

UJC BATTLEFIELD TOUR

in Association with In the Footsteps

Sunday 24 to Wednesday 27 May 2026

The Defence of Calais & Dunkirk Evacuation, 1940

The defence of Calais (just over 23 miles from the White Cliffs of Dover) and the evacuation of Dunkirk are among the most iconic actions in British military history. The British Expeditionary Force (BEF) faced the very real prospect of being entirely captured by the swift envelopment of German forces invading France. However, a fighting withdrawal—marked by long-distance marches punctuated by intense, brave, and brutal resistance—allowed a vital part of the BEF to be evacuated from Dunkirk, enabling Britain to fight on. Our expert guide will describe the key sites and locations, bringing stories of engagements, strategy, and bravery to life, while in situ and in great UJC company.

Please read on for the detailed tour itinerary and to book.

Meals: B = Breakfast • L = Lunch • D = Dinner

Sunday, 24 May 2026

(D)

Check in at the Union Jack Club (you are welcome to use the free baggage room if you wish to arrive early).

Our tour begins in the evening where we gather at 1800 for a welcome drink and pre-tour presentation and briefing to set the scene for the next few days.

Following on from the presentation, a three-course dinner with a glass of wine is served and the bar will be open for extra drinks and a relax before retiring to your room for a comfortable overnight stay.

Overnight Union Jack Club

Monday, 25 May 2026

(B, L)

We depart from the UJC with a takeaway breakfast at 0700 and drive to Dover where we catch the 10:20 Dover to Calais ferry.

On board you will be given a voucher which entitles you to enjoy a brunch in the self-service restaurant (breakfast dishes are usually served at this time).

On arriving in Calais, we will visit the following:

- Les Attaques
- The Enceinte and the Citadel (West side defences)
- The Enceinte (East side defences)
- The Marck and Calais Canal and harbour

On leaving Calais we drive to Dunkirk where we check into our tour hotel.

Time to freshen up before dinner at your hotel or in the local area.

Tuesday, 26 May 2026

(B, PL)

After breakfast we take a packed lunch with us and depart from our hotel at 08:30. Today we visit:

- Le Paradis
- The Defence of Paradis
- The Massacre site at Wormhoudt
- Dunkirk Museum
- Dunkirk Beaches

Make our way back to our hotel where you can freshen up and have dinner at your hotel or in the local area.

Wednesday, 27 May 2026

(B, PL, D)

After breakfast we take a packed lunch with us and check out from our hotel at 08:30. Today we visit:

- Cassel
- Le Peckel Blockhouse
- The defence of Le Peckel Blockhouse
- CWGC Calais Canadian CWGC-Act of remembrance.

With our tour ended we depart and begin our journey to Calais Port for the 1635 ferry back to the UK.

On board the ferry you will be given a voucher for dinner at the self-service restaurant.

On arrival in Dover, we head to the UJC where we aim to be back at approximately 1900.

If you wish to book this night at the UJC please contact jo@inthe footsteps.com and she will make the booking for you.

Information and Booking

Package includes:

- Full Services of a Battlefield Historian/Guide
- Coach transport with driver
- Pick up and drop off at the Union Jack Club
- One night at the Union Jack Club in London
- Two nights at the 4-star Mercure Hotel, Dunkirk
- Meals as per the itinerary
- Museum entrance fees
- No single supplement
- Full administration and booking service
- 24 hour on call UK Duty Manager Service throughout your tour

Sunday night accommodation, plus an evening welcome glass of wine, a talk and three-course dinner with wine are included in the tour price. Extra nights at the beginning or end of the tour can be added when making your booking, please see full details later, in 'Costs and to book'.

Not included: Personal travel insurance; gratuities; extra nights at the UJC

Terms and Conditions: In the Footsteps T&Cs are available from www.inthefootsteps.com

Tour vehicle:

You will travel in an executive coach with professional driver which will be equipped with air conditioning, heating, WC and seat belts which adhere to current safety guidelines.

Battlefield Historian/Guide:

Your Battlefield Historian/Guide is Bob Shaw. Bob has been an active battlefield guide for more than 25 years and has conducted tours of all the major battlefields. He spent 30 years in the British Army, where he gained operational experience in the Cold War, Northern Ireland, the Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan.

He is a writer of military history books on the SAS, SOE and the Cold War and is an accredited member of the International Guild of Battlefield Guides.

Bob will meet you at the Union Jack Club on your first evening.

Financial Protection:

Your money is safe. In the Footsteps Ltd are bound by the tour operators' regulations and all monies paid to them are held in a trust account with the Travel Trust Association (TTA) and cannot be drawn down until the tour is over. Their TTA number is Q8619.



Costs and to book:

You are booking your holiday directly with In The Footsteps® Ltd, who are responsible for all elements of the tour, which is exclusively for Union Jack Club Members and your invited guests. Proof of current Serving or Veteran Full or spouse/ partner Membership will be required for your booking to be confirmed. Please be ready to provide your membership number when making your reservation.

Price is based on a minimum of 30 paying guests @ £695.00 per person

A deposit of £200.00 GBP per person is required in order to secure the booking, plus the cost of the first additional night at the UJC if required.

For each extra night at the UJC:

£145.00 for a double or twin room

£82.00 for a single room

Breakfast is charged at £13.50 per person and can be paid for on the day

The final balance will be due by Wednesday 1 April 2026: Payments can be made by credit, debit card or bank transfer.

For Booking, Enquiries & Terms and Conditions,

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