

# Ultimate Guide to the Somme Battlefields: Unraveling History in Normandy, France

The Somme Battlefields in Normandy, France, are a poignant reminder of the horrors of World War I. The battles that took place here in 1916 were some of the bloodiest and most brutal of the war, and the landscape is still scarred by the fighting.

Today, the Somme Battlefields are a popular destination for tourists interested in history and war tourism. There are numerous museums and memorials in the area, as well as many preserved trenches and other battlefield sites.

This travel guide will provide you with all the information you need to plan your trip to the Somme Battlefields. We'll cover everything from where to stay and what to see, to where to eat and how to get around.



## Somme Battlefields (Normandy), France Travel Guide - Sightseeing, Hotel, Restaurant & Shopping Highlights (Illustrated) by SHERAZ HUSSAIN

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There are a number of hotels and guesthouses in the Somme Battlefields area. Here are a few of our recommendations:

- **The Château de Péronne** is a beautiful 17th-century castle that has been converted into a luxury hotel. It's located in the town of Péronne, just a short drive from the battlefields.
- **The Best Western Plus Le Grand Hôtel de l'Univers** is a modern hotel located in the center of Amiens, the capital of Picardy. It's a great option for those who want to be close to the city's many attractions.
- **The Ibis Budget Amiens Centre Gare** is a budget-friendly hotel located near the Amiens train station. It's a good option for those who are on a tight budget.

There are many things to see and do in the Somme Battlefields area. Here are a few of the highlights:

- **The Thiepval Memorial** is a towering monument that commemorates the more than 72,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in the Battle of the Somme.
- **The Lochnagar Crater** is a massive crater that was created by a British mine during the Battle of the Somme. It's one of the most iconic landmarks on the battlefields.
- **The Ulster Tower** is a memorial that was built by the people of Northern Ireland to commemorate the Irish soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Somme.

- **The Pozieres Memorial** is a memorial that commemorates the Australian soldiers who fought in the Battle of Pozieres.
- **The Newfoundland Memorial** is a memorial that commemorates the Newfoundland soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Somme.

There are a number of restaurants in the Somme Battlefields area. Here are a few of our recommendations:

- **Le Bistrot du Boucher** is a traditional French restaurant located in the town of Péronne. It's a great place to try some of the local cuisine.
- **La Table du Boucher** is a modern French restaurant located in the town of Amiens. It's a great option for those who want to try something a little more upscale.
- **Le Bistrot des Copains** is a casual restaurant located in the town of Pozieres. It's a great place to grab a bite to eat after a day of sightseeing.

The Somme Battlefields area is easily accessible by car, train, or bus.

- **By car:** The Somme Battlefields are located about 1 hour and 30 minutes drive from Paris. There are a number of rental car companies at the Paris airports.
- **By train:** There are regular train services from Paris to Amiens. The journey takes about 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- **By bus:** There are a number of bus companies that operate services to the Somme Battlefields. The journey from Paris takes about 2 hours and 30 minutes.

The Somme Battlefields are a must-see for any history buff. This travel guide has provided you with all the information you need to plan your trip. We hope you have a memorable and educational experience.



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