



# FIELDS OF FIRE TOURS, OP HUSKY 2023, AND WESTMOUNT TRAVEL

PRESENTS

OPERATION HUSKY 80TH ANNIVERSARY & ITALIAN CAMPAIGN BATTLEFIELD AND CULTURAL TOUR 22 JULY – 5 AUGUST 2023



- Visit important Canadian battlefields in Sicily and Central Italy
- Visit Sicilian cultural monuments and tour Rome
- Pay tribute to Canada's war dead of the Italian Campaign
- Visit monuments and Commonwealth War Cemeteries
- Attend the Op Husky ceremonies in Agira
- Participate in the dedication of the Engineer Memorial in Leonforte, Sicily
- Led by experienced military personnel and academic historians



## **MAIN TOUR – 22 – 30 JULY 2023 - OP HUSKY 2023 BATTLEFIELD & CULTURAL TOUR**

### **DAY 1 – 22 JULY**

We depart Canada and travel to Catania

### **DAY 2 – 23 JULY**

We arrive in Catania and travel to Siracusa. The afternoon is spent in this historic and beautiful city while our group assembles. A meet and greet reception will be held before dinner. We will stay overnight near Siracusa.

### **DAY 3 – 24 JULY**

This is our day to explore the beaches at Pachino where the 1st Division landed. We will also visit the town of Pachino and its memorial to the landings. After lunch, we will set out for our move to Enna, in the centre of the island. On the way we will stop at Vizzini and Grammichele, where the Canadians first encountered the German defenders of Sicily. We will be staying near Enna for the next four nights.

### **DAY 4 – 25 JULY**

Today we will visit one of the ancient wonders of Sicily, the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento. This Greek city has some of the best-preserved temples outside of Greece.

### **DAY 5 – 26 JULY**

A busy day as the morning will see us examine the battles for Piazza Armerina, the afternoon will include a visit to the amazing Roman Villa at Casale, and the evening will see us participating in the unveiling of a new Canadian monument in Leonforte.

### **DAY 6 – 27 JULY**

Today will see us tour the battlefields of Assoro and Agira. These two iconic battles, the first an amazing feat of field-craft unparalleled in the Italian campaign, and the second the largest Canadian battle in Sicily, are emblematic of the Canadian experience in Sicily.

### **DAY 7 – 28 JULY**

Our last day on the battlefield will see us look at Regalbuto and meet up with the Op Husky 2023 marching group for a final ceremony in Adrano.

### **DAY 8 – 29 JULY**

A morning off in Enna will be followed by a moving ceremony in the Canadian cemetery in Agira where the whole Op Husky 2023 team will join us to remember the fallen. Following this, an optional hike to Agira (3 km) and an afternoon in this wonderful town will lead up to the gala concert that closes the Op Husky 2023 pilgrimage.

### **DAY 9 – 30 JULY**

Those leaving the group will depart for the airport in Catania and return flights to Canada. Part 2 of the tour begins today.

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## TOUR EXTENSION – 30 JULY – 5 AUGUST 2023

### DAY 9 – 30 JULY

As some of our friends head for home, those staying for Part 2 will tour the castle at Acireale, and then take a guided tour of the historic city of Catania. Our hotel that night will be the Nettuno Hotel in Catania.

### DAY 10 – 31 JULY

We will tour the Museo dello Sbarco in Catania. We will then examine the crossing of the Straits of Messina at Santa Teresa di Riva from which many of the Canadians departed – That evening we will board our ferry in Messina for the overnight trip to Salerno.

### DAY 11 – 1 AUGUST

We will arrive at the port of Salerno in the morning and head for Ortona. We will visit the battlefields, the museum and Moro River cemetery before checking into our hotel for the night in Lido Riccio.

### DAY 12 – 2 AUGUST

We set out for the Cassino area and will visit the battlefields of the Hitler Line battles, and the Abbey of Montecassino.

### DAY 13 – 3 AUGUST

Today we will visit the Cassino War Cemetery before driving to Rome. An optional tour of some of the highlights of the eternal city will be available.

### DAY 14 – 4 AUGUST

This will be free day in Rome for you to explore this amazing city.

### DAY 15 – 5 AUGUST

Today we will head to the airport for our flights back to Canada.

## TOUR PRICE (LAND ONLY)

### OPTION 1: SICILY ONLY

CAD \$2895 – (per person, Double occupancy)  
(single supplement: \$835 – limited availability)

### OPTION 2: SICILY AND ITALY

CAD \$3895 – (per person, Double occupancy)  
(single supplement: \$1150 – limited availability)

Departure costs from major airports (Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Calgary, Halifax, etc.) will be determined based on demand if booked through Westmount Travel

**\$1000 per person deposit required on booking – refundable up to 180 days before departure.**

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- GST & QST
- Breakfast and a bagged lunch daily and some dinners
- All travel by coach bus
- Accommodation as shown in the itinerary
- Services of historian/guides

### NOT INCLUDED:

- OPC - FICAV Frais/Mandatory fee: \$3.50 per \$1000
- Travel insurance
- Some dinners
- Items of a personal nature such as beverages

**NOTE: LIMITED SINGLE ROOM AVAILABILITY – “FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED”**



**THE WALK FOR**  
**remembrance & peace**  
REMEMBERING THE PRICE OF  
**FREEDOM AND LIBERTY**

## **OPERATION HUSKY 2023 WALK FOR REMEMBRANCE AND PEACE (WRAP)**

For the third time, the Operation Husky team of hikers will follow the path of the 1st Canadian Division from Pachino to Adrano across the heart of Sicily. This 230 km walk will serve to remind us all of the price paid for freedom from tyranny and the hope for a better world. Our trip will meet the group marching at some of their stops. In particular, the main ceremony at the Agira cemetery on 29 July and the concert in the town of Agira will be highlights.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OP HUSKY 2023 VISIT [HTTPS://REMEMBRANCEWALK.CA/](https://remembrancewalk.ca/)**

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## **THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR PEACE, SECURITY & PROSPERITY**

Developing from the WRAP experience Colonel Steve Gregory created an international forum for peace, prosperity and security that is in its third year of operation. This forum brings together, virtually and physically, students, military cadets, and both professional and military academics to highlight and explore various facets of the occupation of Sicily following the allied campaign. In particular, the forum highlighted the lessons learned in a society's transition from war to peace. The battlefield tour supports these activities which are held in March or April each year in a different Sicilian town.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PSP FORUM VISIT [HTTPS://PSP-FORUM.ORG](https://psp-forum.org)**