Join us on a tour to celebrate and commemorate the life and work of nurse Edith Cavell.

Edith Cavell started the first professional school of nursing in Brussels in 1907. Immediately before World War I she returned to Brussels where she and her staff continued nursing the people of Brussels and soldiers from both sides of the conflict. She refused to hand over Allied soldiers to the German occupiers and worked for nine months to convey over 200 soldiers to Holland.

Eventually members of the ‘underground’ group she was working with were all arrested. After ten weeks in solitary confinement she was tried with 33 others in October 1915. They were found guilty of conveying soldiers to the enemy and she and a Brussels architect, Philippe Baucq, were executed by firing squad at dawn on 12 October 1915.

Edith Cavell’s work as a nurse and in training nurses goes on today through the on-going work in the UK of the Cavell Nurses’ Trust. In Brussels a hospital close to her original clinique still bears her name.

**Dates & Codes**

**22 – 25 September 2015 (Tour code ref: 11068)**

**£573 per person**

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**DAY 1: TUESDAY 22**

- 10:00 depart London Victoria on executive coach, via Edith Cavell monument at junction of St. Martin’s Lane & Charing Cross Road, London, for 1:00pm Eurotunnel. 2:30pm depart Calais for journey to Brussels. Stop on route at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery where Nurse Nellie Spindler is buried. Packed/Picnic Lunch (included).

Accommodation: *Hotel des Colonies* or similar
Meals: L

**DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 23**

- Depart after breakfast in hotel. We will drive to Liège to hear of the impact of the outbreak of the Great War on Belgium. Our day includes stops at:
  - **Fort de Loncin**, one of a ring of ancient forts that defended Liège – an important monument to the bravery of the Belgian soldiers who stood in front of a much larger army and denied them passage.
  - **Berkendael Medical Institute** – Rue Franz Merjay. This street used to be called Rue de la Culture. From 1907, numbers 143-9 housed the training school for nurses. It was here where hundreds of allied soldiers were hidden before being smuggled to Holland. A barrack for German soldiers overlooked the institute – adding to the risks.
  - **Bar Jules** – On the corner of 165 Franz Merjay, is Portrait de Famille, a restaurant which was once the location of Bar Jules. This is where the ‘lost soldiers,’ looked after by Edith, would socialize. It is said that Edith hid some of her records of her underground activities under the floorboards. Lunch included in Café Gaspar (previously Bar Jules) or in area of the Grande Place

Accommodation: *Hotel des Colonies* or similar
Meals: B L D

**DAY 3: THURSDAY 24**

- Depart after breakfast in hotel. We will tour Brussels following the Edith Cavell Trail to include:
  - (Passengers will not disembark the coach at several locations)
  - **157 Avenue Louise**, Ixelles – Edith was Governess from 1890-95 before training as a nurse in London (drive by)

Accommodation: *Hotel des Colonies* or similar
Meals: B L D

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Royal Army Museum – time to visit the special Great War exhibition (included)

Holy Trinity Church where Edith worshipped in 1914 also walk around location of Church of the Resurrection

Prison de St. Gilles (drive past) – Edith was held here for ten weeks, the last two in solitary confinement.

The Senate Chamber – Place de la Nation (pre-Booked Tour included) where the trial of Edith Cavell was hastily conducted, along with 35 other members of the resistance network. A commemoration plaque is on one of the walls of the senate chamber.

Bois de la Cambre – German troops exercised here. At fairly close proximity to where she lived, Edith may have taken a stroll here, possibly with her dog, Jack. (drive through)

Edith Cavell Clinic - Cavell and Depage Memorial. 13 Rue Edith Cavell. The street and clinic were both named after Edith after the war. Edith and Marie Depage, the wife of the royal surgeon, Dr. Antoine Depage, had tirelessly prepared to move into a larger premises as the Berkendael Medical Institute expanded.

Place of Execution – At 7.00am on 12 October 1915, Edith Cavell, along with Philip Bauq was executed at the Tir National shooting range and hastily buried nearby. Act of Remembrance.

Return to hotel. Dinner at own expense. Overnight in hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel des Colonies or similar

Meals: B L

DAY 4: FRIDAY 25

Check out and depart after breakfast in hotel. Load coach before drive to Mons where we will learn of the experience of the British Expeditionary Force in their first battle at Mons. The retreat that followed produced many stragglers who found shelter with Belgian civilians. Many of these were aided by Edith and her helpers. We shall see:

The First and Last Shots Memorials.

La Bascule crossroads – A delaying action as the German pressure increased.

St Symphorien War Cemetery – The grave of the last man to be killed on 11th November close to that of the first British soldier to die in August 1914.

Mons Memorial Museum (Opens 2015) Lunch in Mons (included)

We continue our tour in the afternoon with a visit to:

Belgium Forces Memorial Wasmes

2:30pm Depart for journey home

5:00pm Arrive Calais for Channel Crossing

6:00pm Channel Crossing by Eurotunnel to Folkestone for London

7:30pm Tour ends in London

Accommodation: None

Meals: B L

EXTRAS

We are pleased to arrange the following: (Subject to additional charges)

- Pre or post tour accommodation
- Travel to and from London to meet tour and return to your final destination
- Single supplements

For enquiries or booking please contact:
tours@spiritofremembrance.com
or call 01634 233785

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- £100 Per Person deposit required to confirm booking
- Final Payment 10 weeks prior to departure
- Please see website for full Terms & Conditions

COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE

- Meals and beverages not detailed in itinerary
- Porters and tips
- Travel to and from Start Point in London

INCLUDES

- Luxury coach with DVD and air conditioning throughout tour
- Military historian and experienced guide throughout tour
- 3 nights at the Hotel des Colonies, Brussels or similar
- Breakfast daily
- 4 Lunches
- Reception followed by talk then Gala Dinner at hotel
- Tours as detailed in the itinerary
- All entrance fees as detailed in the itinerary
- Dedicated tour webpage
- Social media presentation including original film footage, images and historical background
- Group forum with photo gallery where group members can ask your guide questions
- Links through to in-depth research and a wealth of background information
- Tour momento booklet
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