

**A visit  
to  
Flanders  
Fields**



**Honoring  
those  
who bore  
the Cross  
of  
Sacrifice**



One of the more than 150 World War I  
cemeteries





**Marking the graves of those who could be buried**



**In the Yorkshire trench**







**A Digger,**



**combing the fields for artifacts**



**The  
Canadian  
Forces  
Memorial**



**So many graves**



**known only to God**



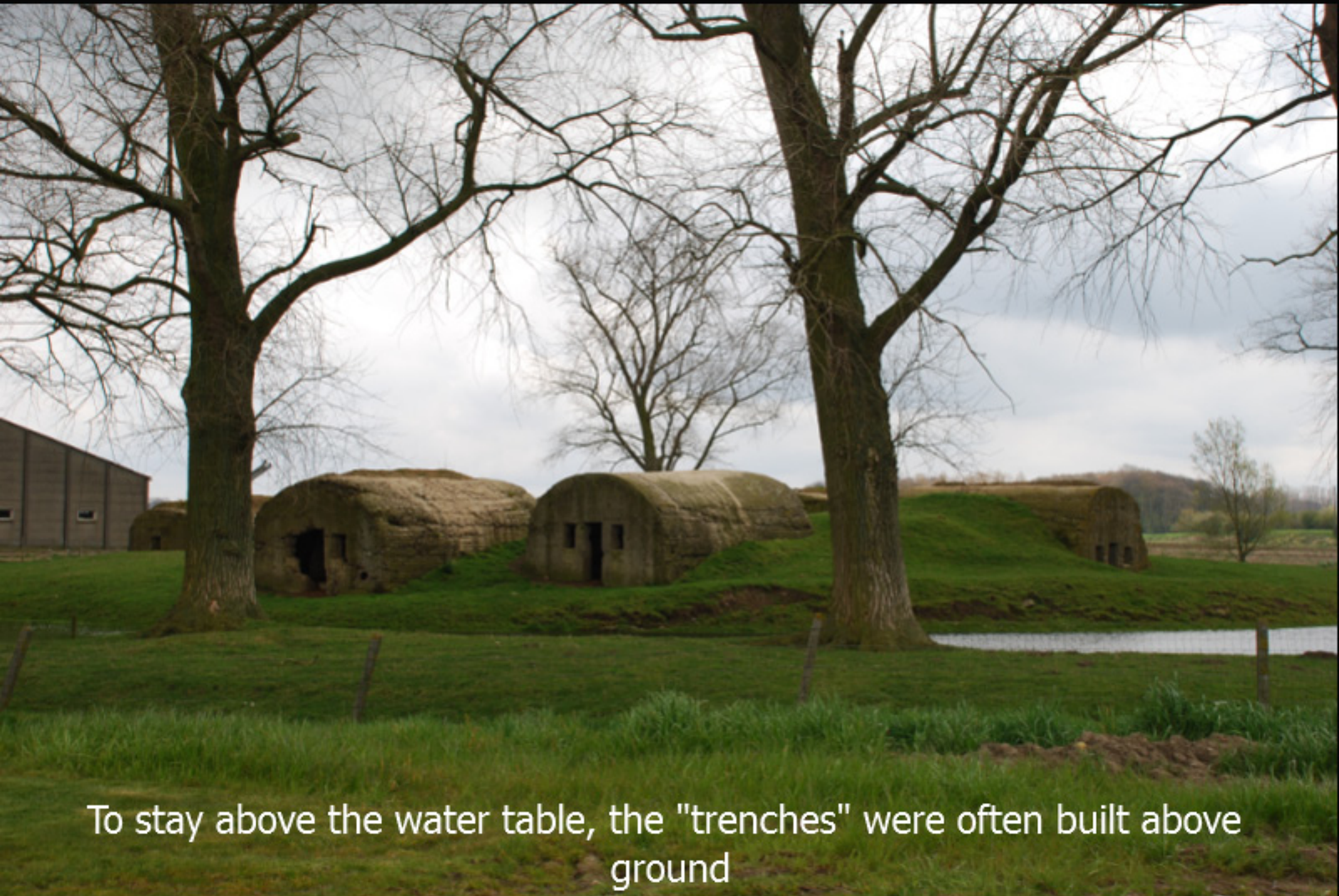


Taken at Hill 62, site of Canadian  
Cemetary



The Allies tunneled under the hill, planted explosives and blew up the German redoubt at Hill 60





To stay above the water table, the "trenches" were often built above ground





The sights were sobering but the weather and the company were very pleasant



Our arrival in Ypres, a town completely leveled by  
1918







**Inside the Cathedral of St. Martin**





Bronze building model for the blind





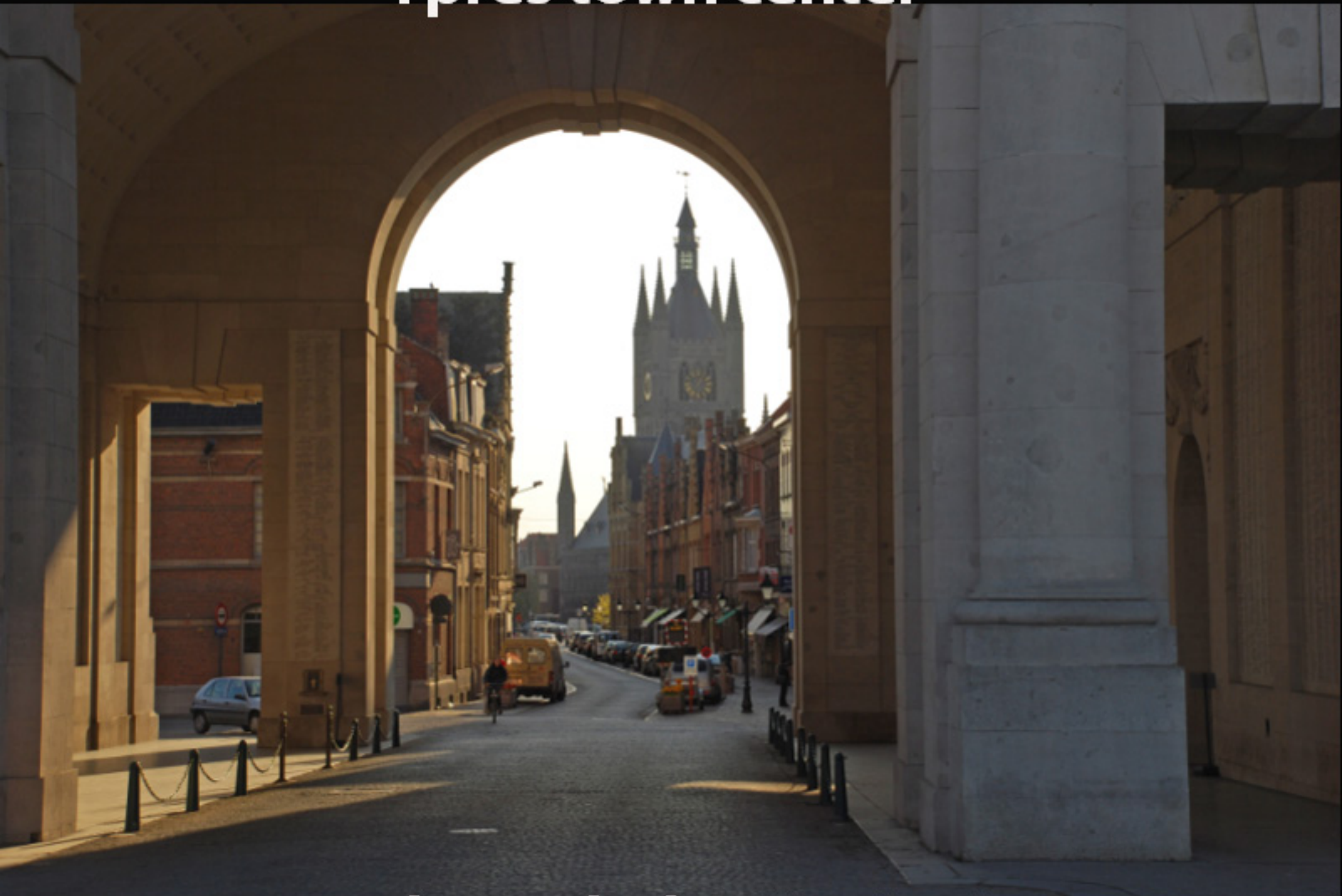
Now we're really getting a taste of Belgium



# The courthouse



**Ypres town center**



**seen through the Menin Gate**







Crowds wait respectfully for the ceremony,



as they have every night since 1929





**The Ypres buglers sound  
the Last Post**





Participants in the remembrance, young and old





*Ypres' great market square with the Cloth Hall and Belfry on the left, the townhall facing us and St. Martin's Cathedral just behind*





# Morning in Ypres



A  
common  
soldier  
joins  
saints,  
scholars  
and  
state  
heroes  
on the  
Stadhuis.







A brisk morning walk around the ramparts of  
Ypres





The fish market, first built in 1719





A most unusual church just outside of  
Ypres





On a jetty in the North Sea



Few  
brave  
the  
beach  
today





# Classic Flemish architecture



In Bruges





Putting a new spin on the old buildings in Brugge



New  
inspiration  
for Jim







Lena in Chocolate Wonderland



**The courtyard of Brugge's first market,**



**the Halle, begun in 1248**



**Towering  
above  
the Halle  
is the  
Belfry,**



**Begun in  
1282 and  
finished  
200 years  
later**





The Markt and canals from 272 ft



Lena and Steph from 2 feet







Luik (Liege)  
176  
kilometers  
as the crow  
flies





366  
steps,  
but  
who's  
counting?







# The Great Market





One of Belgium's finest and oldest(1376-1420)  
townhalls





**The facade of the Basilica of the Holy Blood**





Interior of the Basilica beautifully repainted in the 19th century





**The Holy Blood on display**





**The archway leads from the Burg(site of the original fort) via the Blind Donkey Alley to the Fishmarket**



A boat ride  
to view  
Brugge  
from its  
canals














A red boat is moving along a canal in a European city. The canal is flanked by multi-story buildings with various architectural styles, including brick and stone facades. A stone bridge crosses the canal in the distance. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, the red hull of the boat is visible, along with a silver horn and a black light fixture. A hand is visible in the upper right corner, pointing towards the canal. The text "And that way lies the North Sea" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

And that way lies the  
North Sea



The spire  
of Our  
Dear  
Lady  
Church



The  
tallest  
in  
Belgium











# The Almshouses







Entering the quiet haven of the Beguinage



Some of  
the last  
residents



heading  
to  
prayers





The Chapel of the beguinage, one of the few places dogs don't go





A brief visit to the area around Esneux, the view from Falcon Rock





# The Memorial to the American soldiers at Bastogne





View from the top



That's one  
BIG bottle  
of scotch at  
a Food Lion  
in  
Luxembourg







Something for  
everyone





**A visit to Trier, Germany.  
The Porta Nigra, the Roman Black Gate, by night**



**Stephanie's souvenir  
of Trier(there wasn't  
room for the TV)**





Beautifully restored romanesque building,  
Trier





Market  
Cross  
from  
the 9th  
century







A trio of lovely Teutonic Timberframes



# The Dom in Trier







And the Porta  
Nigra in the  
morning, still  
black!



April is asparagus season!







Inside the Dom









**The remnants of the  
Roman Baths in Trier**





An 18th century palace built on the front of the 4th century "basilica"

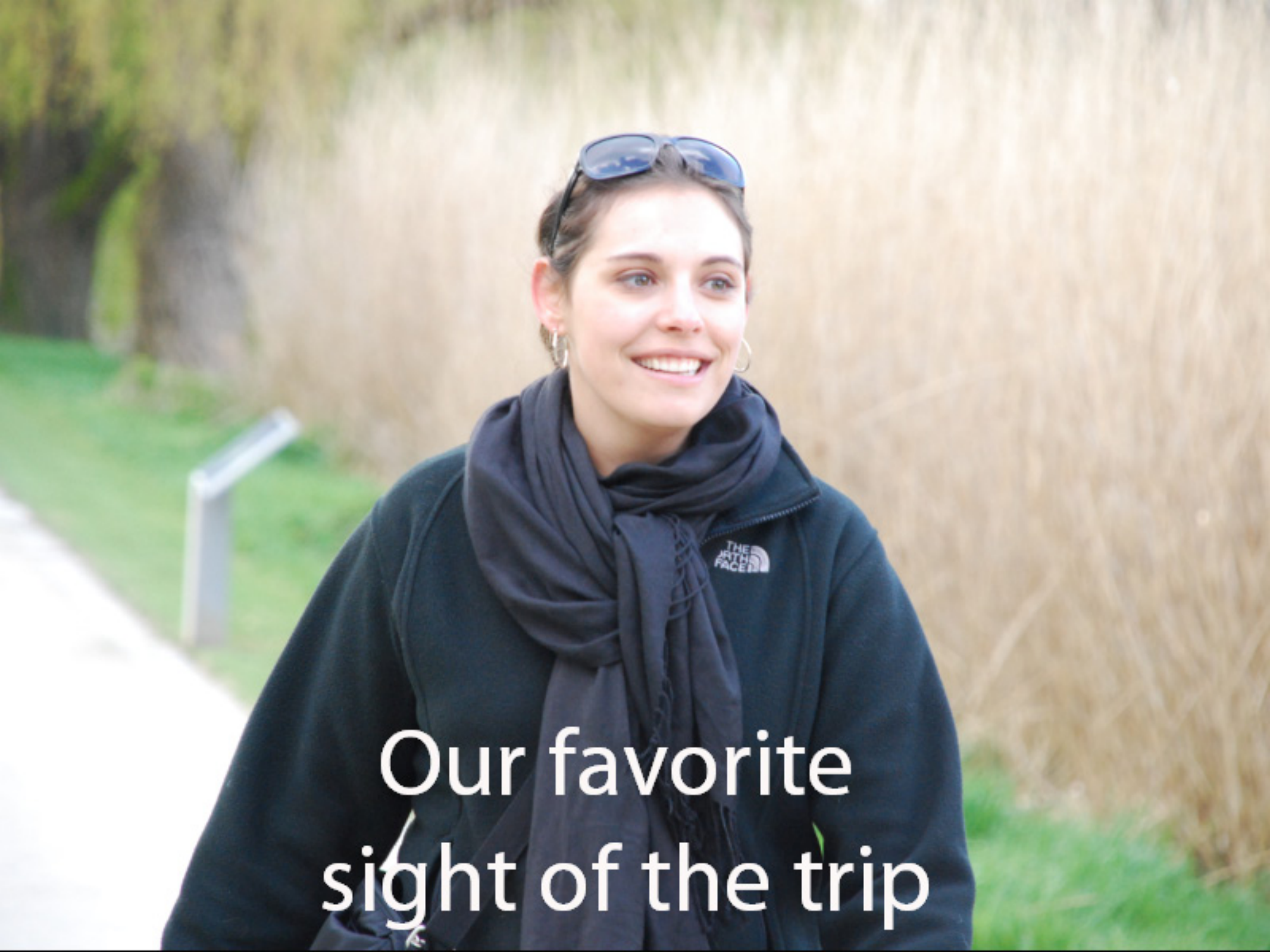


The so called  
Basilica,  
originally  
Constantine's  
throne room



Built in the  
3rd century  
A.D.,  
and the last  
place we  
toured  
together.





Our favorite  
sight of the trip