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MEET YOUR 2016 TOUR GUIDES...



JAMES SCOTT-CLARKE was commissioned into The Grenadier Guards. Over the next 20 years he served with his regiment in Germany, Berlin, Hong Kong, Kenya, Bosnia and the Sudan. James also had a variety of desk and command jobs within the United Kingdom and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1991. He was at the NATO HQ in Mons in Belgium for three years. He retired from the Army at the end of 2008, and that year bought a house in Normandy. Since then James has devoted much of his time in getting to know the area, both culturally and in studying the D-Day Battlefields. He has carried out regular D-Day and Battle of Normandy tours for groups, mainly from the USA. James has a special interest in the US 82nd & 101st Airborne & US 1st & 29th Infantry Divisions.



PETER GASGOYNE-LOCKWOOD After leaving school joined the British Army and served in many parts of the world. In 1992 he moved to Virginia and over the next two years visited most the major battlefields. Later he met with the publisher of the Civil War Magazine and it was through him that he was invited to write a battlefield guidebook, "Virginia's Civil War Battlefields" was published in 1995. Battlefield tours and lectures followed. On his return to the UK in 1996, he represented the Civil War Society in Europe and led their first tour from the USA to Great Britain. Since then he has guided over 30 American Civil War tours as well as many WW1 and WW2 and history themed tours in Europe.



NEIL MANGUM Neil is a career public historian and well known lecturer on the Indian Wars. He grew up near the Petersburg Battlefield in Virginia and had an early interest in history as a re-encactor. He has an M.A. in history from the University of New Mexico and is the author of the Battle of the Rosebud, Prelude to the Little Big Horn. Neil is a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Little Big Horn. He worked for the National Park Service for many years, retiring in 2003.

THE LEGENDARY PANCHO VILLA:

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY AND THE 180TH COMMEMORATION OF THE ALAMO AND GOLIAD

MARCH 4 – 12

Welcome to one of America's most vibrant cities, San Antonio where we will study the life changing highlight of the Texas War of Independence in 1836; and America's most famous bandit who engaged Black Jack Pershing and Patton in 1916. Along the way enjoy a remote and forgotten part of the old American west.



DAY 1: Fly from London via and entry port city to San Antonio, Texas where you will be met and escorted to your hotel.

DAY 2: Visit "Come and Get it" Museum at Gonzales where the first shot of Texas War of Independence was fired; we visit the Coleto battlefield. We will finish the day visiting the site of the Goliad massacre where Fannin was executed en route to the Alamo. Overnight San Antonio.

DAY 3: Start with the commemorative activities at the Alamo and then move along the old route west to El Paso via Del Rio. Along the way we will stop at Fort Clark, Alamo Village and the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery. Overnight Del Rio

DAY 4: Old West day as we visit Langtry home of Hanging Judge Roy Bean and learn the legend of Lilly Langtry. This area west of the Pecos defined the west. We will explore the pristine beauty of Big Bend National Park and end the day in Alpine at the Sul Ross State University Museum. Overnight Alpine.

DAY 5: We will visit the remote Fort Davis historic site and private land where Camp Holland was established and will finish the day at San Elzario site of one of the worst race wars in US history. Overnight El Paso.

DAY 6: We will take in the 100th Commemorative activities at Pancho Villa State Park in Columbus, New Mexico. We will also visit the ancient and historic Mesilla plaza. Overnight Fort Stockton.

DAY 7: We turn back to San Antonio by a northerly route visiting Fort Lancaster, Fort McKavett and the historic German town of Fredericksburg, Texas home of the War in the Pacific Museum and Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz. Overnight San Antonio.

DAY 8: Returning to San Antonio we will visit the largest remaining mission: San Jose, in the west. We will close with the battle of Mission Conception a key prelude of the Alamo; and the Siege of Bexar which took place in December 1835.

DAY 9: Arrive London Heathrow early morning.

PRICE PER PERSON: **£2,495.00**

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

DEPOSIT PER PERSON: **£150.00**

AIR TRAVEL INCLUDED

GUIDE: NEIL MAGNUM

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR: WAR ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

MAY 14 – 27

Vital to the Confederate states, the Mississippi River was a source of hogs, hominy and soldiers to the fledgling nation. It was also the natural highway for the north-western states of the Union to ship their farmers' goods to the east and to import technology from the outside world. The river was critical to both sides. It had to be taken by the North to win the war. It had to be held by the Southerners from the cities and forts along the river.

DAY 1: Flight from London to Memphis, Tennessee. Overnight Memphis.

DAY 2: Morning in Memphis – pm Fort Pillow. Overnight Memphis.

DAY 3: A chance to visit 'Gracelands' Elvis Presley's home and other music related parts of this vibrant music city. Overnight Memphis.

DAY 4: Helena to the Yazoo Pass Expedition - Fort Pemberton, Overnight Greenwood.

DAY 5: Yazoo City & C.S.S. Arkansas was fitted out - Chickasaw Bluffs. Overnight Vicksburg.

DAY 6: To Grand Gulf - Port Gibson Battlefield – Windsor, Bethel Church, Shaifer House to Grindstone Ford where Grant flanked Grand Gulf by crossing Bayou Pierre. Next to Rocky Springs and Dillon Farm - Raymond Battlefield. Overnight Vicksburg.

DAY 7: The state capitol Jackson - Grant's HQ at Clinton, Greenwood Plantation - the battle of Champion Hill - Coker house site. The Big Black Bridge Battlefield - Walnut Hills (Chickasaw Bayou) Overnight Vicksburg.

DAY 8: Visit the siege lines within the National Military Park, illustrating the mighty 47 day long struggle of 1863. We also visit the preserved USS Cairo. Overnight Vicksburg.

DAY 9: Louisiana and Grant's canal dug in an effort to by-pass the city's fearsome batteries - visit to Natchez - Port Hudson. Overnight Baton Rouge.

DAY 10: Louisiana State Capitol, built by governor, Huey Long, in the 30's - Magnolia cemetery and trace the route of the August 1862 battle. Overnight New Orleans.

DAY 11: The Memorial Hall of the Confederacy. - Tour Butler's' Civil War New Orleans. Overnight New Orleans.

DAY 12: New Orleans's excellent military D Day museum, the rest of the days is yours. Overnight New Orleans.

DAY 13: Depart hotel for airport and flight home.

DAY 14: Arrive London Heathrow early morning.



PRICE PER PERSON: £2,795.00

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

DEPOSIT PER PERSON: £150.00

AIR TRAVEL INCLUDED

GUIDE: PETER GASGOYNE-LOCKWOOD

'YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK & GEORGE CUSTER & THE BATTLE OF LITTLE BIG HORN'

MAY 23 – 31

America's most flamboyant warrior may very well be George Custer who died with his men on the stark hills surrounding the Little Big Horn River 140 years ago. Ride on that fateful mission with Old Country Tours and the USA's leading expert, Neil Mangum in an exciting programme that includes Buffalo Bill Cody and Yellowstone National Park.

DAY 1: Depart London Heathrow for Billings, Montana (one internal transfer flight) where you will be greeted at the airport by your USA hosts. Overnight Billings

DAY 2: Today head to Yellowstone stopping en route at the Canyon Creek battlefield where Custer's 7th Cavalry engaged the Nez Perce Indians and Calamity Jane was a nurse. Yellowstone attractions include Ft. Yellowstone, Mud Pots and of course "Old Faithful Overnight near Yellowstone.

DAY 3: Yellowstone is one of America's greatest natural parks and you will want to have your cameras out as we spend the morning in the park. This afternoon we will visit the legendary showman Buffalo Bill Cody's world including his museum in Cody, Wyoming. Overnight Cody.

DAY 4: We will turn towards the Little Big Horn Campaign today stopping at Medicine Wheel National Historic Site a sacred site for Arapahoe and Crow youth paying tribute to Mother Earth. Indian combat actions will include Sibley's Fight July 7, 1876; Sawyer's Fight August 1865; Connor August 1865; Fort Phil Kearny, the Fetterman Massacre and the fight at Wagon Box. Overnight Sheridan.

DAY 5: Open with the site of Crazy Horse's last fight at Wolf Mountain and then spend the remainder of the day at the pristine Rosebud Battlefield site. Overnight Billings.

DAY 6: Today we will follow Custer's approach along the Rosebud stopping at both soldier and Sioux/Cheyenne Camps. We will have special access to the sacred and important site known as Deer Medicine Rock. Overnight Billings.

DAY 7: Today is spent on the Little Big Horn Battlefield starting with Custer's approach along Reno Creek. Examine the tactics of distracting the Indians with a frontal approach while Custer split his forces and circled around the encampment. We will experience the Reno fight and then follow Custer into his battle and destruction on the ridges and valleys leading to "Last Stand Hill." Overnight Billings

DAY 8: Return flight from Billings (one internal transfer flight)

DAY 9: Arrive London Heathrow early morning.

PRICE PER PERSON: £2,795.00

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

DEPOSIT PER PERSON: £150.00

AIR TRAVEL INCLUDED

GUIDE: NEIL MANGUM

OPERATION OVERLORD & D-DAY

JUNE 3 – 7

The invasion of Normandy by Allied forces on the 6th of June 1944 was the Western Allies most critical operation of the war. The fifty miles of Normandy coastline across which Operation Overlord was launched is one of the most important battlefields of the Second World War. If the attack had failed, and Hitler's Wehrmacht had succeeded in pushing the invaders back into the sea, then the whole course of the Second World War would have altered. This tour helps you to see some of the realities of Operation Overlord by visiting the beaches and battlefields of Normandy. It takes in the principal landing sites, museums and monuments on one of the best-preserved battlefields of the 1939 - 45 war.



DAY 1: Depart Portsmouth (afternoon sailing) for Caen. Overnight Bayeux.

DAY 2: We commence the day by a visit to the British eastern flank 6th Airborne Division landing grounds at Ranville and Benouville ("Pegasus Bridge") then on to the Merville Battery. We travel west via "Sword" beach (3rd British Division), and Colville-Montgomery to "Juno", the (3rd Canadian Division) beach at Bernieres and St Aubin. 2nd night Bayeux.

DAY 3: To Gold Beach, 50th British Division, and Arromanches. Visit the cliff top bunkers and blockhouses and look out over the remains of the Mulberry floating harbour. Visit to the Landings Museum on the seafront. After lunch we drive to Bayeux where you will have an opportunity to visit the Bayeux Tapestry. 3rd night Bayeux.

DAY 4: This morning we drive west towards the American landing beaches, crossing the Douve Canal at Carentan, heading for Sainte Mere Eglise, in this area were the

landing zones for the US 82nd & 101st Airborne Divisions. Visit to the Airborne Troops Museum in Ste Mere Eglise. Travel to Utah Beach, US 4th Division, where General Theodore Roosevelt was awarded the Medal of Honor. Visit the battle scarred Ranger bunkers and monument at Pointe du Hoc. Finally we visit Omaha Beach, 1st & 29th US Divisions, & the American Battle Monuments Normandy Cemetery at Colleville. 4th night Bayeux.

DAY 5: Before leaving for home we will visit the Bayeux Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery (4,144 graves) and lay a wreath in remembrance to all who gave their lives during the Normandy Campaign. Return from Caen to Portsmouth.

PRICE PER PERSON: £635.00

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: £120.00

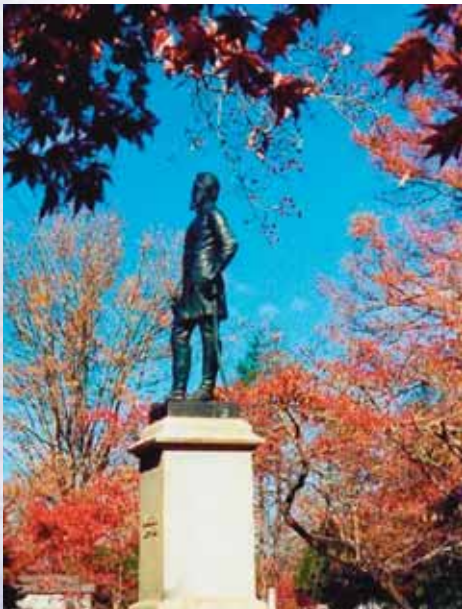
DEPOSIT PER PERSON: £65.00

GUIDE: JAMES SCOTT-CLARKE

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR: 'THOMAS J. 'STONEWALL' JACKSON'S LONG GRAY TRAIL'

AUGUST 13 – 24

Thomas Jackson was born the third child of Jonathan Jackson and Julia Neal in Clarksburg, Virginia (now West Virginia). His early life was beset by poverty and misery but this appears to have made the young man a fighter. He was a quiet introspective child, lacking a formal education but once he set his mind to something, nothing barred his way. This lack of education hindered his early time at West Point where he was not seen as a leader. However, his patience and perseverance were noted by more than a few of his tutors. Once war came Jackson would become one of the best known commanders of the conflict and his Valley campaign was still studied in military establishments until the 1970's. This tour will take you in the footsteps of T. J. Jackson.



- DAY 1:** Depart London Heathrow to Dulles Washington where you will be met by your tour manager/guide. Overnight Manassas.
- DAY 2:** The day begins with a visit and walk around the field of First Manassas where Jackson earned his famous sobriquet of "Stonewall" on 21 July 1861. After lunch we visit the Second Battle of Manassas. Overnight Harpers Ferry.
- DAY 3:** Travel to Harpers Ferry. Jackson was at Harpers Ferry in 1859 during the John Brown trial and commanded troops under Gen. Johnson in 1861, that same year he led forces with JEB Stuart against union troops commanded by Patterson at Falling Waters. In September 1862, during the Antietam campaign Jackson forced the Union garrison of over 12,000 men to surrender at Harpers Ferry. Overnight Harpers Ferry.

- DAY 4:** Lee's first invasion of the North ended in the fields and lanes surrounding the small Maryland town of Sharpsburg on 17 September 1862. Jackson and his command were pivotal in the early fighting, holding the line and denying the Union army victory. We spend this day walking and studying the Antietam Battlefield. Overnight Winchester.
- DAY 5:** During the winter of 1861/62 he assumed command in Winchester and led various operations against several sites in Morgan County and to Romney in Hampshire County. Overnight Winchester.
- DAY 6:** Winchester changed hands a number of times during the war and was Jackson's HQ over the winter of 1861/62. We shall spend the day visiting his HQ, the Confederate Cemetery and the battlefield of First Winchester. Overnight Winchester.



DAY 7: The First battle of Kernstown 23 March 1862 (his only defeat) is seen by many as the start of Jackson's Valley campaign and was Jackson's unluckiest day - due to faulty intelligence he attacked a rear guard larger than his own command. On our way 'up' the Shenandoah Valley we go via Front Royal where on 23 May 1862 he defeated a Federal force in which troops from Maryland fought on both sides. We then drive south through Page County and over the New Market Gap. Overnight Harrisonburg.

DAY 8: We visit the site of Jackson's double victories at Port Republic and Cross Keys and the monument to Turner Ashby Jackson's cavalry commander until his death in June 1862. Overnight Lexington.

DAY 9: This morning we visit the last resting places of Jackson and Gen. R.E. Lee, the Virginia Military Institute Museum (where Jackson taught prior to the outbreak of the war) & the Jackson House. Overnight Fredericksburg.

DAY 10: Today we will visit the battle of Fredericksburg, where Jackson's troops were positioned on the right of the Confederate 7 mile line. After lunch we drive to Chancellorsville which was Lee and Jackson's greatest victory. That evening whilst on reconnaissance Jackson was mortally wounded. Overnight Fredericksburg.

DAY 11: This morning we will visit Guinea Station where on 10 May 1863 Gen. 'Stonewall' Jackson died, before driving to Dulles airport to catch an early evening flight.

DAY 12: Arrive London Heathrow early morning.

*'If this Valley is lost,
Virginia is lost'*

Stonewall Jackson

PRICE PER PERSON: **£2,505.00**

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

DEPOSIT PER PERSON: **£150.00**

AIR TRAVEL INCLUDED

GUIDE: PETER GASGOYNE-LOCKWOOD

NORMANDY CAMPAIGN: 'THE ROADS TO FALAISE'

SEPTEMBER 2 - 6

This tour follows the Allied left flank from the beaches into the 'bocage' and out onto the "Falaise Plain". From the Suffolk's successful D Day assault on the German strongpoint "Hillman", to the "Bieville Ridge" where the 21st Panzer halted drive on Caen. Follow the savage action as the Canadians clash with the 12th SS around Carpiquet airfield. We visit "Villers Bocage" where "Wittman" and his Tigers rout a British armoured Brigade. As the tide turns the "Epsom" offensive sees the capture of Hill 112. Operation Goodwood will lead to the German Army eventually withdrawing from Normandy with high losses in both men and equipment.

DAY 1: Assemble at Portsmouth Harbour to catch the afternoon ferry to Caen/Ouistreham. Overnight Hotel Caen.

DAY 2: This morning is spent visiting some of the locations of actions fought by Third British Infantry Division following the landings at Sword Beach. We begin with a look at the engagement at strong point 'Hillman' by the Suffolk Regiment. We move on to the Bieville Ridge where the attempt to reach Caen by the Kings Shropshire Light Infantry and Staffordshire Yeomanry was brought to a halt by 21st Panzer Division. Finally we examine the actions of the Warwickshire Regiment around Leбіsey. After lunch to Pegasus Bridge to discuss the defence of the bridge against the German counterattacks. Overnight Hotel Caen.

DAY 3: This morning we will trace some of the bitter Canadian actions fought against 12th SS Panzer Division around Carpiquet. We shall then proceed to Villers Bocage where we will make a study of the single-handed assault by Obersturmführer Michael Wittman against 22nd Armoured Brigade of 7th Armoured Division ("The Desert Rats"). This afternoon, we examine the "Epsom" offensive with stops at some of the more prominent sites e.g. Cheux and St. Mauvieu. We then drive to Hill 112 where a detailed study will be made of the intensive fighting by 43rd Wessex Division against the SS Panzers. Overnight Hotel Caen.

DAY 4: We begin the morning with a look at the great Armoured offensive - "Operation Goodwood". We then drive on to Falaise where we will visit the castle of William the Conqueror. The afternoon is devoted to the Battle for the Falaise Gap, the

climactic engagement of the whole campaign. We travel via Trun and Chambois to St. Lambert where we look at the action of Major Currie of the Canadian Army for which he was awarded the Victoria Cross. We conclude at Mont Ormel the scene of the heroic stand by the Polish Armoured Division. Overnight Hotel Caen.

DAY 5: A chance for you to explore Caen before returning late morning to Ouistreham for the return ferry to Portsmouth.

PRICE PER PERSON: £685.00

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: £120.00

DEPOSIT PER PERSON: £50.00

GUIDE: TIM SAUNDERS

OUR MOST POPULAR TOUR NOW IN IT'S 19TH YEAR!

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR: 'THE EASTERN THEATRE CAMPAIGNS'

SEPTEMBER 10 – 23

In April 1861 the North & South went to war. Nobody where ever they lived could have visualized that it would end four years later, with the deaths of over 600,000 Americans. At Manassas in July 1861, the armies met at the first major battle. Mainly volunteers, these citizens, fighting for what they believed in, experienced the horror of war for the first time. Over the next three years, the Federals advanced, were repulsed and withdrew. It was not until early 1864, when General U S Grant took command that Union might and resources began to grind the Confederates down. Perseverance, bravery and industrial strength finally overwhelmed the South. In early April 1865 it was all over at Appomattox Court House.

DAY 1: Fly in to Washington Dulles.
Overnight Manassas.

DAY 2: Manassas Battlefield (1st & 2nd Battles of Bull Run). Overnight Fredericksburg.

DAY 3: Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville.
Overnight Fredericksburg.

DAY 4: Drive to Harpers Ferry. Antietam Battlefield.
Overnight Gettysburg.

DAY 5: Day 1 Battle of Gettysburg.
Overnight Gettysburg.

DAY 6: Day 2 Battle of Gettysburg.
Overnight Gettysburg.

DAY 7: Day 3 Battle of Gettysburg.
Overnight Winchester.

DAY 8: Winchester, Cedar Creek and New Market Battlefields.
Overnight New Market.

DAY 9: Wilderness and Spotsylvania Battlefields.
Overnight Richmond.

DAY 10: Tredegar Ironworks, Gaines Mill, Cold Harbor, Malvern Hill, Confederate Museum, and White House of the Confederacy. Overnight Richmond.

DAY 11: Drewry's Bluff; City Point; Petersburg Battlefield. Overnight Appomattox.

DAY 12: Appomattox Court House.
Overnight Northern Virginia.

DAY 13: Arlington Cemetery, Washington DC.
Late afternoon flight.

DAY 14: Arrive London Heathrow early morning.

*'It is well that war is so terrible,
or we should grow too fond of it'*

Gen Robert E Lee



PRICE PER PERSON: **£2,695.00**

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

DEPOSIT PER PERSON: **£150.00**

AIR TRAVEL INCLUDED

GUIDE: PETER GASGOYNE-LOCKWOOD

'GET YOUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66'

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 11

Join us for the ultimate American Road Trip. Route 66 was America's iconic motorway in the 20th century and it evokes memories of a time when a ride through the American countryside was the very definition of freedom. Led by popular historian Neil Mangum, this is a New World trip for a lifetime! Along the way enjoy video episodes from the television series.

- DAY 1:** Arrive in Chicago on your flight from London. Overnight Chicago.
- DAY 2:** Travel to Springfield, Illinois home of Abraham Lincoln while passing or stopping at a variety of memorable landmarks such as gangster Al Capone's headquarters, the Palmer House where Major Reno's (Little Big Horn) Court of Inquiry was held, Ambler's Texaco Station and the first ever truck stop on Route 66: Dixie Trucker's Home. In Springfield you will walk in Lincoln's footsteps and visit his tomb. Overnight Springfield.
- DAY 3:** Travel to St. Louis: A short day today with plenty of photo opportunities along original segments of Route 66 including the original brick road; walk the Chain of Rocks Bridge across the mighty Mississippi River, visit the courthouse where the Dred Scott slave case was heard and visit the St. Louis Arch. Overnight St. Louis.



- DAY 4:** Travel to Joplin, Missouri. Several years ago Joplin was destroyed by a massive tornado; see its miracle reconstruction a tribute to American spirit in the face of adversity. Along the way enjoy plentiful photo opportunities and visit Meramec Caverns where Jesse James and his gang hid out. You will also visit some of the first battles of the Civil War at Wilson's Creek and Carthage. Overnight Joplin.
- DAY 5:** Travel to Oklahoma City. Note the distinct change in landscape with prairie photo opportunities and a drive through the Galena, Kansas historic district and a visit to Baxter Springs Civil War battlefield, site of a famous massacre led by the notorious bushwhackers, Bloody Bill Anderson and William Quantrill. We will also visit the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and the sobering Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial. Overnight Oklahoma City.



'The ultimate American road trip'

DAY 6: Travel to Amarillo. Visit Fort Reno and the Route 66 Museum and several historic Route 66 districts in Elk City and Sayre, visit the Washita Battlefield, site of one of George Custer's most controversial Indian Wars battles. Dinner at the legendary Big Texan. Overnight Amarillo.

DAY 7: Travel to Albuquerque. En route visit the second largest canyon in the US at Palo Duro and see the Indian Wars battle of fought there. Visit Vega Hotel and Park Lake and Glenrio Historic Districts, walk Old Town Albuquerque. Overnight Albuquerque.

DAY 8: Travel to Williams, Arizona. The scenery turns to wilderness beauty as we tour Acoma Pueblo and Painted Desert National Monument. Magnificent photo opportunities include Rio Puerco Bridge, Wigwam Village and Holbrook's La Posada Historic District. We will have lunch in the Fred Harvey House. The day concludes with a tour of Meteor Crater. Overnight Williams.

DAY 9: Take the Grand Canyon Railroad and spend the day touring the Grand Canyon. Overnight Williams.

DAY 10: Travel to Needles, California. Today we visit the Seligman historic district and Peach Springs Trading Post. There will be plenty of photo ops as we head towards the Route 66 Museum in Kingman and then drive through Oatman. Overnight Needles.

DAY 11: Our tour culminates with seven different photo opportunities including El Garces, the Harvey House Railroad Depot, Wigwam Village #7, Aztec Hotel, Foothill Boulevard in Pasadena, Arroyo Seco Parkway arriving at Santa Monica Pier where we will get our certificates certifying we travelled the length of US Route 66. Transfer to Los Angeles International Airport for an overnight flight to London Heathrow.

DAY 12: Arrive London Heathrow early morning.

PRICE PER PERSON: £3,750.00

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

DEPOSIT PER PERSON: £150.00

AIR TRAVEL INCLUDED

GUIDE: NEIL MANGUM

'BATTLE OF THE SOMME'

OCTOBER 7 – 10

The Battle of the Somme started disastrously on the 1st July 1916, a day which has become known as the British Army's 'Blackest Day', with nearly 60,000 casualties of whom almost 20,000 died. The battle continued until 17 November, during which time the losses continued to mount. But at the same time lessons were learned, tactics changed and new equipments deployed, and by the end of 1916, through the 'school of hard knocks', the British Army was much better prepared to continue the war, and to ultimately achieve victory in 1918. This tour will start by looking at the disastrous 'First Day' of the battle and the bleeding of the Kitchener's Pals battalions, before examining how new tactics and inventions such as the tank.

DAY 1: Meet at the Union Jack Club Waterloo and depart for France via Folkestone. Overnight Hotel IBIS Arras.

DAY 2: October The First Day of the Somme - 1 July 1916. Serre to explore the stories of Pals battalions - Beaumont Hamel to visit the 'Sunken Lane' Hawthorn Ridge Crater, and learn a little about how the battle was recorded on film - Newfoundland Park to explore the story of the Empire's contribution to World War One - Ulster Tower where we will look at the Schwaben Redoubt and examine the contribution of the Irish Divisions - Lochnagar Crater to explore the story of how mines were used. Overnight Hotel IBIS Arras.

DAY 3: The remaining months of the Battle of the Somme - July to November 1916 Delville Wood to consider the South African contribution Pozieres to look at the Australian battles and the Tank Regiment Memorial Longueval to discuss the Dawn Attack of 14 July 1916 Flers to talk about the introduction of tanks and follow the first tank attack of September 1916 Fricourt German cemetery - Thiepval Memorial. Overnight Hotel IBIS Arras.

DAY 4: Visit to the Faubourg d'amiens Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery Arras - Wellington Quarry underground tunnels used in World War 1. Drive to Calais and return to London.



'The Battle of the Somme was to become known as the British Army's 'Blackest Day', with nearly 60,000 casualties of whom almost 20,000 died'

PRICE PER PERSON: **£415.00**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: **£110.00**
DEPOSIT PER PERSON: **£75.00**

GUIDE: IAIN STANDEN



‘Reflections on the ACW - the Good, the Bad and the Grey’

1-3 April 2016, De Vere Conference Centre, Ascot

Professor Peter Carmichael

Director of the Civil War Institute, Gettysburg College

‘The Lost Cause’

Professor Aaron Sheehan-Dean

Professor of Southern Studies, Louisiana State University

‘How the war was fought’

Other speakers & topics to be announced

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The American Civil War Round Table United Kingdom is one of a large number throughout the world dedicated to the study of all aspects of the Civil War. The members come from all walks of life. Their interests cover all areas from military to political study, from social and economic evolution to transportation and foreign relations.

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NORTH WEST EUROPE CAMPAIGNS 1944/45



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Signature: _____ Date: _____



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. PAYMENT SECURITY

- a. Your payment is deposited into a Trust Account as set up by Old Country Tours bankers Lloyds TSB following the European guidelines for this form of account.
- b. Any concerns or complaints should be received in writing within 14 days of the completion of a tour.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. We reserve the right to adjust the cost of the tour if the current rate of exchange used to quote for a trip is affected by major currency fluctuations. The exchange rate has been calculated at £ 1.00 = 1.25 euros
£ 1.00 = \$ 1.50 (OCT 2015)
- b. Baggage; No responsibility is incurred by OCT for loss or damage to baggage or any of the passengers' belongings.
- c. Please note that, for the safety and well-being of the group, smoking is not permitted on the vehicle at any time.
- d. Our hotels will be as listed prior to travel; however we reserve the right to substitute a hotel if required, to meet our standards.
- e. Meals are **NOT** included except breakfast, lunches & dinners where indicated
- f. Travel insurance is highly recommended.
- g. When air travel is included, the tickets will be supplied by an ATOL licensed company.

3. DEPOSITS, FINAL PAYMENT AND CANCELLATIONS;

- a. Deposits as per tour page.
- b. The balance of payment is due not later than 56 days before travel.
- c. This payment to be made by cheque (**only**) to Old Country Tours Inc.
- d. Cancellations, for unforeseen and valid reasons in advance of **departure (48 days plus)** are entitled to a full refund less an administration fee of **£ 50.00** per person. Cancellations close to the tour will result in charges and penalties assessed against OCT by hotels, transportation companies and other service suppliers. Therefore: If a cancellation occurs **30 to 40 days** prior to departure, final payment will be refunded less **£100** per person.
22 - 30 days refund of tour cost less 40% per person.
8 - 22 days refund of tour cost less 75% per person.
7 days or less no refund.
NOTE: Most air fares when purchased are non refundable.

All cancellations should be in writing and will not be accepted unless acknowledged in writing by Old Country Tours Inc.





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