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## Circuit of 8 days / 7 nights

### DAY 1 – BRUSSELS

Arrival in Brussels airport. You will be welcomed by your local guide for a city tour of Brussels. During this tour you will visit the famous Grand Place where you can admire Duke of Brabant House and Pigeon House. Continue with the famous Maneken-pis, the law court, Fleming Theater Palace, Hal Gate, Sacré-Cœur and Royal Theater of Monnaie. In the afternoon, visit of Gueuze Museum followed by beer tasting. Dinner and accommodation.

### DAY 2 – BRUSSELS

Departure for a visit of Brussels and surroundings. Visit of the Art Museum, Saint-Michel and Saint Nicolas church. Then, you will visit the house of the architect Victor Horta, main representative of Art Nouveau in Belgium. Later, you will discover Hergé Museum, creator of Tintin. Return to Brussels. Dinner and accommodation.

### DAY 3 – BRUSSELS / GAND / BRUGES

Guided tour of Bruges, biggest city of Europe in the Middle-Age. The city is listed at the UNESCO World Heritage Site for its medieval heritage. Visit the main buildings and squares. Admire the frontage through Graslei and Korenlei Quay and Saint-Bavon cathedral where you will discover the fantastic painting of Van Eyck « l'Adoration de l'Agneau Mystique ». Then, you will go in Belfort en Lakenhalle, famous tower with its bells. Discover also Stadhuis, Gand Beguine, Vlaamse Opera. Later, you will visit the Count Castle « Het Gravensteen » and Saint Niklaaskerk Church. Departure for Bruges. Dinner and accommodation.

### DAY 4 – BRUGES

You will start your day with a visit of Bruges, called «The Venice of the North» thanks to its canals. Visit the historical center : Vismarkt-proodj, Bruges Town Hall, Markt, Belford, Kruispoort, Beginhof, Schuttersgilde Saint-Sébastien, Kantcentrum, Jerusalemkerk. Continue with the visit of Saint-Sang basilica, a legend says that this basilica holds the Christ's blood which was collected by Joseph d'Arimatee. You will also visit Notre-Dame church, the biggest catholic church of the city. Which is distinguishable by its tower of 122m. Continue to Groeninge Museum, built in 1930 to receive a huge paintings collection. Finish your day with a cruise on the canals. Dinner and accommodation.

### DAY 5 – BRUGES / ANTWERP / ROTTERDAM

Departure for Antwerp, second largest European port. Diamond industry is the second business sector of the city. Panoramic tour of the city, visit of Grote market, the City Hall, Vleedhuis, Notre-Dame cathedral, Saint-Paul church which contains work of Caravage and Van Eyck. Go through Saint-Jacques church where you will see the sculpture of Rubens, and continue with the visit of Ruben's house where he lived and where he exhibits his works. Departure for Rotterdam, the biggest European port and the second biggest of the world. Guided tour of the city with its futuristic architecture. Discover Erasmus Bridge, Naval Museum, the old port and Saint-Laurent cathedral. Discover also the surprising cubic houses. Dinner and accommodation.



#### DAY 6 – ROTTERDAM / THE HAGUE / MADURODAM / AMSTERDAM

Departure for The Hague, economic capital of the Netherlands, headquarters of International Court of Justice and Netherlands Parliament headquarters. Visit of Madurodam, model (/ miniature) park built in 1952 by Maduro Family, this city is reduced to 1/25. You can admire the main buildings of the city. Later, departure for Amsterdam. Short visit of the city, you will go through the grid dam, Royal Palace, Tuschinski Theater, Marine House and the flower market. Dinner and accommodation.

#### DAY 7 – AMSTERDAM

You will enjoy your day in Amsterdam. To visit it, you will go through the Jewish district, Portuguese synagogue and Anne Frank House created in 1960 in memory of the young girl. Anne Frank and her family remained hiding during the Occupation. Then, visit of Rembrandt House, and the studio of the artist. Later, visit of Rijksmuseum, with the famous painting “La Ronde de Nuit” de Rembrandt. Dinner on a cruise boat on the canals. Accommodation.

#### DAY 8 – AMSTERDAM / MARKEN / VOLENDAM / AMSTERDAM

Departure for the Polders. Visit of a typical windmill of the XVIIth century. Then visit of the fisherman village of Volendam via Marken, an island linked to the land by a seawall. Return to Amsterdam.





## CHARM OF ALSACE, BENELUX AND RHINE



### Circuit of 8 days / 7 nights

#### DAY 1 – FRANKFURT

Arrival at the airport and transfer to Frankfurt. Guided tour of the city, native city of Goethe, financial center of Germany and Headquarters of the European Central Bank.

#### DAY 2 FRANKFURT / RHINE CRUISE / STRASBOURG

Departure for a romantic cruise on Rhine. First by bus and then by boat, you will admire wonderful landscape : cliffs, vineyards and antique castles. Later, departure for Strasbourg at the heart of Alsace. Dinner and accommodation.

#### DAY 3 – STRASBOURG / COLMAR / RIQUEWHIR / STRASBOURG

Visit of Strasbourg, designated at the UNESCO World Heritage Site and headquarters of European Parliament and European Council. Visit of the ancient city, its famous cathedral, gothic jewel and its famous astronomic clock. You will go through Gutenberg square, typical district of «Little France», covered by bridges and former customs. In the afternoon, you will visit Alsace heartland. Stop in Colmar known as « Little Venice ». After a short visit, you will see one of the most beautiful landscape of Alsace : Riquewhir. It's a splendid village where you can enjoy a wine tasting. Then, discover the famous typical dish in Alsace : the baeckoffe. Accommodation.

#### DAY 4 – STRASBOURG / LUXEMBOURG / BRUSSELS

Departure for Luxembourg crossing Lorraine, with its traditional industry now transformed in farmland. Arrival in Luxembourg, capital of Grand Duchy. Visit of the city. You will discover the frontage of the Grand-Ducal Palace, Armes square, Notre-Dame cathedral, Kirchberg district and its European institutions. Continue to Belgium. Arrival in Brussels. Dinner and accommodation.

#### DAY 5 – BRUSSELS / BRUGES / BRUSSELS

You will start your day with a visit of Bruges, «The Venice of the North» thanks to its canals. Visit of the historical center : Vismarkt-proodj, Bruges Town Hall, Markt, Belfort, Kruispoort, Beginhof, Schuttersgilde Saint-Sébastien, Kantcentrum, Jerusalemkerk. Continue with the visit of Saint-Sang basilica, a legend says that this basilica hold Christ's blood which was collected by Joseph d'Arimathie. You will also visit Notre-Dame church which is the biggest catholic church of the city. In the afternoon, discovery of Brussels. You will go through the Arc de Triomphe, the European institutions, the Palace of the Nation and then Saint-Michel cathedral. Then, discover of the famous Maneken-pis and the Grand Place. Dinner and accommodation.

#### DAY 6 – BRUSSELS / ANTWERP / ROTTERDAM / AMSTERDAM

Departure for a guided tour of Antwerp, capital of Flanders. Discover Rubens's home town and its castle on the Escaut. Discover also Grote Markt, the cathedral and its tower (123m). Then, departure for Rotterdam, biggest port in Europe. Guided tour of the city with its futuristic architecture. Discover Erasmus Bridge, Naval Museum, old port and Saint-Laurent cathedral. Discover also the surprising cubic houses. Departure for Amsterdam, liberal European city, built on the bank of Amstel River. You will enjoy a cruise on the canals. Dinner. In the evening you will have the possibility to visit the famous Red Light District. Accommodation.

#### DAY 7 – AMSTERDAM

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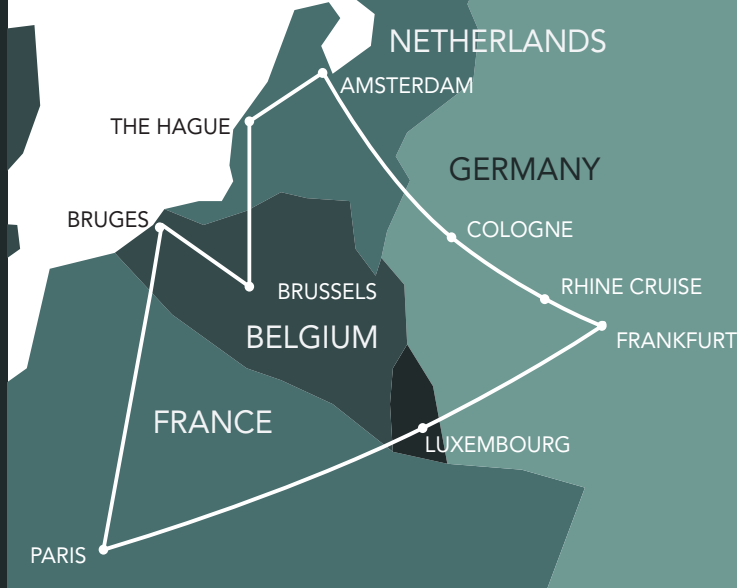
#### DAY 8 – AMSTERDAM / MARKEN / VOLENDAM / AMSTERDAM

Departure for the Polders. Visit of a typical windmill of XVII century. Visit of the fisherman village of Volendam via Marken, an island linked to the land by a seawall. Return to Amsterdam.





## PARIS AND BENELUX



### Circuit of 8 days / 7 nights

#### DAY 1- PARIS

Arrival in Paris where you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel. Dinner and accommodation.

#### DAY 2 - PARIS

Panoramic tour of the most beautiful city of Europe and its cultural richness.

You will admire the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Champs Elysées, the Place de la Concorde, Place de la Bastille, the Opera district, the Latin Quarter and Saint Germain, the Eiffel Tower, Montmartre, known as the Arts District and the Sacré-Coeur. You will embark on a cruise on the Seine , where you will admire the most famous bridges in the city and the magnificent buildings that surround the river. Lunch in a Parisian restaurant. Visit of the Palace of Versailles and its gardens where you will discover the historical life of Louis XIV , the « Sun King ». Versailles became the symbol of opulence and absolutism, being considered as the largest palace in the world with 2,153 windows, 700 rooms , 700 fireplaces and 1,250 acres of parkland. Back to Paris. Dinner and accommodation.

#### DAY 3 - PARIS / BRUGES / BRUSSELS

Departure for Bruges one of the most preserved medieval towns in Europe and listed as Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. Visit a charming city frozen in time, and its once rich palaces. You will see the Basilica of the Saint Sang, the Main Square, among others. Lunch at a restaurant. Return journey to Belgium by the motorway surrounded by the beautiful scenery of the Ardennes. Arrival in Brussels. Panoramic tour of the city where you will admire the Arcades of the Cinquantenaire (50th anniversary of the Independence of Belgium), the Palais de la Nation, the Saint-Michel-et-Gudule Cathedral, the Grand Place and the Cathedral City. Dinner and accommodation.

#### DAY 4 - BRUSSELS / THE HAGUE / AMSTERDAM

Departure for The Hague, Dutch economic capital housing the headquarters of the International Criminal Court and the headquarters of the Dutch Parliament. Lunch. Continue to Scheveningen, famous beach by the Northern Sea. Visit of Madurodam, built in 1952 by the Madura Family, which represents the whole Holland in miniature (scale of 1.25). You will also visit historical monuments and public buildings, infrastructures, industrial activities and typical neighbourhoods existing across the country. Some models are animated such as Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, the work of the Delta Plan or railways and highways. Departure for Amsterdam, the most cosmopolitan city in Europe. Dinner and accommodation.

#### DAY 5 – AMSTERDAM / VOLENDAM / MARKEN / AMSTERDAM

Panoramic tour of Amsterdam. Visit the interior of the most famous Dutch museum : the « Rijksmuseum » which has a magnificent collection of Flemish painting such as the « Night Patrol » from Rembrandt. Then, you will visit the Royal Palace, the New Church, the Central Station, the Church of S. Nicolas, the harbour immortalized by Jacques Brel, the Portuguese Synagogue and other main places. After visiting Amsterdam, you will see polders whose existence is possible thanks to the thousands of watermills in this region. Moreover, you will visit one of this typical mill from the 17th century. Lunch in Volendam. You will go through the bucolic village of Marken, an island that has been linked to the mainland by a seawall. Back to Amsterdam. Dinner and accommodation.

#### DAY 6 – AMSTERDAM / COLOGNE / RIVER CRUISE / FRANKFURT

You will take the road to Cologne where you will visit a majestic Gothic Cathedral with its towers 157 meters high. Then you will go to Sankt Goarshausen, where you will embark on a wonderful cruise on the Rhine : you will admire medieval castles and vineyards. Lunch on board. The rest of the journey you will visit Frankfurt, Goethe's hometown , the business area and the largest financial center of Germany and the headquarters of the European Central Bank. You will notice the contrast between the bold architecture of skyscrapers and the rest of the city, which was given a second life after World War II. Afterwards, you will go for a panoramic tour : Central Station, one of the largest in Europe, the Opera , the oldest and third largest in the world, Frankfurt Book Fair , the church of St. Shoulder which is the symbol of German democracy , the Römer Square and medieval facades , Cathedral of St. Bartholomew , the Zeil shopping center. Dinner and accommodation.

#### DAY 7 - FRANKFURT/ LUXEMBOURG/ PARIS

You will go to the Principality of Luxembourg and its capital, you will do a sightseeing tour: the square Guilherme II, the palace of the Duke of Grain, Place d'Armes, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Kirchberg plateau with buildings of the European institutions. Lunch. Departure for Paris. Dinner and accommodation.

#### DAY 8 – PARIS

Transfer to the airport.



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