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CANADIAN **WAR MEMORIALS** IN FRANCE



# Canadian First and Second World War Memorials in France

Learn about the role  
Canada played in the  
major conflicts of the  
20<sup>th</sup> century

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Visit the Vimy Ridge National Historic Site of Canada and the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial National Historic Site of Canada, where Canadian guides will show you preserved First World War battlefields, tunnels and trenches where Canadians and Newfoundlanders served in the First World War, many giving their lives.

Then visit the Juno Beach Centre, where Canadian guides will walk you through Canada's role in the Second World War at the site of Canada's D-Day landings—Juno Beach.

## VIMY RIDGE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA

Canada's most impressive tribute to those Canadians who fought and gave their lives in the First World War is the inspiring Vimy Ridge National Historic Site of Canada, about 10 kilometres north of Arras.

Canadian students lead guided tours of the preserved battlefield, pock-marked with shell holes from artillery bombardment and mine craters from the fierce underground war. Some trenches and part of a subway have been conserved, allowing visitors a unique perspective on the actions of the Canadian Corps between April 9 and 12, 1917, when all four of its divisions (aided by the British 5th Division and a number of artillery units) stormed the Ridge.

The names of 11,285 Canadian soldiers—killed in France and whose final resting place was then unknown—are carved on the walls of the Vimy monument. Completed in 1936, the monument is a magnificent work of art designed by Canadian sculptor and architect, Walter Seymour Allward.

The site is operated by the Government of Canada and is open to the public year-round, free of charge.

### Visitor Centre Hours of Operation

March to October	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
November to February	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Mid-December to mid-January	Closed

Guided tours are available from February 1 to November 30. Please note that on Mondays the Visitor Centre opens one hour later.

### For information or reservations

Telephone from Canada: **011 33 322 76 70 86**

Telephone from France: **03 22 76 70 86**

E-mail: [vimy.memorial@vac-acc.gc.ca](mailto:vimy.memorial@vac-acc.gc.ca)

## BEAUMONT-HAMEL NEWFOUNDLAND MEMORIAL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA

The 30-hectare Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial National Historic Site of Canada was established in memory of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and all



Newfoundlanders who fought in the Great War, particularly those with no known grave. The site is located nine kilometres north of the town of Albert.

On the first day of the Battle of the Somme, July 1, 1916, the First Battalion of the Newfoundland Regiment sustained staggering casualties (86 percent of its full strength). Only one other battalion sustained heavier casualties.

On a mound surrounded by rock and shrubs native to Newfoundland, stands a great bronze caribou, the emblem of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. At the base of the mound, three bronze tablets carry the names of 820 Newfoundlanders who gave their lives in the First World War and have no known grave.

A multi-media exhibit in the Visitor Centre explains the social circumstances of Newfoundland at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and traces the history of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment from its formation in 1914 to the end of the war.

Canadian students provide tours of the preserved trench lines and terrain, unique across the Western Front, explaining the battlefield and Newfoundland's involvement.

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## THE JUNO BEACH CENTRE

**Owned and operated by the Juno Beach Centre Association**

The only Canadian museum on the D-Day landing beaches, the Juno Beach Centre is located in Courseulles-sur-Mer on the historic beach of the Canadian D-Day landings of June 6, 1944. The Juno Beach Centre presents Canada's participation throughout the entire Second World War, both in military operations and on the home front.

The Juno Beach Centre pays homage to the nearly 45,000 Canadians who died during the Second World War, of which 5,500 lost their lives during the Battle of Normandy and 359 on D-Day.

At the Juno Beach Centre, visitors will be greeted by Canadian guides before visiting the museum's permanent and temporary exhibits, including an interactive circuit for children. Visitors will also be offered guided tours of the beach, including the remains of the Atlantic Wall.



### Hours of Operation

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February	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
March	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
April to September	9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
October	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
November to December	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Entrance Fees

**Note:** Reduced rates are available for adults and school groups of more than 20.

### Juno Beach Centre

Full rate: 6,50€      Reduced rate: 5€  
 Temporary exhibit only: 2,50€

### Juno Beach Centre + Juno Park

Full rate: 10€      Reduced rate: 8€

### For information or reservations

Telephone from Canada: **011 33 231 37 32 17**  
 Telephone from France: **02 31 37 32 17**  
 E-mail: **contact@junobeach.org**

### TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

For specific travel directions to these and other memorial sites in Europe, please visit the “Canada Remembers” section of the Veterans Affairs Canada Web site at **www.vac-acc.gc.ca** and click on “Memorials,” then “Travel Directions.”

### TRAVEL TIMES BETWEEN MEMORIAL SITES

	Vimy	Beaumont-Hamel
Vimy		0:45
Beaumont-Hamel	0:45	
Juno Beach	3:45	4:30

### OTHER FIRST AND SECOND WORLD WAR MEMORIALS AND CEMETERIES IN EUROPE

In addition to those listed in this brochure, there are a number of other Canadian memorials and cemeteries in Europe which commemorate the contribution and sacrifices of Canadian service men and women.

For information about those sites and travel directions, please visit the “Canada Remembers” section of the Veterans Affairs Canada Web site at **www.vac-acc.gc.ca** and click on “Memorials.”

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