

Preliminary Schedule University Vienna Trip to Ieper and Surroundings, 24-28 September 2012

24.9. Day 1:

Departure Vienna 9.40, Arrival 11.25 Brussels. Train Brussels Centraal 12.36, Ieper 14.20. By bus to Peace Village, arrival ca. 15.00. Visit to Messines Irish Peace Park and Messines Museum. Evening meal at Peace Village.

25.9. Day 2:

9.00 Bus from Peace Village to Tourism Centre, Kemmel. Discussion with local historical experts and helpful office staff and viewing of documentary film on battle of Messines 1917. Bus to Willie Redmond grave in Locre. Walk to Kemmel Hill, break at Belvedere Café, packed lunch. Bus to 16th Division memorial outside Wytschate, then walk (route not decided) north to Grande Bois and Croonart Wood to view Bayernwald complex of German trenches. Walk downhill into Wytschate to meet bus in town square. Bus back to Peace Village. Evening meal.

26.9. Day 3

Bus at 9.00 to Canadian Memorial Park at Vimy, France, arrival ca. 10.00. View memorial trench system and tunnels after talk. Packed lunch eaten at Vimy. Bus back to Messines at roughly 14.00. By public transport or beltaxi to Ieper at about 17.00. Attendance at Last Post ceremony at Menin Gate at 20.00, evening meal before or afterwards. Back to Peace village by public transport or beltaxi.

27. 9. Day 4

Bus leaves Peace Village at 9.00 for Vladslo German Cemetery (talk). From there at about 10.30 to Langemarck German Cemetery (talk). On the way stop and talk about first German gas attack in Ypres salient in April 1915. Arrive at Zonnebeke Passchendale Museum at lunch-time. Packed lunch. View museum. Bus to Tyne Cot British Military Cemetery at 15.00. Leave for Messines at about 16.30. Evening meal in Peace Village.

28.9. Day 5

9.00 bus leaves Messines. Deposit luggage in Ieper at about 9.30. Visit Flanders Field Museum in Grotemarkt (old Cloth Hall) . Train leaves Ieper for Brussels Centraal at 13.39, arrives 15.24. Train to airport. Flight leaves 18.35.