



THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary

Amsterdam, Luxembourg & Brussels

Saturday, October 2 – Monday, October 11, 2010

If you're planning a trip to Europe this fall, The Travel Club encourages you to think small—or, more specifically, think of our new vacation to **Amsterdam, Luxembourg** and, **Brussels** which combines three of Western Europe's smallest, yet most picturesque, nations. Your trip begins in the Netherlands with three days in Amsterdam, where you'll travel the canals on a glass-topped boat, visit the **Anne Frank House** and a Dutch diamond-cutting factory, or opt for excursions to the country towns of **Volendam** and **Delft** or to governmental center **The Hague**. In tiny Luxembourg, you'll tour the cities of **Maastricht** and venerable old **Luxembourg City**, with its 17th-century architecture and flowering gardens. Your trip concludes with three days in Belgium, journeying through the rolling hills of the **Ardennes** (site of the Battle of the Bulge) and **Bastogne** before arriving in Brussels, home to elegant baroque houses and Gothic cathedrals and museums. Whether you leisurely tour Brussels or opt for a boat cruise in scenic **Bruges**, your time in Belgium will be the perfect ending to an exploration of three of Europe's hidden treasures.

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Amsterdam and Brussels to Boston
- Eight nights' three and four -star accommodations
- Eleven meals: eight breakfasts, three dinners with wine or beer
- Round-trip, private airport/hotel transfers with assistance
- Sightseeing and touring
- Services of a bilingual Tour Director

Rates

\$2,699 per person double occupancy
\$3,209 single occupancy

- Add \$126 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$500.

Features

Guided tours of Amsterdam, Luxembourg and Brussels; **OPTIONALS**: Amsterdam—Volendam and Zaanse Schans half-day excursion, Delft and the Hague full-day excursion, Luxembourg—Wine tasting and dinner, Brussels—Bruges full-day excursion

Trip Planner

Day 1 Overnight flight from Boston
Days 2-4 Apollo Museum Hotel,* Amsterdam
Days 5-6 Mercure Grand Hotel Alfa*, Luxembourg City
Days 7-9 NH Atlandta,* Brussels
Day 10 Return flight to Boston

* or similar hotel accommodations

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1 – Amsterdam

Your trip to the Benelux countries begins with a flight to Amsterdam.

Day 2 – Amsterdam

Land in Amsterdam, where our representative will accompany you to your hotel. Enjoy an included dinner with the rest of your group this evening. **(D)**

Day 3 – Amsterdam

Your tour director leads this morning's tour of Amsterdam. Marvel at the city's intricate canal network as you travel along the waterways in a glass-topped boat, passing traditional houseboats and 18th-century homes. Then visit the Anne Frank House, where the young writer hid with her family during the Nazi occupation. The tour finishes with a visit to a Dutch diamond-cutting factory. **(B)**

Day 4 – Amsterdam

Today is free for you to spend as you wish in Amsterdam. Alternatively, join a full-day optional excursion to The Hague, Europe's seat of the United Nations, Delft, known for its blue china made by local potters, and a flower market. **(B)**

Optional Tour – Delft & The Hague-\$99

Your full-day excursion takes you to a flower market, to Delft, a charming village of canals and the Hague, seat of the Dutch Parliament.

Day 5 – Luxembourg City

The province of Limburg, located on the Netherlands' southern border, enjoys a rich history and a hilly landscape unique to the area. On the way to Luxembourg, stop in the Limburger capital of Maastricht for a walking tour of this superb city. Then cross into the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, as the country is officially titled. This tiny principality is smaller than the smallest U.S. state. **(B, D)**

Day 6 – Luxembourg City

On this morning's guided tour of the capital, Luxembourg City, you'll travel through the Old Town—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. View the World War II Monument of National Unity, the Notre Dame Cathedral, the 17th-century Citadel of the Holy Spirit and the elegant Grand Ducal Palace, the setting for formal state functions. This afternoon, enjoy free time in Luxembourg City with a stroll past the numerous gardens and scenic lookouts. Tonight, join an optional Food and Wine of Luxembourg event. **(B)**

Optional Tour – Food & Wine of Luxembourg- \$85

Travel along Luxembourg's scenic Route de Vin, passing by Chateau Bergdorf, then enjoy an authentic wine tasting followed by dinner.

Day 7 – Brussels

Admire the beautiful rolling countryside of the Low Countries as you travel on to Brussels. Pass through the Ardennes, site of the historic Battle of the Bulge and home of exiled French author Victor Hugo. Continuing through Belgium, stop in Bastogne for a visit to the Bastogne Historical Center. **(B, D)**

Day 8 – Brussels

Discover Brussels' unique charm on this morning's guided sightseeing tour. See the Manneken Pis statue (the popular symbol of Brussels) and the elegant baroque houses that line the Grand Place, as well as the Town Hall, a Gothic masterpiece. You'll also pass by the European Union buildings, the Royal Palace and the Palais de Justice. With a free afternoon, you might browse the galleries of the Royal Museums of Fine Arts. Or, for a true taste of Brussels, stroll down rue des Bouchers (Butchers' Street), a narrow alley full of seafood eateries competing for attention. **(B)**

Day 9 – Brussels

With a full day in Brussels at your leisure, you might wish to visit the acclaimed Comic Strip Museum. Or join our full-day optional excursion to the Flanders region, including a boat cruise in scenic Bruges. **(B)**

Optional Tour Bruges – \$95

On this excursion to the region of Flanders, you'll see the landmarks of the picturesque city of Bruges with a guided walking tour and boat cruise.

Day 10 – Brussels

Board your flight home. **(B)**

Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside the United States. U.S. citizens require a valid Passport for travel with at least 6 months' validity. Passports are the responsibility of each traveler.

PLEASE NOTE: *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*