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The day Napoleon escaped from Elba, in the brig Inconstant on 26 February 1815 with just 700 men, Europe was plunged back into war. The French 5th Regiment was sent to intercept him as he moved north to Paris and made contact with his entourage just south of Grenoble on 7 March 1815. Napoleon approached the regiment alone, dismounted



his horse and, when he was within gunshot range, shouted to the soldiers, "Here I am. Kill your Emperor, if you wish." The soldiers quickly broke ranks responding with, "Vive L'Empereur!" Marshal Ney, who had boasted to the restored Bourbon King, Louis XVIII, that he would bring Napoleon to

Paris in an iron cage, affectionately kissed his former emperor and forgot his oath of allegiance to the French Monarch. The two then marched together towards Paris with a growing army. The unpopular Louis XVIII fled to Belgium after realizing he had little political support. On 13 March, the powers at the Congress of Vienna declared Napoleon an outlaw. Four days later, Great Britain, Russia, Austria, and Prussia each pledged to put 150,000 men into the field to end his rule. Napoleon arrived in Paris on 20 March to begin **The 100 Days** and the march towards the epic confrontation at Waterloo.

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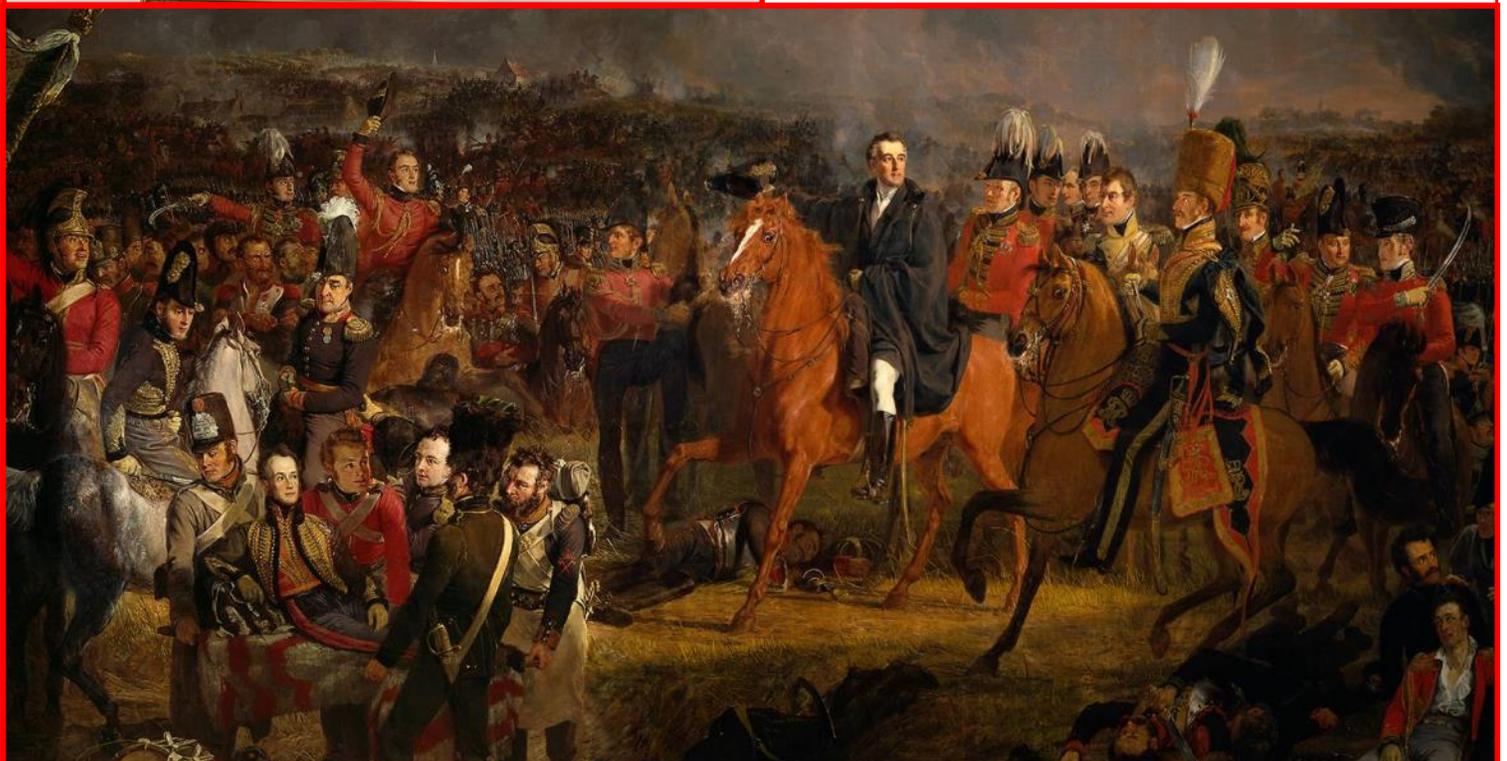
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Daily Itinerary

The group will form in **Brussels**. Tour the **Grande Platz** and experience the incredible cuisine of the city. Our first stop will be at the crossroads of **Quatre Bras**, which Marshal Ney failed to capture in a timely manner. See the four monuments dedicated to the British, Belgian, Brunswick, and Dutch soldiers who fought at Quatre Bras. Spend the afternoon on a tour of the **Neuhaus Chocolate Factory** in Brussels. Next we head for the **Ligny Museum** and tour



battlefield where Napoleon defeated the Prussian forces under Blucher. We will then head for **Liege** and visit the **Musee d'Armees** with the second largest collection of antique firearms in Europe. Next we go to **Wavre** where **Marshal Blucher** led his Prussian Army after the defeat at **Ligny**. This was also the site where **Marshal Grouchy** defeated the Prussian rearguard, one day too late. Spend most of a day walking the **Waterloo Battlefield**. See the famous **panorama** and the **Lion Mound**. From Wellington's vantage point you can see the farmhouse of **Hougoumont** and **La Haie Sainte**. Tour **Wellington's headquarters** in Waterloo, now a museum. We next travel to **Ghent**. Tour the city. From Ghent we will visit **Flanders Cemetery** and **Ypres** with a stop at the **Menin Gate**. We will return to Brussels for flights home.





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