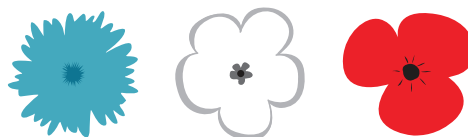


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MAIN EVENTS

IN AROUND 11TH NOVEMBER 2018

The year 2018 marks the end of the commemorations for the Centenary of the Great War, and numerous events will be held to bring this commemorative period to a close centred on the Armistice of 11th November.

November 2018

Inauguration of the Gardens of Peace

Developed by the Arts & Jardins Hauts-de-France label in partnership with the 14-18 Centenary Mission, this project is focused on highlighting natural and landscaped spaces through the creation of 15 gardens of peace. They will be established near to the major remembrance sites of the Great War and are unique in that they will each represent one of the nations that took part in World War I.

- **Fromelles:** Australian garden (selection process ongoing, to be built 2019)
- **Le Quesnoy:** New Zealand garden, Portuguese garden and Belgian garden (to be built 2018)
- **Vimy:** Canadian garden (to be built 2018)
- **Notre-Dame-de-Lorette:** French garden (to be built 2018)
- **Neuville-Saint-Vaast:** Czech and Slovak garden (selection process ongoing, to be built 2018/2019)
- **Arras:** Scottish garden (to be built 2018)
- **Thiepval:** English garden, Welsh garden (to be built 2018)
- **Péronne:** Irish garden - Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland (to be built 2018)
- **Craonne, along the Chemin des Dames:** German garden, Italian garden, Moroccan garden (to be built 2018)
- **The Glade of the Armistice in the forest of Compiègne:** Franco-German garden (to be built 2018)
- **Passchendaele in Belgium:** French garden (selection process ongoing, to be built 2018/2019)

@ www.artetjardins-hdf.com/en/directory-project/jardins-de-la-paix/

From 4th to 9th November 2018

The President of the French Republic's tour of the battlefields

The President of the French Republic will visit "the areas that were ravaged by the War and are nowadays being affected by the financial crisis". This tour through the Grand-Est and Hauts-de-France regions will take a little over five days and will visit ten local departments: Bas-Rhin, Moselle, Meurthe-et-Moselle, Meuse, Ardennes, Marne, Aisne, Nord, Pas-de-Calais and Somme.

In order to echo this dual focus and link the memory of the Great War with the current issues that are affecting these areas, every day of this tour will feature remembrance events and actions associated with the economic and social concerns that are relevant to the departments visited.

The programme will include visits to the major remembrance sites (the battlefield of Verdun, the cemetery of Notre-Dame-de-Lorette) and venues that have never before hosted the President of the French Republic. An international segment is planned featuring, most notably, a concert at Strasbourg Cathedral on Sunday 4th November.

- **4th November:** Strasbourg
- **5th November:** Morhange – Pont-à-Mousson
- **6th November:** Les Eparges – the battlefield of Verdun - Reims
- **7th November:** Charleville-Mézières – Rozoy-sur-Serre – La Flamengrie (Pierre d'Haudroy)
- **8th November:** Maubeuge – The Notre-Dame de Lorette Ring of Remembrance
- **9th November:** Lens – Albert - Péronne

9th November 2018

Concert at the Franco-German historical centre of Hartmannswillerkopf (Alsace)

Just prior to the ceremonies to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice of the Great War the Franco-German historical centre will host a concert, "Clearing in the Sky, A Remembrance in Song in honour of the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day", which will be organised by the Consulate of the United States in partnership with the German and Austrian consulates, as well as the Hartmannswillerkopf National Monument Committee.

@ <http://memorial-hwk.eu/ve/index.php>

From 9th to 11th November 2018

The «Compiègne during the Great War» video mapping (Compiègne)

To mark the 14-18 Centenary, discover a video mapping that will be projected onto the town hall of Compiègne to retrace the major events of the Great War that marked this town... It is a touching tribute that is retold in the form of 11 tableaux aimed at bringing together and educating young and old alike on our local and national history in the run-up to the commemorations in November.

The great moments of History:

- The start of the war
- German occupation
- Compiègne; a hospital town
- Georges Guynemer
- The Zeppelin crash
- The Headquarters at Le Palais
- The evacuation of the collections of Le Palais and the libraries
- Compiègne under threat
- The Battle of Le Matz
- The signing of the Armistice

10th November 2018

Civilian and military ceremony at the Franco-German historical centre of Hartmannswillerkopf (Alsace)

A ceremony for civilians and military personnel will take place on 10th November on the esplanade of the National Monument in the presence of the Consuls General of Germany, Austria and the United States of America.

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10th November 2018

The Franco-German ceremony at the Armistice Clearing (Compiègne)

On the afternoon of 10th November 2018, the President of the French Republic, accompanied by the German Chancellor, will preside over a ceremony at the Armistice Clearing in the commune of Compiègne. This ceremony will be defined by the simplicity of a moment of silent reflection and of tribute.



The Armistice Clearing

10th November 2018

Shell Shock at the Philharmonie (Paris)

Shell Shock - A Requiem of War is a show by Belgian choreographer Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui that deals with the trauma experienced by the soldiers of the Great War (music by Nicholas Lens, lyrics by Nick Cave). It will take place at the Philharmonie de Paris at 8pm (1,600 seats) in the presence of the President of the French Republic. Foreign dignitaries invited to the ceremonies of the 11th November, French men and women who

have been involved with the Centenary and representatives of today's youth and civilian society will also be in attendance.

@ <https://philharmoniedeparis.fr/en/activity/spectacle/19070-shell-shock-requiem-war>

11th November 2018

National Ceremonies (Paris)

9am: A ceremony in honour of the Field-Marsals of the Great War at the Hôtel National des Invalides

This ceremony, organised by the Army High-Command and the Military Governor of Paris, will take place in the presence of the President of the French Republic. It will pay tribute to the eight Field-Marsals that directed the fighting during World War I, striving for ultimate victory throughout the conflict, five of whom are interred at Les Invalides.

11am: International ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe

More than 120 foreign dignitaries representing the countries involved in the fighting during the Great War, the institutions of the European Union, the United Nations and a number of other international organisations are due to attend this ceremony. This will include, as it does every year, the awarding of military honours, a tribute to those who died for France and, as has been the case every year since 2012, the laying of a wreath and the rekindling of the flame on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The ceremony will be rounded off, in this centenary year for the Armistice, by a number of remembrance and artistic, notably musical, elements. A speech by the President of the French Republic is also expected.

1pm: An official lunch will be hosted at the Elysée Palace in the presence of the President of the French Republic and the foreign dignitaries. Other lunch events are organised by the Prime Minister, the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs and the Defence Minister in order to host their own counterparts that form part of the various foreign delegations.

3pm: Opening of the Paris Peace Forum

Foreign dignitaries attending the ceremony of 11th November, joined by some of their counterparts who perhaps did not take part in this event, will be

invited to attend the opening ceremony of the very first Paris Peace Forum in the afternoon. The Forum aims to make concrete proposals on peace and global leadership in all areas. The opening ceremony will include a speech by the Secretary General of the United Nations. It will be followed by a session where a number of Heads of State and Heads of Government will take the opportunity to present their own themes and projects simultaneously at various "villages".

The Forum will continue its work on 12th and 13th November. Driven by an association that unites partners for north and south, it will invite contributions mostly from non-State actors drawn from across the globe: think tanks, associations, NGOs. It will reconvene in the following years with the aim of becoming a regular major international meeting.

From Sunday 11th to Tuesday 13th November 2018 Grande Halle de la Villette, Paris)

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Ceremony at the Australian National Memorial (Villers-Bretonneux)

The Armistice signed on 11th November 1918 by Germany and the Allies marked the end of the fighting in the First World War. A commemoration, organised by the Australian Department for Veteran Affairs, will take place on 11th November 2018 at 10:30am at the Australian National Memorial in Villers-Bretonneux.

@ www.somme-battlefields.com/event/centenary-first-world-war-armistice-villers-bretonneux



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