

MEMORIAL DE VERDUN

1914 1918

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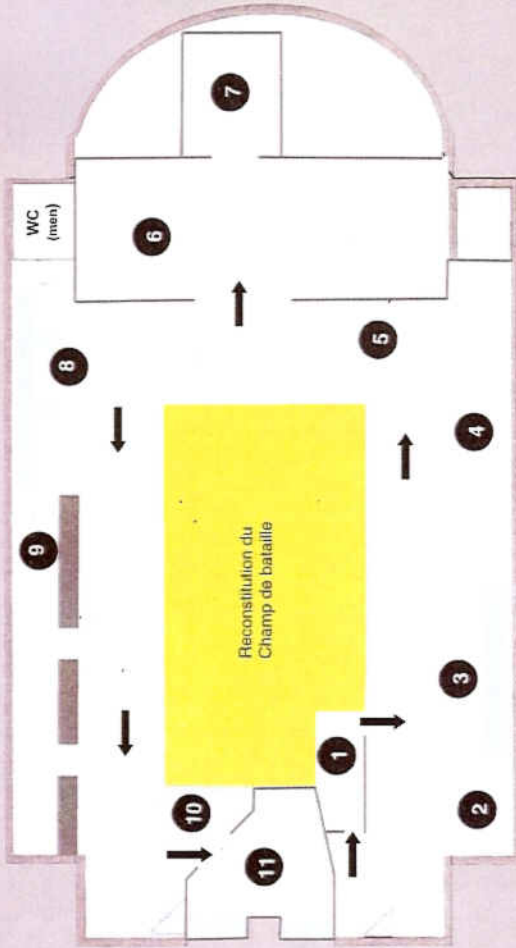


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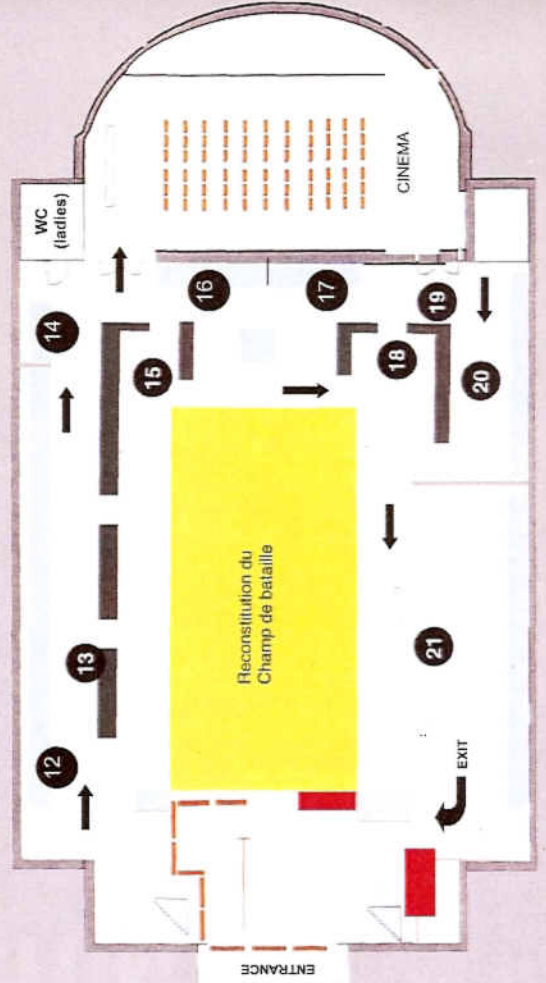
LOWER FLOOR: THE HELL OF VERDUN.

Evocation of various aspects of the Battle of Verdun (21 February 1916 - 18 December 1916)



- 1 Driant Room : evocation of the bombardment. The Battle of Verdun opened at 7am on 21 February with a bombardment of unprecedented violence. In Caures Wood, Colonel Driant and his men put up desperate resistance.
- 2 Trench artillery.
- 3 The destroyed villages: the villages situated on the battlefield were ground to powder by the continuous bombardment.
- 4 Heavy artillery.
- 5 The Sacred Way: every day, thousands of vehicles passed along the only available supply road, which ran from Bar-le-Duc to Verdun.
- 6 Supply. Trades and crafts at the front
- 7 Why Verdun? Chronology of events. The Verdun fortified system.
- 8 Equipment and armament of French and German soldiers in 1916.
- 9 Life at the front: daily life, eye-witness accounts, religion, trench art.
- 10 Injury and death.
- 11 The medical services. Developments in medicine and surgery between 1914 and 1918.

UPPER FLOOR: GENERAL BACKGROUND: 1914 - 1918.



- 12 Development of arms and equipment: adjustment to a new type of warfare.
- 13 Chronology of the Great War: general events and fighting in the Meuse region.
- 14 Communications: optical signalling apparatus, telephones.
- 15 Developments in aviation during the war. Birth of fighter aircraft at Verdun.
- 16 Involvement of the French colonial empire in the Great War.
- 17 The United States at war. The American operations in the Meuse region in 1918.
- 18 Civilians, women and children in the war.
- 19 Mourning.
- 20 Development of the concept of Remembrance. Verdun, the heart of Great War Remembrance in France.
- 21 Temporary exhibition area.

Cinema: A 22-minute film is shown every hour. It begins at a quarter past and a quarter to each hour (last afternoon showing at 5.15pm).



A museum desired by the veterans

Situated at the heart of the Verdun battlefield, the Memorial owes its construction to the wishes and commitment of the veterans. It was inaugurated in September 1967 under the aegis of Maurice Genevoix, Member of the Académie Française and a former veteran. This centre of history and Remembrance bears witness to the commitment and suffering of those French, German and American soldiers who fought in this key sector of the Western Front.

The Memorial of Verdun is a private museum. It has 'association' status and is principally financed by entrance fees and sales.

The collections

Donations from veterans and their families comprise the greater part of the collections. You may still contribute to our collections by donating articles or documents relating to the 1914-1918 period, such as uniforms, arms, everyday articles, books, diaries, correspondence, etc.

The study and research centre

The documentary collections are also part of the Memorial's duty of Remembrance. They are open by appointment to anyone wishing to research the Great War.

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The Museum

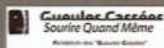
Situated at the heart of the battlefield, to which it forms an excellent introduction, the Verdun Memorial is one of the leading European museums of the Great War. Set up in 1967 under the aegis of Maurice Genevoix, a leading member of the Académie Française and a former veteran, this shrine of history and memory bears witness to the involvement and suffering of the French, German and American soldiers who, from 1914 to 1918, fought in this sector of the Western Front.

The exceptionally rich museum area is laid out around a striking reconstitution of the battlefield. Aeroplanes, vehicles, heavy weapons and uniforms illustrate the industrial side of the war ; personal belongings and examples of trench art evoke the daily lives of the men. Thematic and educational exhibitions, films, photographs, lithographs and contemporary posters encourage reflection on the social, economic and cultural aspects of the War.

The Study and Research Centre, which combines a documentary area and an educational service, provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and knowledge that is open to all (consultation of the documents by appointment).

Musée Museum

Mémoire d'avenir





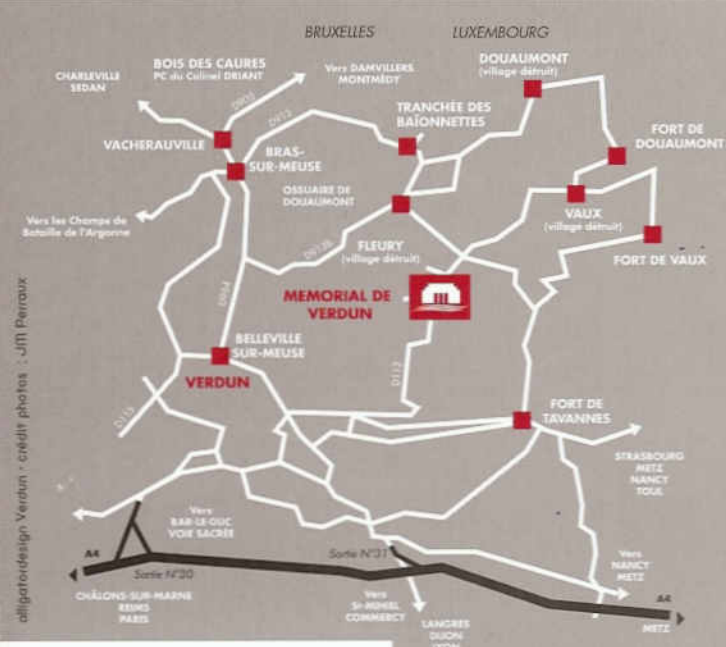
Pourquoi visiter le Mémorial de Verdun ?

Pour celui qui cherche à comprendre ce qui s'est passé à Verdun durant la Grande Guerre et qui souhaite définir un itinéraire pertinent de découverte du champ de bataille, le Mémorial de Verdun fait figure de passage obligé.

On vient d'abord ici pour découvrir, pour ressentir, pour comprendre puis transmettre ce qu'a été Verdun.

Les champs de bataille portent les cicatrices encore visibles, aujourd'hui, de la Grande Guerre. Ces espaces, marqués par les multiples traces des combats effroyablement meurtriers de 1914-1918, offrent au visiteur qui les parcourt l'occasion d'assister à une véritable leçon d'histoire sur le terrain.

Initiant une réflexion sur la Grande Guerre, et par là sur la problématique Histoire/Mémoire, le Mémorial de Verdun est avant tout un outil pédagogique au service de la vérité historique, comme le souhaitaient les Anciens Combattants qui l'ont érigé.



Horaires d'ouverture Opening hours

Horaires d'ouverture consultable sur le site internet ou par téléphone.

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Tarifs

Entrance fees

Adulte / Adult : 7 €

Militaire / Military : 3,50 €

Étudiant / Student : 3,50 €

Jeune de 8 à 16 ans / Young people from 8 to 16 : 3,50 €

Enfant de moins de 8 ans : gratuit / Children under 8 : free

Forfait famille • 2 adultes + 2 jeunes / 2 adults + 2 young people : 18 €
• 2 adultes + 3 jeunes / 2 adults + 3 young people : 21 €

Groupes adultes / Adult groups : 5,50 €

Groupes scolaires : 1 € par scolaire / School groups : 1 € per pupil

1 gratuité accompagnateur pour 10 payants / Free entry for one accompanying adult per ten pupils

Chèque vacances et chèque culture acceptés.

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Informations touristiques

Comité Départemental du Tourisme www.tourisme-meuse.com

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