

## Join our expert Nick Lloyd



Nick Lloyd—specialises in British military and imperial history in the era of the Great War and is the author of several books. More recently he has published *Passchendaele*, to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Third battle of Ypres, a most compelling and comprehensive account of the climax of trench warfare on the Western Front. During the cruise departing on the 26, 27th April, Nick will be our guest speaker after dinner on one evening and he will also join one of our excursions to Ypres & Ploegsteert. Each booking made for this cruise will receive a signed copy of his book.

Plugstreet Memorial to the Missing

# Battlefields & Stories of the Great War

## aboard ms Serenity

One hundred years after the end of the First World War, join our commemorative cruise to explore the stories around the battlefields of the Western Front. Mons is particularly symbolic for Britain as it was where our first and last soldier died, so we take some time to visit their graves and hear about their stories at the Mons Memorial Museum. A guided tour of Antwerp then reveals what life was like for the citizens of this city. We also visit Ypres, which was at the heart of the salient, before exploring the area known to our troops as Plugstreet. And as we walk around these now beautiful places, it can be hard to believe what happened all those years ago; but it's vital we remember.

### Day 1: UK – Amsterdam

We travel to vibrant capital of Amsterdam, and enjoy a relaxing evening onboard our ship.

### Day 2: Kinderdijk & Dordrecht

This morning we reach the village of Kinderdijk, which is renowned for its 19 beautifully preserved windmills. Our optional excursion takes you ashore to visit one of the mills. We continue cruising to Dordrecht and enjoy an afternoon at leisure or you can visit the nearby city of Delft on our optional excursion to Royal Delft. Later in the day you can relax onboard as we cruise towards Brussels.

### Day 3: Brussels

Today's included excursion visits the town of Mons, where the first and last British soldiers died in the First World War. You can learn more about their stories along with the history of the area at the Mons Memorial Museum where entrance is included. We also visit St Symphorien Cemetery on the outskirts of the town where 284 German graves and 229 Commonwealth graves lie. In the afternoon we visit Brussels, which has a stunning medieval old town. Later today we cruise towards Antwerp.

### Day 4: Antwerp

We start the day with an optional guided tour which looks at the position of the people of Antwerp during the First World War. You are then free to explore the city at leisure. The Grote Markt is a great place to while away time, whilst admiring the many guildhalls and the centrepiece fountain.

### Day 5: Ghent

Ghent is a fairytale city filled with medieval buildings, monuments and canals. From here our included excursion takes you to Ypres. We visit the Menin Gate, where the names of 54,896 missing soldiers are engraved, and entrance is also included



to the In Flanders Fields Museum. Next we visit the Plugstreet (Ploegsteert) Memorial to the Missing and Hyde Park Corner Cemetery before heading to the Plugstreet 14-18 Experience. A packed lunch is included. Alternatively you can spend the day in Ghent.

### Day 6: Rotterdam

Rotterdam is known as 'Manhattan on the Meuse' because of its impressive skyline. Join our optional excursion to enjoy some of the highlights: take a trip up the Euromast observation tower where you can see as far as Antwerp on a clear day, followed by a visit to the curious cube houses.

### Day 7: Amsterdam – UK

We bid farewell to the captain and his crew after breakfast and set off on the return journey.



Menin Gate

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### YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

- Six nights' cruise on a full board basis
- Excursions: Mons & St Symphorien, Antwerp during the Great War, Ypres & Ploegsteert
- For included visits see itinerary
- Services of a Cruise Manager

#### BY COACH

- Coach travel to the port from your local area
- Ferry crossing from Dover, Hull or Harwich
- Hull: Two nights' overnight ferry crossings with cabin accommodation

#### BY RAIL

- Travel by Eurostar from London St Pancras
- Connecting rail journeys
- Coach transfers between station and ship

#### BY AIR

- Return flights from Heathrow. Prices are subject to change and availability and will be confirmed at the time of booking
- Coach transfers between airport and ship

For more travel arrangement details see pages 30 & 31

### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

- Windmills of Kinderdijk.....£17
- Delft & the Royal Delft Pottery.....£24
- Antwerp guided tour.....£21
- Rotterdam skyline.....£21

Pre-book package price

£51

Saving per person

£11

2018 dates	No. of days	Coach routes	Ferry crossing/ train station/ airport
2 April	9	H3	Hull
3 April	7	D1 D2	Dover
3 April	7	HAR	Harwich
3 April	7	-	St Pancras
3 April	7	-	LHR
26 April	9	H1 H4	Hull
27 April	7	D3 D4	Dover
27 April	7	-	St Pancras
27 April	7	-	LHR

### HOLIDAY PRICES

Tour code: AMBR

COACH INCLUSIVE - from £829 per person			
Dates	Deck	Coach via Dover/ Harwich 7 days	Coach via Hull 9 days
2, 3 April	Main	£829	£979
	Middle	£929	£1079
	Panorama	£1029	£1179
26, 27 April	Main	£879	£1029
	Middle	£979	£1129
	Panorama	£1079	£1229

AIR & RAIL INCLUSIVE - from £1019 per person				
Dates	Deck	Air 7 days	Rail 7 days	Join at Ship 7 days
3 April	Main	£1019	£1069	£759
	Middle	£1119	£1169	£859
	Panorama	£1219	£1269	£959
27 April	Main	£1069	£1219	£809
	Middle	£1169	£1319	£909
	Panorama	£1269	£1419	£1009

For deck plan and cabin occupancy see page 7. Single occupancy 50% supplement. For airport key see page 3

INSURANCE & DEPOSITS – see page 32 for details