

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)

Suggested Medical

Travel sickness pills
Any prescription medicine
Plasters
Antihistamines
Inhaler (if required)

Toiletries

Soap/ Shampoo/ Shower gel
Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Deodorant
Sun cream
Comb/hairbrush
Bath Towel
Hand Towel

Essentials

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

The Battlefields Experience Itinerary: Dunblane High School

The Mercat Tours International WW1 battlefield experience to France and Belgium will leave from Dunblane High School on Thursday 10th May and return on Tuesday 15th May 2018. Four nights' accommodation with full board will be provided at Munchenhof Hostel, Belgium.

Thurs 10 th May	Depart school at 8.30pm Drive to Dover
Fri 11 th	Ferry to Calais. Visit Bruges Arrive hostel approx. 4pm
Sat 12 th	Ypres Salient South: Messines, Pool of Peace, Sanctuary Wood, Hooze Crater Museum, Menin Road, Black Watch Corner, Hill 60.
Sun 13 th	France and the Somme: Beaumont Hamel, Thiepval, Ulster Tower, La Boisselle, Pozières Ridge, Vimy Ridge Memorial
Mon 14 th	Ypres Salient North: Essex Farm, Poelkapelle, Passchaendale, Tyne Cot, Langemark, Last Post Ceremony Menin Gate
Tues 15 th	Leave hotel/ hostel approx 9am. Ferry to Dover. Arrive school approx. midnight

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. Travel insurance cover is usually arranged by group or individual directly with a travel insurance provider. EHIC card provide cover for medical expenses whilst in Belgium and France.

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.

Relevant Addresses

Tour Operator:

Mercat Tours International, 28 Blair Street, Edinburgh EH1 1NS
Tel: 0131 225 5445 www.mercattoursinternational.com

Accommodation:

Munchenhof Hostel, Markt 43, 8920 Langemark, Belgium.
Tel: 00 32 574 88313

Coach Company:

Bibby's of Ingleton, New Road Ingleton, Lancashire LA6 3NU
Tel: 01524 241 330 www.bibbys.co.uk

Ferry Company:

P&O Ferries, Tel: 08716 641 641 www.poferries.com

Insurance Services:

Royal & Sun Alliance, GS Insurance Services Ltd Shore Road, Perth PH2 8BW