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Itinerary*
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Day 1 – Thursday

Meet at Wellington Barracks to begin our journey – as did thousands of troops during the First and Second World Wars.

Today we walk ~ 35km through south-west London to Surrey. Travelling via Wandsworth and Richmond Park – where East Surrey Regiment trained their new recruits until 1941 and 'Phantom' (GHQ Liaison Regiment) was based before finishing in Weybridge.

We overnight in Guildford – a town rich in military history. We recommend a visit to the Garden of Remembrance & the Guildford Memorial.

Day 2 – Friday

An early departure to our start point – Brookwood Military Cemetery. The largest CWGC cemetery in the UK, it contains the graves of over 5,500 servicemen.

Today holds another 35km trek through the Surrey Hills. We'll be walking through history, as most of this area was made into a military camp during either WWI or WWII.

Along with individual stories from the individuals buried in CWGC graves in village cemeteries or commemorated on local war memorials along the way, we'll pass through Jacob's Well and a memorial to a plane that crashed during WWII and Witney Common – a huge Canadian camp in both World Wars.

Day 3 – Saturday

Day three is our final day of walking – just 30km until the finish.

Starting at Petersfield War Memorial, with the stories of some of the 100 WWI and 53 WWII soldiers whose names are engraved on the memorial as well as 2 soldiers from the Falklands.

After passing through the historic villages of Petersfield, Buriton and Clanfield, our finish point is Southwick Park. Now the Regimental HQ of the Royal Military Police, in WWII it was where General Eisenhower, General Montgomery and Admiral Ramsay engineered D-Day. The original maps can still be seen in the Map Room.

That night our celebration dinner takes place in Portsmouth.

Day 4 – Sunday

Today we say goodbye, and make our way home from Portsmouth. After a free morning (if open we recommend 'The D Day Story' museum in Southsea) there will be an optional coach transfer back to London.

*This is a complex itinerary and subject to change