooge Crater Museum, Menin Road, Black Watch Corner, Hill 60.
Tues 30 th	France and the Somme: Beaumont Hamel, Thiepval, Ulster Tower, La Boisselle, Pozieres Ridge, Vimy Ridge Memorial.
Wed 31 st	Ypres Salient North: Essex Farm, Poelkapelle, Passchaendale, Tyne Cot, Langemark, Last Post Ceremony Menin Gate.
Thurs 1 st June	Leave hotel/youth hostel approx 9am. Ferry to Dover. Arrive school approx 11pm

Safety and Security

Mercat Tours International undertakes to ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken to protect the students who travel with us.

Child Protection

- Guides and drivers have all passed the relevant disclosure checks for working with children.
- The roles of the guide and driver are clearly identified and activities are arranged so that our staff are never alone with a student.
- As far as possible, guides and drivers will always be accommodated entirely separately from pupils.
- As with any school trip, the safety and security of pupils remains the responsibility of the teachers, as do all matters of discipline.

Insurance

- Mercat Tours International has full public liability insurance of up to £5 million to provide cover for their legal liability for loss or damage arising from any negligent act or omission in the course of their business activities.
- Your payments are protected through an independent firm of solicitors who hold all monies paid by you until after the trip is complete.
- Mercat Tours International do not provide cover for loss of personal property. Cover is usually arranged by group or individual directly with a travel insurance provider.

Coach Company

- Bibby's of Ingleton have been our sole coach/driver providers for 20 years and have an exemplary safety record.
- Coaches are fully equipped with appropriate first aid, seat belts, toilet and air conditioning.
- All drivers adhere to strictly monitored driving time regulations.

Accommodation

- The social areas in the hostel are secure and pupils will be separate from public areas, such as bars.
- Pupils will be accommodated in separate corridors or blocks from other visitors.
- The hostel meets all of the national fire, health and food hygiene regulations.

Packing Checklist

Clothing:

- Suitcase
- Day rucksack
- Waterproof jacket
- Two jumpers or sweatshirts
- Two pairs jeans/trousers
- Shirts and tee-shirts
- Shorts
- Night clothes
- Underwear
- Indoor shoes/slippers
- Outdoor shoes/trainers
- WELLIES** (in separate bag)

Toiletries:

- Soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Sun cream
- Comb/hairbrush
- Shampoo/shower gel
- Hand towel
- Bath towel

Suggested Medical:

- Travel sickness pills
- Any prescription medicine
- Plasters
- Anti-histamines
- Inhaler (if required)

Extras:

- Passport
- Money: British Pounds/Euros
- Camera
- European plug adaptor
- Pens
- Water bottle
- Tissues/dry wipes

Relevant Addresses

Tour Operator:

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