



## MARCH OF THE PHOENIX

**An interactive walk on remembrance;**

**A century after the Great War ended, we look back and reflect on the meaning and relevance of remembrance. Who, how and why do we remember? Just as the early pilgrims, today's visitors to the battlefields of Flanders bring their own customs and rituals to commemorate their loved ones. We visit some recently added headstones at a local military cemetery and bring a traditional Maori ceremony at the New Zealand Memorial Park. Part of the March of the Phoenix is the unique 'Engraving the Past' workshop on the walk. Participants of the March of the Phoenix will receive a random personal file of a soldier who fell in the Battle of Messines. All nationalities are mixed as all of them were victims of war. Furthermore, the participants receive an aluminium flower (depicting a poppy, a forget me not, a cornflower) on which they are invited to engrave a personal message to their soldier. These metal plaques will then be displayed in a Memorial Gallery at the Peace Village, overlooking the former battlefield where thousands of them are still missing today. This way, we hope to create a peaceful place of contemplation full of messages and memories. The memorial posts for the NZ fallen, part of the above 'Post to the Past Project', will be integrated in the Memorial Gallery. The off the beaten track trail brings us to the beautiful lit Island of Ireland Peace Park with its magnificent round tower.**

### FACTS ON THE MARCH OF THE PHOENIX

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