



## 1. Compiègne

In Compiègne we'll visit the Armistice Museum, where a French Cannon and FT17 Tank lie out front. The remains of the Armistice Wagon, where Armistice was signed, can be found here as well. The museum boasts images from infantrymen and items used during the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. Then it's onto the Château de Compiègne, a royal residence remodeled by Napoleon I as it was a surprise for his wife, Marie-Louise. The Château has a vast collection of items from World War I, including a replica of Marshall Foch's car and an image series of a soldier's life in the trenches.



## 2. Somme

The Battle of Somme in 1916 was the initial great offensive of World War I. After the first day of battle, the British lost 58,000 troops, a third of its troops at the time. Ultimately, 1.5 million Australian, German, French and South African men lost their lives in the battle. The battlefields now serve as a memorial, along with the Lochnagar Mine Crater and Thiepval memorial, which is dedicated to missing soldiers.

### 3. Arras

Next, we walk the grounds where the major offensive by the British Army, the Battle of Arras, took place. To not arouse suspicion, New Zealand miners created tunnels under Arras so the French could take the Germans by surprise. Visit the limestone tunnels at the Memorial to the Battle of Arras: Wellington Tunnels, to see where over 20,000 troops hid. The Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery is also a solemn reminder of the tragedy that took place with nearly 36,000 graves from the battle.



### 4. Verdun

Our last destination held one of the costliest battles of war, the Battle of Verdun. There were over a million casualties, from both sides, that devastated the region. The Verdun Battlefield is a moving experience that is well maintained and enlightening. On site sits Fort Douaumont, Bayonet Trench and the Verdun Memorial. Of the 9 small villages destroyed in the area, you can wander through what is left of the village of Fleury. Inhabitants, mostly farmers, had to abandon their homes and the risk of explosions prevented the rebuilding of the villages. We recommend spending a full day on the Verdun Battlefield, as there is much to see and learn.

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#### Expected Avg. Weather °F

Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
41°	55°	64°	46°

#### Currency

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