



Center for Belgian Culture of Western Illinois tours:

Belgium

Scheduled Departure:
Aug. 26—Sept. 6, 2022



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Antwerp

Day 1: Friday, August 26th, 2022 • Depart US

Our adventure begins as we depart on a transatlantic flight to Brussels, Belgium.

Day 2: Saturday, August 27th, 2022 • Brussels

Upon arrival in Brussels, we pick up our luggage and meet our driver and a city guide. We start with a panoramic tour including a photo stop at the Atomium. After lunch at a local restaurant we continue with a short walking tour that acquaints us with this vibrant capital. Our sightseeing includes the Grand-Place, one of the most beautiful squares in the world, its 15th century Town Hall and richly decorated late 17th century Guild Houses, and the smallest and most famous inhabitant, Manneken-Pis. **L**

Day 3: Sunday, August 28th, 2022 • Brussels

On our agenda today is an excursion to Antwerp, a port city with the old Diamond District and history dating back to the Middle Ages. Our guide introduces us to Rubens House, Jewish Quarter and the Diamond District housing thousands of diamond traders, cutters and polishers. Included is also a visit to the Red Star Line Museum, lunch at a restaurant and a drive around the port. We then return to Brussels. **B, L**

Day 4: Monday, August 29th, 2022 • Bastogne area

We check out from our hotel this morning and depart to Bastogne. We make a lunch stop in Durbuy known for its stone houses and cobbled streets. Once in Bastogne, we visit



World War II memorial "Mardasson"



Meuse river

Bastogne Museum and the Mardasson Memorial, a monument honoring American soldiers from Battle of the Bulge. We overnight and have dinner at Chateau d'Hassonville in the Bastogne area. **B, D**

Day 5: Tuesday, August 30th, 2022 • Ypres

We continue to Ypres today, but first we embark a ship in Dinant and cruise on the river Meuse two hours up north to Namur, a city with medieval fortress, underground passages, gardens and so much more! We take a break for lunch on our own followed by a short city tour. We then arrive in Ypres just in time for the Last Post, a ceremony that takes place under the Menin Gate in the town. **B**

Day 6: Wednesday, August 31st, 2022 • Bruges

Our first stop today is at St. Sixtus Abbey of Westvleteren located in the Province of West Flanders. The abbey is famous for its spiritual life and gained reputation for its brewery, one of the few Trappist beer breweries in Belgium. We then continue to the coast to admire the beautiful scenery before our last stretch today to Bruges. **B, D**

Day 7: Thursday, September 1st, 2022 • Bruges

This morning we are treated to a short walking tour of Bruges, the Venice of the North and one of the most charming and romantic cities in Europe. Our guide acquaints us with the picturesque medieval inner city. Included in our tour is a visit to Church of Our Lady and Basilica of the Holy Blood. We



Durbuy, smallest city in the world



end our tour with a boat ride along the canals and enjoy a free afternoon to stroll along the narrow alleys and perhaps look for bargains in hand-made Belgium lace, an ancient craft still practiced by local women. **B**

Day 8: Friday, Sept. 2nd, 2022 • Ghent/St. Martens Latem

We have a couple of exciting days in front of us filled with visits of our friends and organizations connected to the Center for Belgian Culture. Today we are visiting the area of Lotenhulle (memorial of Ed Coryn, first honorary in Moline), Aalter-Eeklo. But first we enter the city of Ghent by boat and visit St. Bavo's Cathedral to view the Adoration of the Mystic Lamb, a 15th century altarpiece. After free time and lunch on our own, we continue by coach to the Aalter area. We overnight in St. Martens Latem. **B**

Day 9: Saturday, Sept. 3rd, 2022 • Ghent/St. Martens Latem

Today we are visiting sights, friends and organizations in the area of Deinze (birthplace of Jozef Van Lancker) and Nevele area. We return to St. Martens Latem tonight. **B**

Day 10: Sunday, Sept. 4th, 2022 • Ghent/St. Martens Latem

Today we are visiting sights, friends and towns around Tielt. West Flanders is another area where several Moline immigrants came from. We return to St. Martens Latem tonight. **B**

Day 11: Monday, September 5th, 2022 • Brussels area

Our time in Belgium is coming to an end and we head back to Brussels. We enjoy free time to visit one more time the labyrinth of small streets surrounding the Grand-Place and perhaps do some last-minute shopping for Belgian chocolate. We end our day with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant and transfer to our airport hotel. **B, D**

Day 12: Tuesday, September 6th, 2022 • Return to US

Unfortunately, it is time to say "Tot ziens" as we depart to airport to catch our return flight home. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

TOUR COST: \$2829.00* per person

Land Only

*Price is based on a minimum of 22 participants, double occupancy
Single supplement = \$619

Ask about the loyal Center for Belgian Culture member discount.

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals per itinerary** (10 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 3 dinners)
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Airfare** to Brussels, Belgium and related taxes and fees
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees.
(*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation.
(*This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.*)

Payment Schedule (per person):

- Non-refundable \$500.00 plus insurance deposit due with registration and signed passenger agreement.
- Non-refundable \$1000.00 second deposit is due April 20, 2022 to cover land contracts.
- Non-refundable final payment covering land, airfare and additional insurance due May 27, 2022.

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Currency:

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Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. This is a fully customized tour. Customized tour pricing is based on the number of passengers traveling therefore no refunds can be administered. If you are unable to travel due to a covered reason listed on the insurance policy, you can make a claim with the insurance company to recover your expenses. Insurance premiums are non-refundable.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of participation. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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Please register me for:

- BNCB22 • Aug. 26—Sept. 6, 2022 • \$2829
- Single Supplement • \$619

Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a photocopy of the picture page your passport with your application.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a photocopy of the picture page of your passport with your application.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ OR Single supplement: Yes No

Travel Insurance (please check one)

- I wish to purchase insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered.

Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

- Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). *Make checks payable to Blue Horizon.*
- Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card ID Code:* _____ **last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

_____ Initial to acknowledge you understand that Federal law prohibits the carriage of certain hazardous materials in your luggage or on your person aboard aircraft and could result in a fine or imprisonment. Visit www.tsa.gov for more information.

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____



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