

West Country Footsteps

In and around Bristol, North Somerset & Wiltshire during the First World War

13 - 14 May 2022



Outline itinerary *(subject to final recce)*

Led by Jeremy Banning (principal guide) and Clive Burlton (tour manager), this is our second UK-based mini-tour, with a focus on Bristol and the surrounding area. There are plenty of stories to tell and places to visit. Below is a flavour of what you can expect. We'll be adding to the itinerary where time allows.



Day 1 will include an exploration of Greenbank Cemetery (Bristol's oldest municipal cemetery) with Charles Booth where we will identify the graves, monuments and memorials associated with the First World War; a visit to St John's Church at Lodge Causeway, Fishponds to see the Avonside Engine Works memorial and hear about its remarkable re-discovery and renovation, and a visit to Glenside Hospital Museum on the site of the former Beaufort War Hospital. After an hour or so here, hosted by Stella Man, we will have our packed lunches, before setting off for North Somerset for a further visit or two, ending with a military history walking tour of Clevedon.





Day 2 sees us in military Wiltshire, the home of so many large camps during both world wars. We will start the day at Codford, home of the New Zealand Command Depot from mid-1916. Like nearby Sutton Veny, the village has a very ANZAC character with so many men buried in a plot close to the church. Further stops include beautiful Stratford-sub-Castle and the site of the Bulford Kiwi, carved into the hillside above the New Zealanders' camp. Our afternoon will be spent at the fascinating sites of Durrington Cemetery and Upavon Cemetery (close to the site of the Central Flying School) where Charles Booth will talk us through some of the remarkable stories of airmen buried there before we end our tour with a private visit to Marlborough College Memorial Hall (tbc).



Price

£330 per person if sharing a room

£360 per person if single room occupancy

What's included in the price?

- Coach and Driver supplied by Bakers Dolphin
- Guided walking tours
- Donation to St John's Church, Lodge Causeway
- Entry to Glenside Hospital Museum
- Dinner, Bed & Breakfast at Limpley Stoke Hotel
- Packed lunch on 14th May
- Early evening dinner on 14th May to conclude our tour
- Driver gratuity



Payment

Please contact Clive for details of how to pay for the tour.

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