

WARTIME MEMORIES

Blockhaus of Eperlecques :

This gigantic bunker was built by the Germans in 1943 to launch V2 rockets, the retaliation weapon designed to destroy London. The site has remained in its authentic condition and may be entered by a path through the woods where recorded explanations compare V1 and V2 rockets.

Guided visits available with prior booking.

Duration : 1h30

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Rue des Sarts, 62910 Eperlecques
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The War Museum in Calais

Situated in the bunker which was once a command post to German navy, it offers a display of objects, uniforms and arms. It illustrates the history of Calais and its surrounding area from 1940 until the liberation in 1944. Audio guide available.

Guided visits or audio-guided tour available with prior booking.

Duration : 1h

*Musée de la Seconde Guerre Mondiale,
Parc saint Pierre, 62100 Calais
Phone : (0)3 21 34 21 57.
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www.museedelaguerredcalais.com*

La Coupole – Helfaut

5 kms from St Omer, La Coupole is a former V2 rocket base built by the Nazis in 1943, it is now a museum. The Centre develops three themes : German Secret Weapons (V1+V2), The Conquest of Space from 1945 to 1969 and the Occupation of Northern France from 1940 to 1944.

Guided visit or audio-guided visit.

Duration : 2h30

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Etaples British Memorial

The memorial, by sir Edwin Lutyens, is situated on the site of a WWI military camp. 11000 British soldiers were buried here alongside 655 Germans. Georges V and Marshal Douglas Haig laid the memorial in 1922.

Open all year round from sunrise to sunset, free of charge.

It is located to the north of Etaples, on the west side of the road of Boulogne.

Centre Européen de la Paix – Souchez

Museum dedicated to WWI with a particularly interesting collection of artefacts made by soldiers.

Open : from monday afternoon to Saturday : 10h-12h and 14h-18h.

*Espace de Pré-figuration,
Route départementale 937, 62153 Souchez.
Phone : (0)3.21.72.66.55*

The underground tunnels - Le jardin des Boves – Arras

The underground tunnels were headquarters to the British and allied forces during WWI. Nowadays, every spring an amazing garden appears under Arras! It's an original way to discover a part of the History.

Guided visit.

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The Second World War Museum in Ambleteuse

Thousands of original artefacts and over 100 models re-create the period from the Polish campaign to the Japanese surrender. Visitors can also watch a film about D-Day and the Battle of Normandy, in a '1940s' cinema.

Guided visits available with prior booking.

Duration : 1h15 or 2h (guided)

Closed : on December and January

*Historique de la Seconde Guerre Mondiale, 2 rue de Garennes,
CD : 940 (Coastal road between Ambleteuse and Boulogne),
62164 Ambleteuse*

Phone : (0)3 21 87 33 01.

E: musee.39-45@wanadoo.fr - www.musee3945.com

Musée vivant 1914-1918 – Ablain St Nazaire

Situated on the hill at Lorette, the museum displays over 2,000 exhibits, reconstruction of shelters, over 150 slides and pictures of battlefields, bombs and cemeteries.

Guided visits available with prior booking.

Duration : 1h30 or 2h (guided)

Closed on the 25th of December and the 1st of January.

*Musée Vivant 1914-1918,
Hameau Notre Dame de Lorette,
62153 Ablain Saint Nazaire.
Phone : (0)3 21 45 15 80.*

Saint Mary's Cemetery – Haisne-La-Bassée

Of the 2000 graves in the cemetery one in particular draws attention; Plot VII, row D, grave N°2. A young man named John Kipling, son of Rudyard, aged 18, a Lieutenant in the Second Battalion of the Irish Gards, died on the 27th of September 1915, just two days after the beginning of the battle of Loos. Visit cwgc.org for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Open all year round from sunrise to sunset, free of charge.

In Haisne-La-Bassée

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The Vimy Memorial – Vimy

The Vimy Memorial stands as a landmark in commemoration of more than 11 000 Canadian soldiers, believed dead in France during the First World War. A forest surrounding the site is of Canadian Pine. The government planted one tree per soldier killed in Europe during the War.

Guided visits available with prior booking.

Duration : 1h30

Closed on the 25th of December and the 1st of January.

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