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# Anzac Day- Villers-Bretonneux and the Grand Western Front Trail of Remembrance Tour 2015



**Monday 6th April 2015 – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015.**

**6th April  
( Monday)  
10.30am departure from Gold Coast for Osaka (8 hrs)  
7.00pm Arrive Osaka ( transfer by mini bus to Kyoto)**

### **Nishiyama Ryoken Kyoto**

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**7th April  
(Tuesday)**

### ***Kyoto Temple and Cherry Blossom Tour***

We are in Kyoto for Cherry Blossom season and time for Hanami ( Japanese picnics) . There are literally thousands of Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines in Kyoto. Enryaku-ji Temple and To-ji Temple are two of the most prominent examples of the esoteric Buddhist tradition while the five great Zen Buddhism temples of Kyoto include Nanzen-ji Temple, Shokoku-ji Temple, Tenryu-ji Temple, and the Golden and Silver Pavilions (Kinkakuji and Ginkakuji). Like Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines are places of worship. In Shinto, millions of gods which can be found everywhere are worshipped. The most important Shinto shrines in Kyoto include Kamigamo-jinja and Shimogamo-jinja, which enshrine water gods, and Yasaka-jinja, where the god of prosperity and good health is worshipped.



**8th April  
(Wednesday)**

**Kyoto Shopping.  
Visit the Gion Geisha district after dark .  
Enjoy the Cultural treats that Japan has to offer.**

**9<sup>th</sup> April  
(Thursday)**

**Catch the Shinkansen (bullet train) to Hiroshima.**

**Parkside Hotel Hiroshima**

2-6-24 Otemachi, Naka Ward, Hiroshima, Hiroshima Prefecture 730-0051, Japan  
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**Peace park and city viewing.  
Karaoke this evening anyone?**



**10<sup>th</sup> April .  
(Friday)**

**Today we visit Miyajima. A World Heritage island.**



**11<sup>th</sup> April  
(Saturday)**

**A walk to Hiroshima Castle in the morning or some last minute shopping. We catch the bullet train back to Osaka and then board a flight to Paris.**



## **Hôtel de la Paix**

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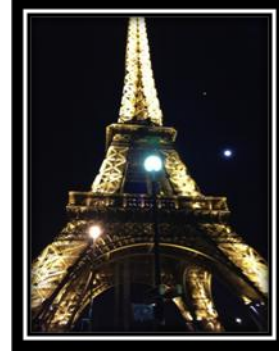


**11th April  
(Saturday)**

**We start our visit to Paris with a small picnic under the Eiffel Tower.  
Tonight a dinner in Rue St Cler one of the best market areas  
in Paris. Only a 5 minute walk from the hotel**

**12<sup>th</sup> April  
(Sunday)**

**Another day to explore Paris after breakfast in the hotel. We board a tourist bus today for a great view of Paris. Today Montmartre and the Artist District and Moulin Rouge and Notre Dame from a double decker bus. 7.15pm Dinner at the Eiffel Tower and afterwards a Seine River Cruise**



**13<sup>th</sup> April  
(Monday)**

**Today we visit Montmatre and the Artists' area for shopping and sightseeing. Tonight a free night for you to wander the streets or enjoy a quiet dinner.**



**14<sup>th</sup> April  
(Tuesday)**

**A free day for you to explore Paris and all it has to offer. Perhaps you would like to visit Le Louvre or just do some good old shopping.**

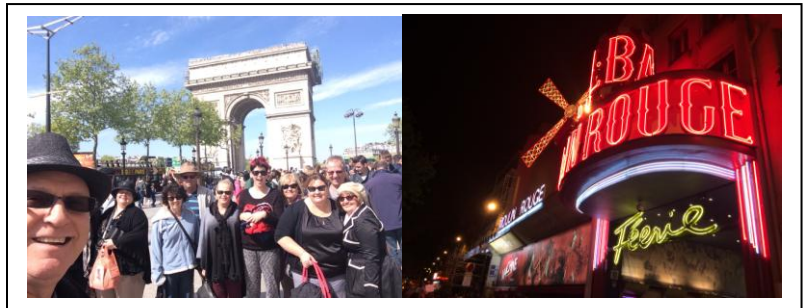
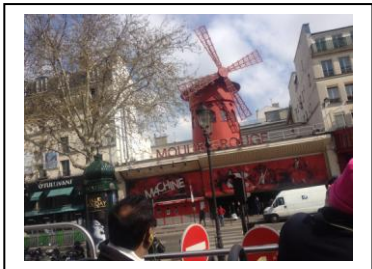
**15<sup>th</sup> April  
(Wednesday)**

**Today we are off to Shakespeare's book shop, Notre Dame and Le Marais area of Rue De la Huchette for a light lunch and then a walk back across the bridges of Paris to home.**



**16<sup>th</sup> April  
(Thursday)**

**Last chance to see Paris today at your leisure  
Your choice of activities. Perhaps a walk along the Champ Elysees to see  
L'Arc de Triomphe. Tonight we farewell Paris with the fabulous Moulin  
Rouge We have Dinner Champagne and the show.**



**17th April  
(Friday)**

**Depart by train from Paris to the Normandy region for a short country  
stay. Sample the local delicacies and of course the wine.**

**18<sup>th</sup> April  
(Saturday)**

**Today we visit the DDay beaches of WW2 and the Bayeux tapestry which  
depicts the events leading up to the Norman invasion.**



**19<sup>th</sup> April  
(Sunday)**

**A lovely drive to Mont St Michel, a fortified structure which in the past has been a monastery and a prison and is situated on a small island .The castle was used as a background for the movie of the story of the Scarlet Pimpernel written by Baroness Orczy.**



**20<sup>th</sup> April(Monday)**

**This morning we catch the train to Amiens where we begin our ANZAC day remembrances. Tonight we arrive at the Campanile Hotel Amiens.  
Dinner tonight at the Hotel**

### **Campanile Hotel Amiens**

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**21<sup>st</sup> April**

**(Tuesday) Visit the Cathedral and take in this wonderful town where Jules Verne author of 20 000 leagues under the Sea, Journey to the Centre of the Earth and Around the world in Eighty Days grew up. Perhaps we can have a picnic in the town square and eat some famous Amiens macarons.**



**22<sup>nd</sup> April  
(Wednesday)**

**Morning breakfast at Hotel and then today visit Villers-Brettoneux memorial and in the afternoon, we will discover the township and the museum in the Victoria school . Lunch at the Pub on us.  
Dinner tonight your choice in Amiens**



**23<sup>rd</sup> April.  
(Thursday)**

**Come and help us prepare for our big Aussie barbecue tomorrow in Vignacourt or have a leisurely day in Amiens shopping or sleeping in.**

**24<sup>th</sup> April  
(Friday)**

**Today we head for the village of Vignacourt.....Home of the Lost Diggers. We spend the day in the village with the townsfolk and explore what happened there nearly 100 years ago when the Aussie diggers arrived. Visit the Thuillier house and barn where those inspiring photos were taken. We BBQ with 250 village folk !**







**Anzac Day.**

**25<sup>th</sup> April.**

**(Saturday)**

**3.00am departure for dawn service at Villers Bretonneux**

**Bus supplied by Australian Government and Amiens City 8.00am return to**

**Amiens. 10.30am Depart by bus for Bullecourt ceremony through**

**Poizieres and such areas where the Aussies fought hard anlost many. Stay**

**for an inspiring ceremony with the Bullecourt townsfolk.**

**This is a HUGE day but well worth the fatigue!!**

**We spend the night in Ypres, Belgium for the evening Menin Gate**

**ceremony.**



**26<sup>th</sup> April.**

**(Sunday)**

**The Albion Hotel Ypres is home for the next few days. Let Ruth and her**

**team introduce you to a very special town. Take today off to rest and relax**

**from a big ANZAC Day.Sleep in and find some time to discover the town**

**and its history.Maybe a chance to visit the Flanders Fields museum.**

**Tonight we gather for dinner in a local restaurant after the Menin Gate**

**ceremony.**



**Albion Hotel**

**St. Jacobsstraat 28**

**8900 Ieper, Belgium**

**Phone 0032 57 200 220**



**27<sup>th</sup> April  
(Monday)**

**We Join a Battlefield Tour today as we visit Tyne Cot cemetery the largest Military Cemetery in the region. Polygon Wood and Paschendale along with a viewing of the trenches recreated outside Ypres. All names etched onto the minds of Australians at this time of the year. Return to Ypres for a quiet dinner in the village.**



**28<sup>th</sup> April  
(Tuesday)**

**Our last day together. Tonight we return to Paris and the flight back to Australia ready and eager to share our stories with family at home. We *may* be required to stay overnight at Charles De Gaulle Airport before our flight home.**

Thank you for coming with us. What an adventure we will have !  
[Michael and Donna Fiechtner.](#)  
Intercultural Consulting Group.



***NB: This is a draft of the Grand Western Front tour planned for 2015. Airlines and some accommodation are yet to be finalized after initial deposits are paid by our interested clients. The itinerary may change slightly owing to these conditions however, ICG will attempt to keep it as close to what has been published here as humanly possible.***

***We are also very keen to know if you have a relative who fought during World War one. Let ICG research your descendant and their involvement in the Great war and then follow in the footsteps of them.***

***You may ask why Japan is a part of this tour? ICG has been involved with the Peace Park in Japan for over 10 years. Both Hiroshima and Ypres are part of the Hiroshima Peace Foundations Mayors for Peace movement. Both cities were destroyed in time of war and now both cities strive and call for world Peace.***

***Will Longstaff's painting Menin Gate at Midnight depicts the lost spirits of the Great war rising from the surrounding area of the Menin Gate***

**Compare this thought provoking painting to that of Terry Saleh an indigenous artist from Brisbane. His painting of the Yowie Spirits of Hiroshima also depicts the lost souls of Hiroshima rising from the surrounding devastation.**

**ICG took Terry to Hiroshima in 2010 and soon after he painted this inspiring picture without any knowledge of the Menin Gate significance.**

**Both cities are joined in a common cause .....**



**We look forward to you joining us on our 2015 Remembrance Tour**

**Email us now with your expression of interest.**

**The fully escorted and personalized tour highlights includes**

- **Hotel accommodation in**
- **Osaka**
- **Kyoto**
- **Paris**
- **Amiens**
- **Ypres**
- **Bayeux**
  
- **Selected special meals as outlined**
- **Daily Breakfasts Paris, Amiens and Ypres**
- **All transfers by private bus or taxi to various sights**
- **Entry to sights in Kyoto and Hiroshima as required**
- **Moulon Rouge Show and Dinner**
- **Eiffel Tower Dinner and Cruise**
- **Normandy D Day tour and Bayeux Tapestry visit**
- **World War 1 Somme and Salient Battlefield tour**
- **Anzac Day at Villers Brettoneux ceremony with return transfers**

## **Tour Costs**

***Tentative itinerary ( ground content only)***

***(Airfare to be added as arranged...we will always endeavor to get the best airfare deals available)***

***Tour can be done as 3 options***

- Japan Short stay                      5nights                      \$1848***
- Japan plus Western Front            24 nights                      \$6461***
- Western Front only                      18 nights                      \$4613***

***Single supplement on all tours is \$560***