

# NOT ABOUT HEROES

La Maison Forestière 30 & 31 October

31 Oct 1918. *My Dearest Mother, I am writing this in a smoky cellar..... It's a great life... There is no danger down here. Or if there is it will be over before you read these lines.....Of this I am certain: you could not be visited by a band of friends half so fine as those who surround me here. (To Sassoon) Dearest Friend, Some poems to tempt you to a letter.... And I'll give you my mother's address. I know you would try to see her – if I fail to see her again.*

This special performance of Not About Heroes is by invitation of the Wilfred Owen Association and the Mayor of Ors, Jacky Duminy, and combines an inspirational two day all inclusive trip to Ypres and Ors.

Not About Heroes is a play for today. An exquisite exploration of love, courage and humanity set against the backdrop of the First World War. It tells the story of Wilfred Owen meeting Siegfried Sassoon at Craiglockhart War Hospital and the friendship that transforms them both, creating some of the twentieth century's greatest war poetry. Both men return to the front. Sassoon is shot in the head but survives, Owen is machine gunned to death on the 4th Nov 1918 at the Sombre Oise Canal. The play includes the re-creation of Owen's last letter home (above) written at the Forrester's House, now the Wilfred Owen Memorial.

## Day 1: 30 Oct

- Travel by luxury coach to France with dedicated tour guide (via Euro shuttle).
- 6 am pick up Manchester
- 10.30 am pick up Maidstone Services.
- Arrive France 2pm (local time). Travel to Ypres.
- Visit the Tyne Cot Commonwealth Graves Commission Cemetery.
- Visit Langemarck German Military Cemetery
- Dinner in Ypres
- Visit the Menin Gate for the ceremony of the Last Post.
- Return to hotel.

## Day 2: 31 Oct

- Breakfast followed by travel to Ors
- 10.30 Visit the Sambre Canal and Ors Cemetery where Wilfred is buried.
- Lunch
- Visit Wilfred Owen Memorial
- 1.30 pm Watch Not About Heroes
- 4.00 pm Depart for Calais
- Inbound shuttle and arrive UK 6.30 pm
- Arrive Maidstone 7pm
- Manchester midnight

**Included:** All travel, accommodation, entry fees, play ticket, meet the cast, tour guide, meals.

**Not included:** lunch 30th, dinner 31st. Travel insurance if over 70.

**Cost:** £285

***"The trip everyone should make once in a lifetime"***

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Special Two Day Ypres and France  
Commemorative Tour

30 & 31 October

*"I am delighted that Feelgood are touring this wonderful play; we couldn't ask for a better company to do justice to Wilfred and Siegfried's story.*

*Caroline Clegg has a deep respect for the poetry and for the human cost of war and this tour has been put together with great care for the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War. I urge people to see it"*

Samuel Grey, Wilfred Owen Association

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Ors, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France

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