

Tour of The Somme Battlefields in Northern France

On 12th to 19th July 2024

Join a week's tour of the Great War Somme Battlefields in Northern France.

The tour would be over a week starting from Calais, on Saturday the 13th July 2024. On Friday 12th It is up to you how to you make your way to Calais. We will meet-up at the Ibis Calais Car ferry hotel. We could be in a group or by yourself, up to you. I intend to travel by train to Dover and ferry over to Calais. We all meet up at the Ibis in Calais and stay overnight. Setting off on Saturday morning for the first day's ride to Bethune on Sat 13th for the next night stay. The aim is to get to Albert on the Somme some 98 miles from Calais over two days. Then use Albert as the base point for a three-day, four-night stay, Albert is the ideal location to explore the Battlefields being only four miles from the front-line trenches, ideal for the memorials, museums and places of interest on the Battlefields of the Somme.

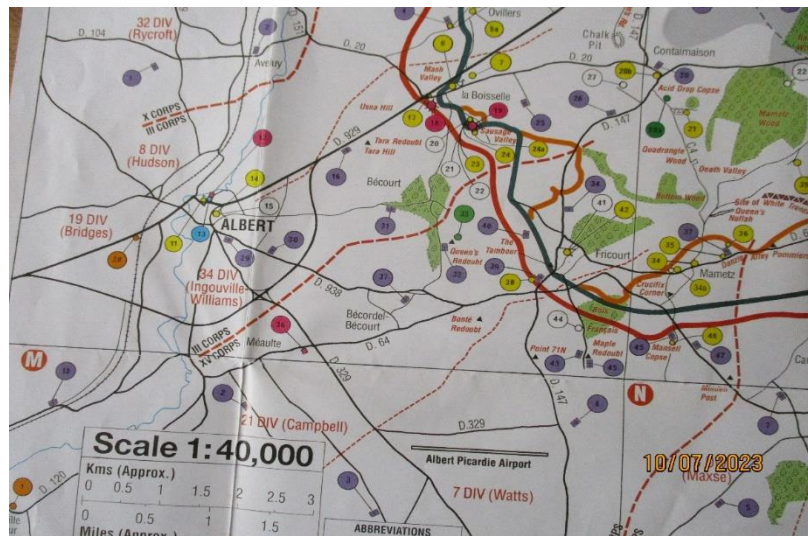
The Somme was the main British battle sector during WW1 and in 1916 saw some of the biggest and bloodiest battles in the Great War. It was also the place where the tank was used for the first time and some of the relics are a part of the memorials. The area is full of war cemeteries, trenches, and places of interest. I intend to put a full itinerary of places to visit and see over the three day stay in Albert, traveling around 30 to 40 miles a day.

If you want to join the tour, please contact Martin Lee on

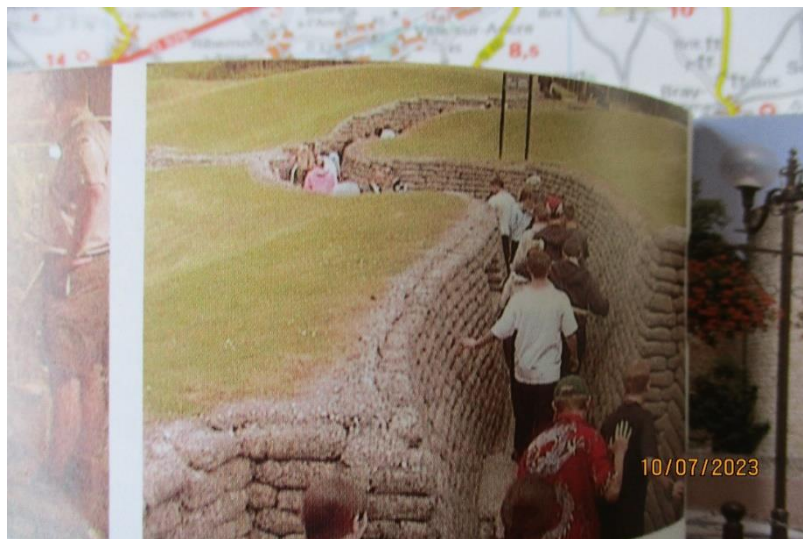
email martin.lee@coventryctc.org.uk need to advertise early as I will be closing this tour soon due to availability of Hotels

Note: Please be aware that hotels need to be booked ASAP as Albert is a popular Great War tourist destination and rooms will get booked up by groups.

Attached are just a few of the sites to see.



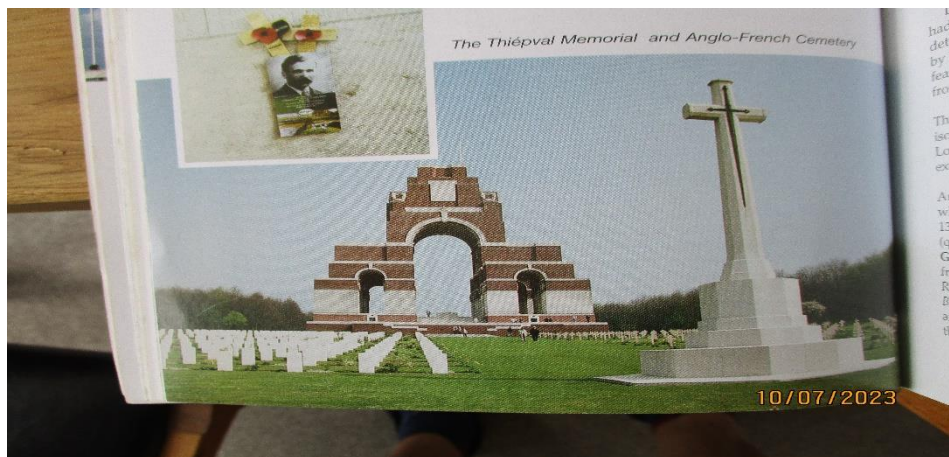
War map above. Red line is British trenches, green line is German trenches. Note how close Albert is.



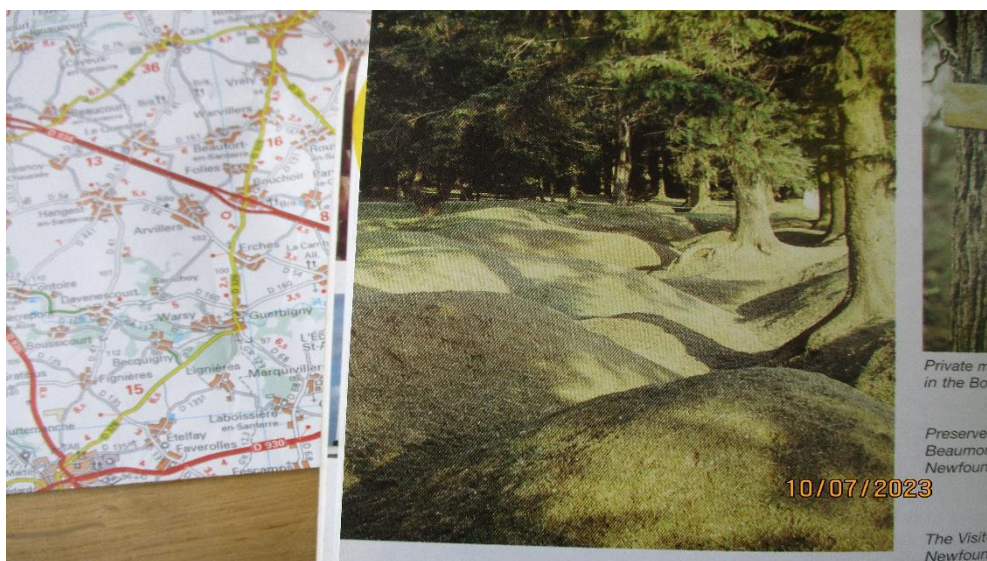
Made-up Preserved Trenches



The Lochnagar Crater above, made from tunnelling and detonating explosives under German trenches. Now a war grave.



The Thiepval Memorial.



Preserved trenches left as a memorial