



DISCOVERY GUIDE

BEYOND THE GATE

The landscape continues

The Shepherds Farm

CLOSE TO THE FARM

A region worth taking time for

The Shepherds Farm is a place to settle in, with plenty to discover when you feel like going out. On either side of the Belgian-French border, there are historic towns, remarkable gardens, vineyards, art and stories woven into the landscape. An hour away from the house can be enough; a longer stay leaves room for a full day of discovery before coming home to the Farm.

This is a first glimpse. After booking, our fuller guest guide shares more addresses, practical tips and ideas for combining visits. We can help you choose what suits your group and prepare as much or as little as you wish.

Ypres, from the ramparts to the Last Post

Discover the Cloth Hall and market square, walk a stretch of the green ramparts or visit the In Flanders Fields Museum. Stay into the evening for the Last Post at the Menin Gate, held daily at 8 pm. Ypres can be a gentle afternoon out or a deeper introduction to the history of the region.

A hidden world beneath the Kemmelberg

Close to the Farm, the Command Bunker reveals another chapter of history: the Cold War. Descend beneath the hill into the former military headquarters and its operations rooms. We can help explore a guided visit for those curious about the stories hidden under this familiar landscape.

Places of remembrance

The First World War has left a lasting presence across the Westhoek. Tyne Cot Cemetery and Memorial, part of the UNESCO World Heritage listing of selected Western Front remembrance sites, offers a powerful place to pause. A local guide can help connect the memorials and landscape through the stories that interest you.

Meet the winegrowers

A visit to Monteborg or Entre-Deux-Monts introduces the vineyards and people shaping Heuvelland wine. Walk among the vines, discover how the wine is made or linger over a tasting. These are outings into the region; a tasting brought to the Farm can be discussed through At the Table. Poperinge and the countryside around Watou Talbot House, the former soldiers' club in

Poperinge, tells a quieter story of life behind the front.

For another side of the region, explore St.Bernardus near Watou, with its brewery visitor experience and Bar Bernard overlooking the surrounding countryside.

ACROSS THE BORDER & FURTHER AFIELD

Small detours, whole days out

Cassel and the Jardin du Mont des Récollets

Pair time in Cassel with the seasonal Jardin du Mont des Récollets: green rooms, clipped shapes and a garden inspired by Flemish painting. The Musée de Flandre adds another reason to linger, bringing together historic and contemporary Flemish art. A garden, lunch and an unhurried afternoon make a natural day out.

Lille, with a stop at Méert

Spend a day wandering Vieux-Lille, browsing shops and making time for lunch. Leave room for the vanilla-filled waffles at Méert, a small pleasure worth seeking out. Art lovers can add the Palais des Beaux-Arts; others may prefer to keep the day open and see where the streets lead.

Art, architecture and a different view

La Piscine in Roubaix and Villa Cavrois in nearby Croix offer another kind of outing. The art museum and Robert Mallet-Stevens' remarkable house make an appealing day for guests drawn to interiors, architecture and beautiful places. We can help suggest a combination that leaves time to enjoy each stop.

Saint-Omer, from the water

For a change of scene, discover the Marais Audomarois by boat. Waterways, market gardens and the quiet life of the marshes reveal a different side of northern France, with guided trips among the possibilities. A gentle outing to consider with family or friends.

Bruges, when you have a little longer

A longer stay can leave room for a day in Bruges: canals, historic streets, the peaceful Beguinage and time to linger over lunch. Explore at your own pace, then return to the Farm for the evening. You can enjoy a day further afield while keeping the same place to come home to.

LET US HELP SHAPE YOUR DAY

Tell us what draws you out: gardens, art, history, wine, small shops or somewhere lovely to spend an afternoon. After booking, we can share a more detailed selection and help with reservations, suitable guides and transport enquiries. You do not need to fill every day, and everyone in the group need not follow the same plan.

More information is available on request, including before booking. Visits depend on opening days, season and availability. Admissions, tastings, guides and transport are additional costs unless expressly included in your confirmed stay; we agree the price of anything we arrange before confirming it.