



Ypres Trip '22



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Principal's Welcome



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Overview of Itinerary



Day 1: Monday 23rd May 2022


- Assemble at school for coach transfer to Dublin Airport
- Depart Dublin **06.30** am
- Arrive Brussels **09.20** am - meet with tour guide at arrival hall



Mons area

Drive to Mons area to hear about the German advance through Belgium and the first stand of the British Expeditionary Force (B.E.F) at Mons.





Mons area

Visit the **Symphorien Military Cemetery** where both British and German soldiers were buried during the beginning of the war.

Leave now ▾

Options






Drive onwards from
Mons to Ypres

Lunch at leisure in
the city centre of the
historic town.

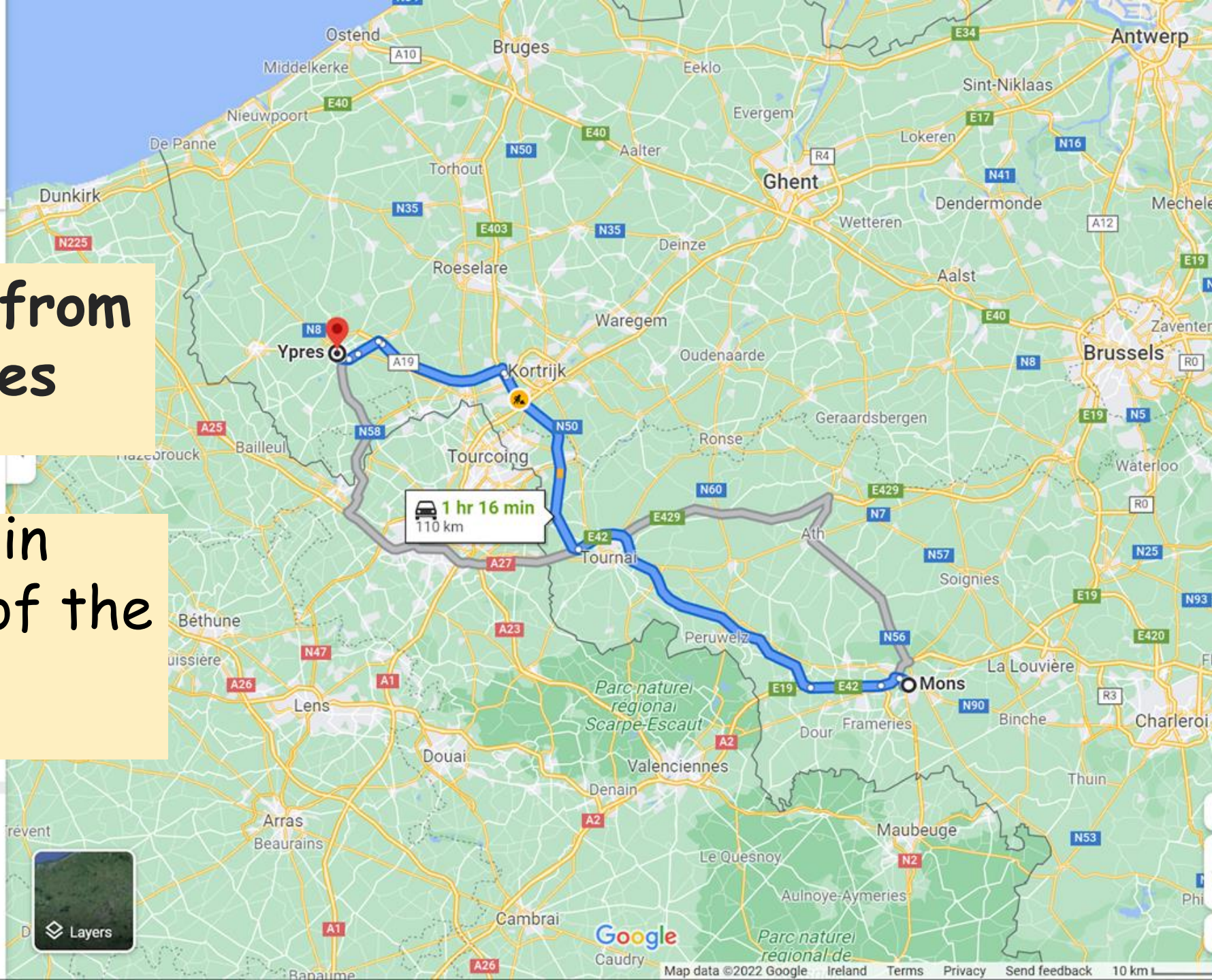
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Details

Explore Ypres



Restaurants Hotels Gas stations Parking Lots More






**Day 1:
Afternoon**

Following
lunch, visit
the In
Flanders
Fields
Museum.

In Flanders Fields Museum

"The museum tells the tale of the war through the eyes of those people who lived through it: soldiers, civilians, medical personnel... The personal stories always impress the visitor, but also provide an excellent introduction to the battlefields of the Ypres Salient."



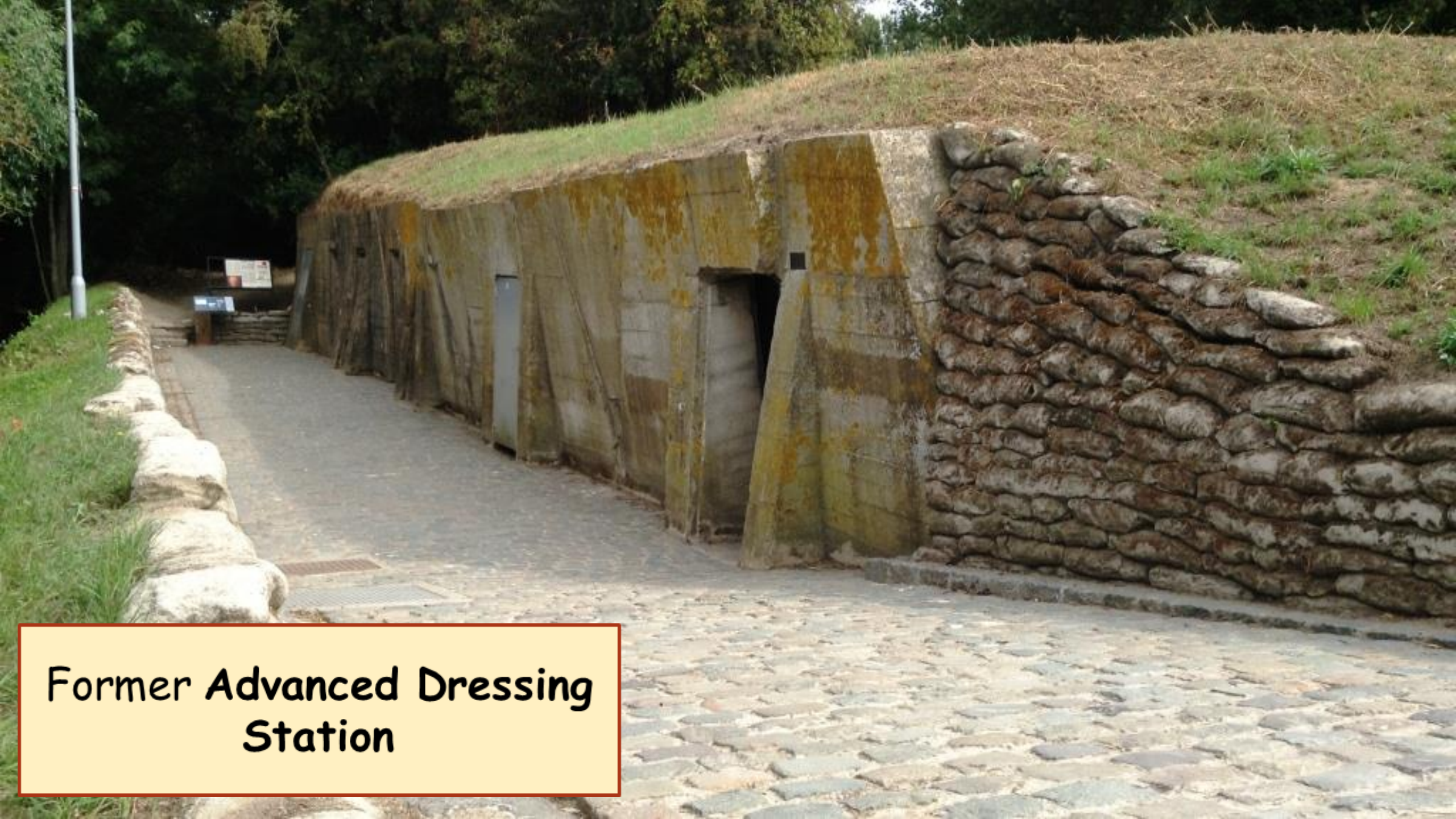


Following the museum, visit a number of historic WWI sites, all within a few minutes drive of Ypres...



Essex Farm Cemetery


Get the story of the Canadians in the 2nd Battle of Ypres, infamous for the first use of poison gas on the Western front.



Former **Advanced Dressing
Station**

National Welsh Memorial




A photograph of the German Military Cemetery in Ypres, Belgium. The cemetery is a large, open grassy area filled with numerous rectangular, low-profile stone grave markers arranged in neat rows. In the background, a large, circular, stone structure with a flat, moss-covered roof and two small, dark, barred openings stands out. The cemetery is bordered by a dense line of tall, mature trees. In the distance, a small town or village is visible under a clear sky.

The German Military Cemetery

Canadian Memorial Park





Continue to accommodation for check-in and evening meal.

- 1 night B&B in historic town of Ypres.
- Option to attend the famous 'Last Post Ceremony' which takes place every night at 8 p.m at the **Menin Gate Memorial**. The ceremony is dedicated to the British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in the Ypres Salient of World War I and whose graves are unknown.

Last Post Ceremony, - Menin Gate - Ypres, 9.Oct.2021. - YouTube





Day 2: Tuesday 24th May 2022

- Breakfast at accommodation and check out
- First stop: Christmas Truce Memorial, Messines



TOERISTISCH
INFOPUNT
MESEN
MESSINES

TOURIST INFORMATION POINT MESSINES

BEHEDENVERDIEPING

GROUND LEVEL

08:30 - 17:30

Elke dag behalve kerstdag en 1 januari
Every day except Christmas and 1st January

THEMAKAMERS
EERSTE VERDIEPING

THEME ROOMS
FIRST FLOOR

Enkel na reservatie en met gids
Only by reservation and with guide

reservatie / reservation
0032(0)57 22 17 14 - info@mesen.be





**New Zealand Memorial
Park**

**Island of Ireland Peace
Park**



Caterpillar Mine Crater



The Caterpillar Mine Crater is the best-preserved crater from the Mine Battle of Messines Ridge



Lunch and
free time
in Ypres

Day 2 Afternoon

- After lunch, drive along Hell Fire Corner and the Menin Road where you can see the remains of German bunkers, British trenches and mine craters.
- Opposite Hooze Crater Cemetery is Hooze Crater Museum, the best private museum on WWI.





- Via Polygon Wood onwards to **Tyne Cot Cemetery**, the largest Commonwealth cemetery of the Great War.
- From Tyne Cot, drive to Passchendaele and the Canadian Crest Farm Memorial. The ruins of Passchendaele were the scene of bitter fighting in October and November 1917. The final stage of the 3rd Battle of Ypres resulted in high casualty numbers.

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Search bar: Zonnebeke, Belgium

Options

to your phone

usual traffic

1 hr 20 min
129 km

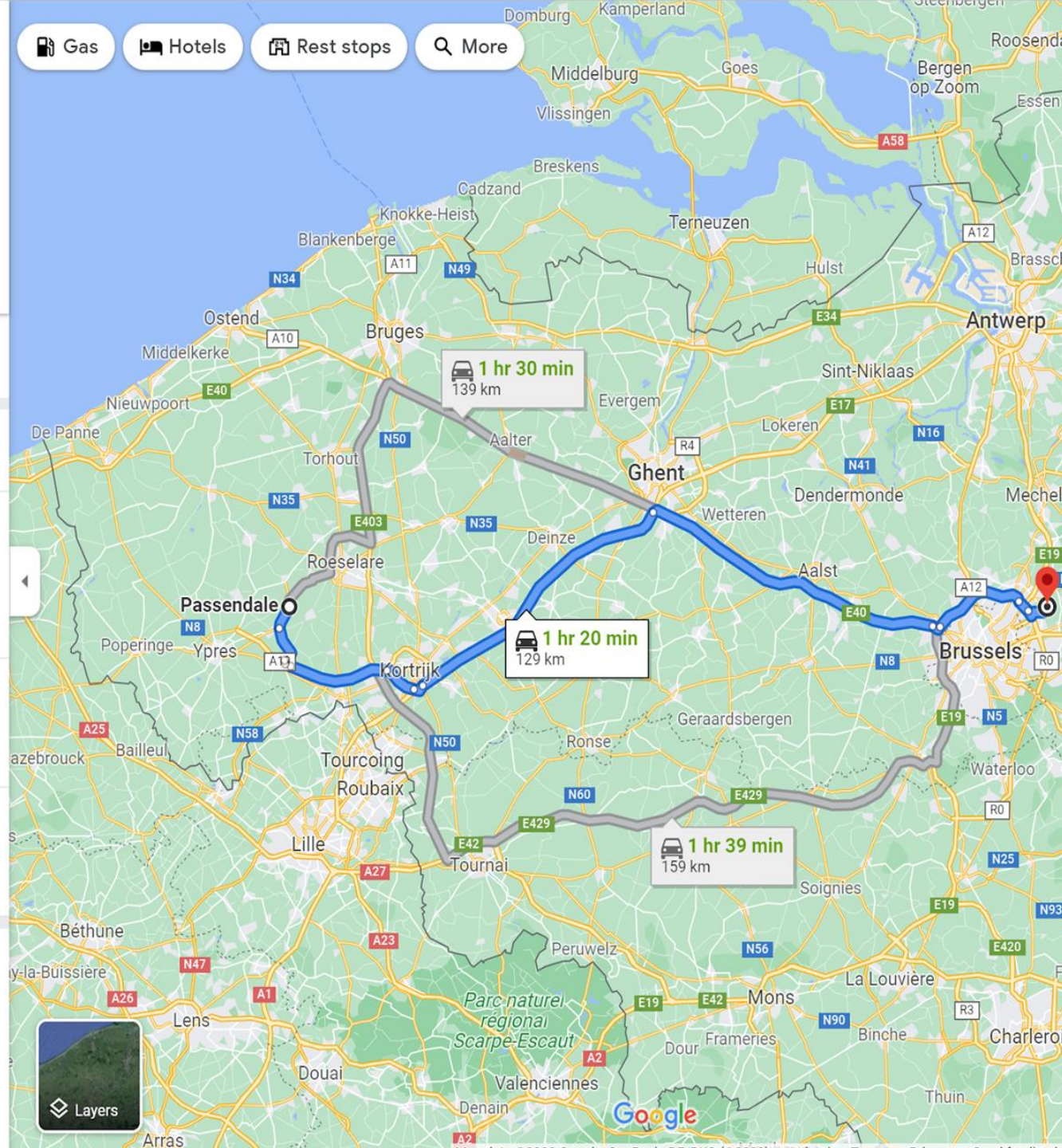
1 hr 30 min
139 km

1 hr 39 min
159 km

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Transfer from Passchendaele to Brussels Airport

- Depart Brussels **18.40 am**
- Arrive Dublin **19:15 am**

Links to the Junior Cycle History Specification

- Learning Outcome 3.4 discuss the general causes and course of **World War One** or World War Two and the immediate and long-term impact of the war on people and nations.
- Learning Outcome 1.3 appreciate their cultural inheritance through **recognising historically significant places and buildings and discussing why historical personalities, events and issues are commemorated.**
- Learning Outcome 1.8 **investigate a repository of historical evidence such as a museum,** library, heritage centre, digital or other archive or exhibition

**Junior Cycle
History**

Cross-curricular Links

- English
- CSPE
- Geography
- & many more



Accommodation

- 1 Night bed and breakfast in Ypres
- Minimum of 20 students required
- Joined by 4 school staff



Accommodation

- Flanders Lodge ★★ ★
- 7 Min Drive to Ypres Centre
- 1,200+ Reviews: Very Good 8.0 Booking.com

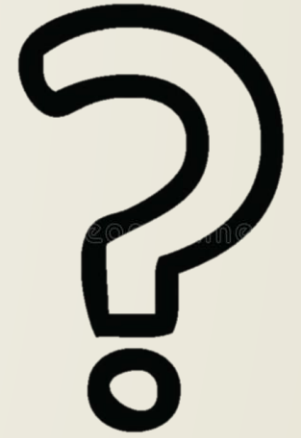








Costs Involved



Total Cost: €399 per student:

- 1 Night B&B
- Return Flights to Belgium
- Transfer to and from Dublin Airport
- Tours, transport & insurance abroad
- Lunch & Dinner during the day



Risk Assessment: Belgium

- All entrants to Belgium require a passenger locator form
- Ireland is classified as an EU 'red region' by Belgium
- Passengers from the age of 12 arriving from an EU red region, and holding an EU Digital Covid Certificate (EU-DCC), are exempted from testing and quarantine requirements [PCR Negative Test or Full Vaccine Status]

Risk Assessment



- COVID: Maintain the school's COVID policy throughout the trip. To mitigate any risk of infection, the pod of 24 (provisional) will be subject to social distancing (as feasible), mask wearing, & frequent hand sanitizing.

Risk Assessment



- First Aid: Identical to our first aid kits that are provided in the school, we will bring our own equipment for the duration of the trip. Our staff are first aid trained.
- Medical Needs: The needs of students (dietary, medical, allergy, etc.) will be identified once interest has been expressed. Any further concerns by guardians can be forwarded to organising team at any time.



Communication

- **Email**

Contact will be made via email to provide ample information regarding payment, documents required and timelines.

- **Payment**

The tour company has an online portal which will handle all finances for the trip. The school will not handle any money throughout the deposit process.



What happens now?

If you are interested, please

- email Alex at office@hcetss.ie by 9am Friday 11th Feb
- Any follow up concerns/queries

Following this:

- First deposit of €150 will be due by Thursday 17th Feb
- Second deposit of €100 due 3rd March
- Final deposit of €150 due 14th March
- Trip 23rd-24th May

Frequently Asked Questions

- Is there anyone else considering such a trip?

Several other schools in this area are organising similar overseas trips.

- Do the students need to be vaccinated?

Our Board of Management have decided that students must provide proof of:

- Vaccination
- Recovery from Covid within last 6 months
- Negative PCR test taken on Sunday 22nd May (this will cover any student for duration of the trip and removes need for a second PCR test in Belgium).

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the situation in Belgium like now?**

Belgium currently has Ireland on the red list. This is subject to change but as it stands makes no difference to EU residents with COVID certificates.

- **What happens if Belgium is still restricted?**

If the tour is deemed not viable, the tour company will provide a full refund minus a €100 fee to cover cancellation costs. This is due to insurance policies.

- **A student has caught COVID and cannot travel?**

Full cancellation will be covered by the insurance company within 14 days of departure.

Frequently Asked Questions

- A guardian decides the risk is too great and pulls their child from the trip despite easing of restrictions?

If the trip is viable, under the insurance policy, their refund will depend on notice but student will lose their initial deposit.

- Will students need spending money?

As students will have free time at certain points during their schedule, this is up to guardians. Staff will not be holding onto money for students.

- Will students be allowed their phones?

Students will be allowed their phones but strict guidelines will be in place during sensitive visits as to when they may use them.



Any questions?

Next Steps

If you are interested, please

- email Alex at office@hcetss.ie by 9am Friday 11th Feb

***Minimum of 20 students required**





Thank You!