

3. Battle of Passchendaele + Ypres Salient East

Visit of and lunch at Hooghe Crater Museum, Meenseweg 467, Ieper

- **Hooghe Crater Museum & Entry Point East: Hooge Crater(Ypres)**
Three new small free accessible entry points were added in 2015 to the Ypres Salient landscape together with a line of memorial trees. Each of the entry points concentrates on a different zone along the front line. In the east the focus is on the destruction of the magnificent castles around Ypres, on Bellewaarde Ridge and mine explosions around Hooge Crater.

- **Church Tower and Passchendaele Memorial Gardens (Zonnebeke)**
After various renovations, the church tower opened to visitors within the project 'Horizon2025' in 2019. The viewing platform offers a wide view of the entire region, including the Flemish mountains, the mid-West Flemish hill ridge, Ypres and even the Yser Tower. The Passchendaele Memorial Park combines recreation and the experience of nature at its purest with remembrance of the Battle of Passendale. Seven remembrance gardens have been laid out in the park, each in the symbolic form of a poppy. At the request of the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917, each garden has been designed by one of the nations that took part in the battle. The designs make use of modern art, poetry and the plants/vegetation associated with the country in question.

- **Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 (Zonnebeke)**
The Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 keeps the memory alive of the Battle of Passchendaele where in 1917 in one hundred days half a million casualties fell for only eight km's gain of ground. The museum is housed in the historic château grounds of Zonnebeke and focuses on the material aspects of World War I. Attention is paid to uniforms, battlefield archaeology and artillery. You can explore reconstructed trenches in the museum garden.