

# Battlefield Exploration



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## Dunkirk 1940 – Operation Dynamo

*The port of Dunkirk became a mythic place in the first weeks of World War 2. From the harbour and the beaches nearby no less than 240,000 troops were evacuated and rescued from certain annihilation by the Germans. Operation Dynamo and the following Battle of Britain became essential in the outcome of the war...*

### The Tour

Your professional battlefield guide will come pick you up at your accommodation\*.

From Ypres we'll drive along the motorways to Esquelbecque to visit the site of the Wormhout Massacre. The **Wormhout massacre** was the mass murder of 80 British and French POWs by Waffen-SS soldiers from the 1st SS Division Leibstandarte SS Adolf Hitler during the Battle of France in May 1940.

Next you'll drive towards the city centre of Dunkirk and visit the **Dunkirk War Museum** in the former casemates of the Vauban fortification. The Dunkirk War Museum tells the incredible story of the Battle of Dunkirk and Operation Dynamo in May-June 1940, the largest evacuation effort in military history. The museum houses a rich collection of weapons, uniforms, models, photos and maps of military operations.

Just a little further – along the beaches from where the British, French and Belgian troops were evacuated – we'll visit the **Battle of Dunkirk Memorial**.

Lunch in the historic centre of Dunkirk.

After lunch we'll drive to the **Dunkirk Memorial to the Missing**. The memorial commemorates 4,505 officers and men who died during the battle of Dunkirk, but have no known grave. There is also a CWGC cemetery next to the memorial.

From Dunkirk we'll continue to Zuidcoote to see the wrecks of some of the ships that were destroyed during the Battle of Dunkirk.

Back in Ypres at about 5 pm.

*\* When accommodated in the Ypres area, there will be no extra charge for the pick-up and drop-off at your accommodation. If you want to be picked up from other places (like Bruges, Ghent, Lille, Arras, ... et cetera), there will be an extra charge for the extra mileage.*

## Practical Information

- » **Departure** from your accommodation in Ypres at about 9.30 am; back in Ypres by 5 pm.  
Other departure points (Bruges, Ghent, Lille, ...) are possible, but may result in an extra charge.
- » **Tariff:** € 275 (with a maximum of 7 participants).
  - > If more than 7 participants, tariff will be depending on the coach tariff.
  - > In the price is included: transportation with minibus and professional guide/driver.
  - > Extra entrance fee to be paid during this tour: € 8 p.p.
- » **Walking:** only short distances from the car to the actual sites. Never more than 800 yards.

**Want to add a specific site to the itinerary? Or want to combine several itineraries?  
Please let us know, and we'll provide a quote!**