

'Wellington's Portugal: 2nd-7th March

A Guild of Battlefield Guides Reconnaissance of Wellington's Peninsular battlefields Lines of Torres Vedras, Rolica, Vimiero, Bussaco & Oporto



The Seminary at Porto









Vimiero's impressive Information Centre

Above: Where Craufurd Stood on Bussaco Ridge and the Grand Palace Hotel





Forte San Vicenti - Torres Vedras





Waterloo 24th-28th April 'The Old & Bold Green Jackets' Tour'









Right: Hougoumont's North Gate







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Vineyards & Victories 5: 2^{nd} - 14^{th} May A Wine & Warfare tour to the Loire Valley and D-Day Beaches



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'Wellington's Portugal': 24th – 31st May

A multi-national party's tour to the Portuguese Battlefields of the Peninsular War Lines of Torres Vedras, Rolica, Vimiero, Bussaco & Oporto





We experienced a climb in **Óbidos** for a memorable view. We took in Wellington's early battle sites of **Rolica** and **Vimiero.** We contemplated his concerns and strategy from the defensive Lines of Torres Vedras to Alhandra and then enjoyed two nights in Lisbon before heading north to **Bussaco Ridge**, where Wellington's strategic genius saw the demise of Massena.



We discussed Wellington's decision making at **Oporto** where Nosey's



army routed Soult's French into full retreat.

With the wines and restaurants of Portugal's northern city we certainly fared better than our ancestors who soldiered and suffered here during the Napoleonic Wars.





Wellington's Portugal: 10th - 17th June A Peninsular War Battlefield Tour with Yorkshire friends

Lines of Torres Vedras, Rolica, Vimiero, Bussaco & Oporto





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'Wellington's Way: 10th-14th Oct A Military Peninsular War Battlefield Study The Coa & Almeida, Fuentes de Onoro, Ciudad Rodrigo & Salamanca





Retracing in the mist the retreat of the 52nd Foot of the Coa

Below: With an ammunition wagon at Fort Conception





Standing on Wellington's 'Hinge Battlefield' at Fuentes





Wellington's Portugal 26th – 29th October A Tour of Jersey based friends to Wellington's Portuguese Battlefields

Lines of Torres Vedras, Rolica, Vimiero, Bussaco & Oporto







18-25 May -Wellington's Spain

Talavera, Almaraz, Badajoz Siege, Alcantara, El Bodon, The Coa & Almeida, Fuentes de Onoro, Ciudad Rodrigo Siege & Salamanca

15-19 June - Waterloo Re-enactment

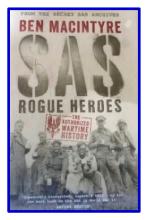
Quatre Bras, Ligny, Wavre and Waterloo

12-25 October - Vineyards & Victories

Led by world wine expert Al Spoler we tour Portugal and its vibrant cosmopolitan capital Lisbon. We take in Alentejo in south-east Portugal, the most dynamic of Portugal's thriving wine regions. We visit the university city of Coimbra and the Palace of Bussaco both of which are soaked in fascinating culture. We experience the Douro Valley the world's most beautiful wine region, boasting mile after mile of steep terraced vineyards cutting into each nook and cranny of the valley. During the tour we visit the battlefield victories along the defensive Lines of Torres Vedras, the Sieges at Badajoz and Almeida and the battlefields of Vimiero, Bussaco, Oporto and the River Coa.



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'Down Memory Lane'

Johnny Cooper

'One of the Originals' 'L Detachment' - Special Air Service ~

In support of The SAS Association and A local Charity





The Presentation is in support of SAS Veterans: Graeme Cooper gives an in depth and personal account of the life of his father Johnny Cooper, 'One of the Originals' of L–Detachment SAS. Johnny featured in the recent BBC 2 series SAS: 'Rogue Warriors' which was based on the highly acclaimed book by Ben Macintyre, SAS 'Rogue Heroes'. The presentation can be given in Village Halls, Hotels, Clubs and Pubs in support of local charities.

