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Itinerary: Netherlands - Belgium - France











### **ITINERARY**

# 7 Days / 6 nights Amsterdam - Rotterdam - Bruges - Brussels - Paris

### Day 1 Amsterdam

Arrival at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. Transfer to the the city centre (40 min, 15 km). Sightseeing tour by walking with Old Town and boat trip on the channels of the old town. Dinner in a local restaurant.

Overnight: Amsterdam Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

#### Day 2 Amsterdam and Rotterdam

We have a short drive in the morning to see traditional country life at the Zaanse Schaans. The Zaanse Schans is one of the highlights of the Netherlands, just outside Amsterdam. It's packed with wooden windmills, barns, houses and museums and built in the typically Dutch wooden architectural style. A guide will take you on a walking tour. You will visit the paint mills, the oil mills or sawmills and view a range of traditional crafts: cheese- and clog-making, pewter working and Delft blue pottery painting. You will have time for visiting the souvenir-shops and light lunch in the traditional restaurant. After lunchtime, we will head for Madurodam, where you get an excellent overall impression and a unique Holland experience

The interactive miniature park is the ultimate place to discover what makes Holland so unique within a short period of time. Madurodam presents you all the relevant Dutch stories behind the miniature buildings through multimedia and numerous interactive installations. Canal houses, tulip fields, cheese market, a wooden shoes factory, windmills, the Peace Palace, the Delta Works: you will find them all in Madurodam! In the evening, you will arrive in Rotterdam, one of the most modern cities in the Netherlands and to a quick round trip through the city which owns a lot of interesting modern architecture.

Overnight: Rotterdam, Holiday Inn Express Rotterdam

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 3 Antwerp

Today our first stop will be the famous city of Antwerp, known for the fashion, famous for the trade with diamonds, but famous as well as hometown of Peter Paul Rubens, a Flemish Baroque painter. We will visit his Italian style villa, and his large studio where he produced prolific works. Filled with both art and artefacts, it gives a thorough picture of his impressive life. After that, you will get an impression of the old city and have the opportunity to explore the fashion district of this interesting city. After lunch, we continue to Ghent, a historic city (UNESCO World Heritage), filled with life. You will explore the splendid architecture along the old Graslei harbour and pass by the Gravensteen Castle. Come and enjoy the medieval architecture, which remains intact and is remarkably well preserved and restored! We continue to Bruges.

Overnight: Bruges, Hotel Leonardo



Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

# Day 4 Bruges and Brussels

Enjoy another gem of the middle ages! In Bruges you will find fine buildings, meticulously decorated in a style which looks a little bit like the lace which is produced here as well. It is a city of human proportions. Its history has made it great, a fact that garnered it the title of a UNESCO World Heritage City. Retaining the mysteries of the Middle Ages and unashamedly exuberant, Bruges has been an international metropolis for centuries. We will stroll through the city center, see the central Place, called Burg and end up at Rozenhoedkaai has the enthralling ability to always make a stunning impression and is one the most photographed spots in Bruges. During our walk, we will step into the chocolate museum get an impression how important this product is for Belgium. In the afternoon we will take the coach to Brussels and walk from the impressing Grand' Place to the world famous Manneken Pis. At the end of the day, you may take a look at the Galeries St. Hubert, the oldest shopping mall of Brussels.

Overnight: Brussels, Park Inn Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

# Day 5 Brussels and Paris

On our way out of Brussels we do a stop at the Atomium, the symbol of Europe's capital, built for the EXPO 1958. It symbolised the democratic will to maintain peace among all the nations, faith in progress, both technical and scientific and, finally, an optimistic vision of the future of a modern, new, super-technological world for a better life for mankind. At 102 metres high, with its nine interconnected spheres, it represents an elementary iron crystal enlarged 165 billion (thousand million) times. Then we take the road again and head for the next capital, Paris. Our first impression of Paris will be of course another iconic building of Europe, the Eiffel-Tower. We will do a stop and you will have the opportunity to take pictures and admire this exceptional building. Before checking in the hotel, we will have of first impression of Paris, passing by the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Elysées and Place de la Concorde.

Overnight: Paris, Hotel Provinces Opéra

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 6 Paris

A whole day for the discovery of Paris! First the coach will bring you to Montmartre where you can see all the artists next to Sacré Coeur. After that, we will continue to the Opéra. Paris and perfume go well together Enjoy a visit at Fragonard's and take deep breath of the French fragrances. Furthermore we will show you the big sights of Paris like Notre-Dame Cathedral, Invalides where Napoléon is buried and the Pyramid of the Louvre. In the afternoon we will take a look in the shopping area where the big department stores are situated. Certainly you will feel a hint of luxury when you linger through the halls of Printemps or Galeries Lafayette. Our dinner in the evening will be the last highlight on the tour: we will have it during a cruise on a Bateau-mouche. You can wave good-bye to illuminated Paris, one of the most romantic towns of the world, and to the glittering Eiffel-Tower.

Overnight: Paris, Hotel Provinces Opéra

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

# Day 7

Transfer to APT and departure



# **HOTELS**

subject to availability and modifications

City	Nights	Hotels	Category
Amsterdam	1		* * *
Rotterdam	1	Holiday Inn Express	* * *
Bruges	1	Leonardo	* * *
Brussels	1	Park Inn	* * *
Paris	2	Provinces Opéra	* * *

# **SERVICES**

## Following services are included:

- 7 nights in twin/double accommodation without porterage and local city taxes
- 7 x buffet breakfast at the hotel
- 6 x dinner in hotel
- transfers, sightseeing tours and round trip by bus (incl. parking fees, road tolls, city permits, accommodation and meals for the driver)
- R/T boat cruise on the river Seine with Dinner
- admission fee as mentioned in the itinerary: Zaanse Schaans, Madurodam, Rubens' House, Chocolate Museum

# Following services not included:

- Long Distance Flights
- Any More meals then mentioned
- Tips for Driver and Guides
- Personal Expenses