

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

The Battlefields Experience Itinerary: Dunblane High School

The Mercat Tours International WW1 battlefield experience to France and Belgium will leave from the school on Monday 13th and return on Saturday 18th May 2019. Three nights' accommodation with full board will be provided at a Belgian hostel and two nights on P&O ferry.

Monday 13 th	Depart school at 9.30 am Drive to Hull for overnight ferry to Zeebrugge. Shared cabins and breakfast and dinner provided
Tues 14 th	Ypres Salient South: Messines, Pool of Peace, Sanctuary Wood, Hooge Crater Museum, Black Watch Corner, Hill 60
Wed 15 th	France and the Somme: Newfoundland Park, Thiepval, La Boisselle, Dartmoor Cemetery, Pozieres, Vimy Ridge Memorial
Thurs 16 th	Ypres Salient North: Essex Farm, Poelkapelle, Passchendaele, Tyne Cot, Langemark, Menin Gate Ceremony
Fri 17 th	Leave hostel at approximately 10am Sightseeing visit to Bruges Overnight ferry to Hull Dinner and breakfast and shared cabins included
Sat 18 th	Arrive Hull 9am Arrive at school at approximately 5pm

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 provide emergency medical insurance as part of the tour package in the event of a No Deal Brexit. This includes overseas hospitalisation, medical repatriation and the facility to fly parents from the UK to France or Belgium in the event of their child requiring familial support.
- Pupils/Staff are still advised to take out travel insurance for their personal property and also ensure that they have cover in the event of an individual requiring to cancel within the 30 day period prior to departure.

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:

The Salient, D'Hondstraat 27, 8900, Ieper, Belgium
Tel: 00 32 475 21 20 01

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