

North of France

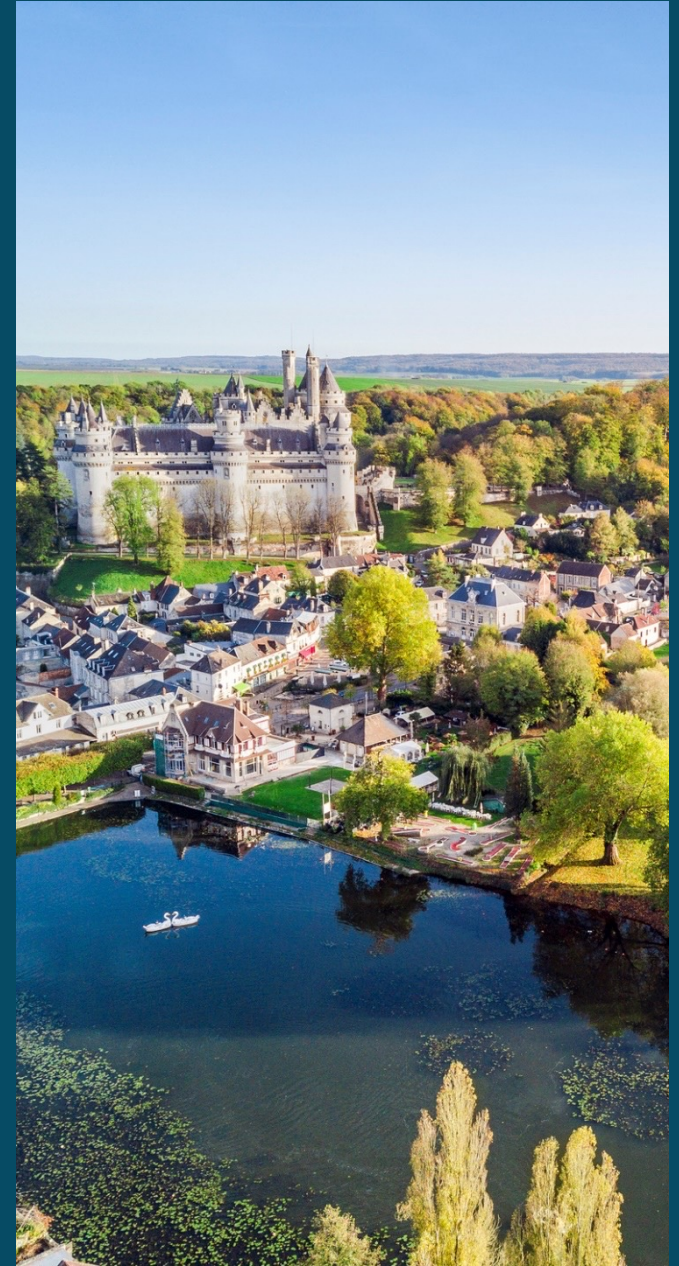
Bloody battles raged in North Of France during both World Wars. To this day, the scarred region bears witness to the furies of War. Do you feel the need to reach back to those roots? Feel a call to go honor the fallen in those desperate times? Interested in learning more about that world-shaping moment that took place 100 years ago?

Perhaps you'd also like to rejoice in the resilience and warmth of the welcoming inhabitants of the North Of France. Not to mention the hearty, binding culinary heritage that endures to this day!

With Finding France, you'll travel as a small, intimate group to experience the region. Moreover, tailor-made events and opportunities will make the 1 to 8-day stay a unique and memorable lifetime experience.

Here is what 3 days starting from Paris could feel like:

- [DAY 1: Amiens and Vimy](#)
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- [DAY 3: Pierrefonds - Rethondes - Compiègne](#)





3 DAY TOUR

Discover North of France

Suggested itinerary for 3 days in North of France. Departures depend on the availability of producers and artisans

DAY 1: AMIENS AND VIMY

MORNING

- Enter a local market and meet local producers (cheesemakers, vegetable growers, livestock breeders...)
- In Amiens, visit the largest cathedral of France – twice as large as the famed Notre-Dame in Paris.
- Learn to craft your very own chocolates with Luc, chef in a local chocolate Delicatessen shop. Nibble a few of the original Amiens macaroons, made popular by Catherine de Médicis in the XVIth century.
- Gourmet meal for lunch in a charming restaurant.

AFTERNOON

- In Vimy, honor the Canadian soldiers who fell in battle in France during World War I. Join in on a guided tour of the memorial and bunker down in the trenches.
- Meet a local cow cheese maker and visit both farm and processing facilities. He'll explain how milk is turned into creamy cheese and butter.
- Timeless setting for the night in an exceptional residence. For instance, a Belle Epoque Manor, which bears witness to the history, literary and artistic heritage dating back to the previous century.

AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Ride a small skiff in the “hortillonnages” in Amiens. These are a patchwork of bayous where owners have been tending fully organic vegetable patches since the Middle Ages.
- Discover the Saint-Leu district in Amiens, nicknamed “the Venice of the North”, with its ancient houses bordering waterways.
- Tour a snail farm.
- Visit the farm and facilities of a goat cheese producer.
- Eye-opening artistic experience at the Louvre-Lens, brand new extension of the famous Louvre museum in Paris.
- Magnificent light-and-sound show on the facade of the Amiens cathedral at nightfall.
- Visit the Royal BONVALLET historic factory, founded in 1756. Specialized in forming exceptional velvet fabric, for instance that which now bedecks the walls of the Versailles Operahouse.
- Visit the fortified church buildings in Thiérache, amazing churches bunkered down to resemble medieval forts.



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DAY 2: YPRES-PASSCHENDAELE-LILLE

MORNING

- Discover historical downtown Ypres, in Belgium, with its cathedral, historical cloth warehouses, and its XIVth century belfry.
- Honor the deceased heroes of World War I battlefields, many of them Canadian, including Essex farm cemetery, St Julian Memorial, Tyne Cot cemetery.
- Lunch in an underground brewery.

AFTERNOON

- Experience the life of Canadian WWI soldiers in the Passchendaele museum. Discover the trenches, and connect to your past (genealogical lookup available).
- Visit a cheese-maturing cellar, where the famous "Mimolette" cheese is aged.
- Overnight either in a charming guest house or in a luxury houseboat.



AVAILABLE OPTIONS

Extend the stay in the area for one day

- Bicycle outing along the battlefront lines.
- Join in on a private perfume-maker's workshop.
- Discover the secrets to baking delicious bread.
- Tour a surprising hops farm, the main ingredient for beer.
- Attend a ceremony to honor war heroes in Ypres.
- Visit a brewery and taste its latest creations.
- An uncommon dining experience awaits you in a Michelin-awardee restaurant managed by a famous Chef.



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DAY 3: PIERREFONDS - RETHONDES - COMPIÈGNE

MORNING

- Lunch in an underground brewery
- Enter a local market and meet local producers at the Pierrefonds market (vegetable growers, cheesemakers, butchers, fishmongers...)
- Visit the medieval-style Pierrefonds castle renovated by Eugène Viollet-le-Duc, the architect who saved Notre Dame in Paris from oblivion.
- With the local produce from the market, join in on a cooking workshop with Alix, a woman Chef who will welcome you in her Compiègne forest home for lunch.

AFTERNOON

- Enter the clearing in Rethondes, where, on November 11th, 1918, the armistice was signed, officially ending World War I.
- Visit the Compiègne Castle, a palace renovated during the XVIIIth century. In this castle, Marie-Antoinette and Louis the XVIth were regular guests.
- Spend the night as Kings and Queens near the battlefields of the Great War.



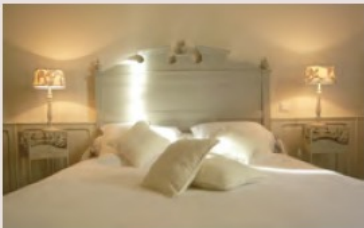
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- Get to taste the fresh goat cheese production of a local producer on his farm.
- Discover the Morienvall Abbey, founded in the IXth century by Charlemagne's grandson. Admire its grounds and rose garden.
- Visit the Saint-Jean-aux-Bois medieval village and the Benedictine Abbey dating back to the XIth century.
- Meet a beer brewer, visit his brewery and taste his latest creations.
- Meet a mushroom grower and visit the stone quarry where he grows them.

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Given the constant evolution of the epidemic, we recommend that all guests review their own country's local travel guidance and health advisories, as issued by health authorities, related to this outbreak.

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