



Middlesex International College and Group Travel Directors
present

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LOW COUNTRIES

The Netherlands, Luxembourg & Belgium
with a side trip to Trier, Germany

July 20-30, 2011 11 Days

Hosted by Dr. Larry Kenney, President

Post-tour option for educators and others interested in literacy:

Attend the 17th European Conference on Reading in Mons, Belgium,
July 31 – August 3, 2011. See conference website for details and registration:
www.mons2011.eu



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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

WED 20 JUL Arrive Amsterdam

Welcome to your adventure in the Low Countries! Meet Dr. Kenney and your tour guide at Schiphol Airport by 9:30AM this morning. Transfer north of Amsterdam to visit Zaanse Schans open-air museum. This enchanting village on the Zaan River has been lovingly established by relocating local houses, historic windmills, storehouses and barns to form a remarkable replica of a typical village of the seventeenth and eighteenth century. There are intriguing traditional Dutch crafts such as wooden shoes, pewter and cheese making, several fascinating museums, restaurants and shops. After time to tour and explore on your own, transfer to Amsterdam for hotel check-in, dinner and overnight. B.W. Apollo Museum Hotel (D) www.apollohotelsresorts.com/page/hotels/apollo-museumhotel-amsterdam

THU 21 JUL Amsterdam

Discover Amsterdam and its rich history during a full-day, guided tour of the city. Embark on a canal cruise – probably the best way to see the city! The multi-storied, gabled houses mirrored in the canals create the classic image of Amsterdam. Stroll among the masses of blossoms brimming on the permanently moored barges of the floating flower market. Make a moving visit to the historic Anne Frank House to learn of a young Jewish girl's life in hiding during WWII. See the richest collection of Van Gogh paintings in his eponymous museum. This evening the group will gather for a welcome dinner at a traditional restaurant. B.W. Apollo Museum Hotel (B,D)

FRI 22 JUL Amsterdam

Make a southbound daytrip stopping first in Aalsmeer to view the daily flower auction. Continue to The Hague, seat of government for The Netherlands. A guided tour of the 13th century Binnenhof (Parliament building) will highlight the soaring and dignified Hall of Knights where the Queen gives her annual address. Drive to the nearby Delft, perhaps the prettiest little town in Holland, and visit the Delftware Factory. Meet the artisans and learn of the creative skill with which this superb blue porcelain is crafted. Return to Amsterdam. B.W. Apollo Museum Hotel (B)



SAT 23 JUL Amsterdam/Luxembourg

Leave Amsterdam for the drive to Maastricht, the oldest town in Holland, founded 2,000 years ago. Tour this medieval city and the St. Pieter Caves, then enjoy time on your own for lunch. Depart for the Ardennes hills and the town of Bastogne, where the "Battle of the Bulge" was fought during World War II. See the Mardasson Liberty Memorial dedicated to 77,000 Americans who lost their lives here. Arrive later today in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the smallest independent nation in Europe, and a treasure trove of scenic and historical delights. Novotel Centre (B) www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-5556-novotel-luxembourg-centre/index.shtml

SUN 24 JUL Luxembourg

Become acquainted with Luxembourg City during a guided tour this morning. This city is one of three official capitals of the European Union along with Brussels and Strasbourg; and it hums with the vibrant activity. Just outside of the city is the U.S. Military Cemetery - the final resting place of 5076 American soldiers including the grave of Gen. George Patton. Travel into the countryside to visit Castle Vianden, a mighty 9th century fortress castle perched on a hill above the town in which Victor Hugo lived. Arrive later this afternoon in Wiltz, which is beautifully situated in the Luxembourg's section of the Ardennes. After time for dinner on own attend an open-air concert at annual Wiltz Festival. Return to Luxembourg City. Novotel Centre (B)

MON 25 JUL Luxembourg

This morning visit the National Literature Center at the Maison Servais in Mersch, Luxembourg, to have a discussion with a representative from "Freed um Liesen" – Joy of Reading. www.freed-um-liesen.lu. This reading initiative aims to promote Luxembourg literature and encourage reading. Since 1999, the association has annually published a themed collection featuring texts written by Luxembourg authors or writers living in Luxembourg, which it launches every year on April 23rd, the World Book and Copyright Day. Continue just six miles across the border into Germany to the country's oldest city, Trier. Enjoy a walking tour featuring the oldest Cathedral in Germany and exceptional Roman ruins followed by time for independent exploration. Novotel Centre (B)

TUE 26 JUL Luxembourg/Bruges

Journey eastward across Belgium today stopping at the Annevoie Gardens (Jardins d'Annevoie). Originally laid out in the 17th century, these gardens are reminiscent of French, Italian and English gardens yet uniquely Belgian in the entirely natural design. Arrive later today in Bruges, which retains a rich Medieval atmosphere. Glide amidst a romantic world of gabled buildings and arched bridges during an evening cruise on the meandering canals. Hotel Martin's Brugge, Oude Burg (B) www.martins-hotels.com/en/hotel/martins-brugge

WED 27 JUL Bruges

Tour enchanting Bruges including a visit to the Chocolate Museum, the Lace Center at Jerusalem Church, and a walking tour of the Old Town including Church of Our Lady and the Mausoleum of Mary Of Burgundy and Charles the Bold. Also visit the Memling Museum in a former hospital of the Middle Ages. Here you will see works by the 15th century Netherlandish painter, Hans Memling, including his masterpiece shrine containing the relics of St. Ursula. Hotel Martin's Brugge, Oude Burg (B)

Organizer/Group Leader:

Dr. Lawrence M. Kenney is a retired educator from Wisconsin and current President of Middlesex International College in Jamaica, West Indies. Larry is a seasoned traveler and an experienced tour leader. A long time member of the International Reading Association, he chaired IRA's committee for Professors of Reading Teacher Educators and served as editor of its journal, "The Reading Professor", for twenty-four years

THU 28 JUL Bruges/Brussels

Stop in Antwerp, the diamond center of the world, en route to Brussels today. Learn of Antwerp's rich and varied history during a locally guided tour including a visit to the stunning Gothic Cathedral of Our Lady. The 17th century artist Peter Paul Rubens was a native son of Antwerp and his home is now a museum. A tour of the house gives wonderful insight to the life of this superb painter and to the life of a Flemish gentleman of that era as well. Another museum visit of interest is at the Plantin-Moretus House where one of the earliest and most influential publishing firms was established in the late 1500s. Later this afternoon transfer to Brussels, the "capital of Europe", for hotel check-in and a two-night stay. Hotel Martin's Central Park (B) www.martins-hotels.com/en/hotel/martins-central-park

FRI 29 JUL Brussels

Get an overview of greater Brussels during panoramic coach touring en route to nearby Waterloo. World history was changed on the battlefield at Waterloo when England defeated Napoleon in 1815. Today this site has reverted to rolling farmland marked by the Lion's Mount – a 100-foot high earthen memorial with an observation deck atop. Return to central Brussels for an afternoon walking tour visiting St. Michael's Cathedral, famous for its 16th-century stained-glass windows, and the Grand Place, the most beautiful square in the world. Stroll past the infamous Manneken Pis, the oldest and most honored bourgeois of Brussels. Enjoy a farewell dinner of traditional Belgian foods in Grand Place vicinity. After dinner be sure to experience the magical beauty of the Grand Place at night. Hotel Martin's Central Park (B, D)

SAT 30 JUL Departures

After breakfast and hotel check-out, a motorcoach and assistant will be a making one scheduled trip to the airport for those who are returning to the U.S. and one scheduled trip to the Brussels Midi rail station for those traveling to nearby Mons for the conference. For information on train schedules and fares, visit www.raileurope.com. (B)

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Code: **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
Itinerary subject to change.

TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of \$400 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of \$1000 is due March 16, 2011. Final payment is due May 16, 2011. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. The following penalties will apply: Up to March 15, 2011- \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; March 15 – July 4, 2011 – Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; July 5, 2011 or after - No refund.

LATE BOOKINGS: Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a \$50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional ground service charges.

PRE-EXISTING
medical conditions and other
circumstances are covered
when insurance is purchased at the
time of reservation / deposit.
Contact Travel Insured for more
info. 800-243-3174

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ACCOMMODATION:** Ten nights accommodation in 3-star hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily and three dinners as outlined in the itinerary.
- GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- PORTERAGE:** Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- EXPERT GUIDES:** A professional English-speaking tour manager from arrival in Amsterdam through departure from Brussels, and experienced English-speaking local guides for local tours.
- GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$118 per person has been included).
- ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including handy high visibility bag tags, name tags, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

COST SUMMARY

\$2600

Land only price, including gratuities

*Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplement

Single Room* \$599

*In addition to base tour cost
Very limited availability on request basis.
GTD can assist in finding roommates;
however, this cannot be guaranteed

Costs: The tour cost is per person based double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of June 2010, a minimum of 25 travelers, and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only.

Items Not Included

- Airfare and taxes.
- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption is not included and highly recommended. Please refer to the Travel Insurance section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require a visa.

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#110702 • OR CLIP AND MAIL

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(Name as it appears on passport)

1. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

2. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

Address (no P.O. boxes) _____ Tel. (Day) _____ (Eve.) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____

Roommate _____ I will pay the supplement for a single room.

Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.

DEPOSIT/TRAVEL INSURANCE (please check one)

Please reserve _____ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:

\$ _____ **\$554** per person **inclusive of travel insurance** for the land package.

\$ _____ **\$400** per person **without travel insurance.**

I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre-existing waiver.

Form of Payment

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Charge my deposit(s) to

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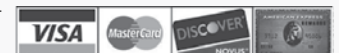
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Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#110702

I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____



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GTD TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is included as an option with the initial tour deposit and is highly recommended. GTD offers a competitive policy from an independent company. By purchasing insurance at the time the tour deposit is made, you can be covered for events that may cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip, i.e., pre-existing medical conditions (certain restrictions apply). If you decline travel insurance at the time of reservation, you may purchase it within 14 days with the pre-existing conditions waiver or you may purchase it later without the pre-existing conditions waiver. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174.

GTD TRAVEL INSURANCE INCLUSIONS

Trip Cancellation.....	up to Tour Cost*
Trip Interruption.....	up to 150% of Tour Cost**
Travel Delay.....	\$750
Missed Connection.....	\$300
Baggage.....	\$1,000
Baggage Delay.....	\$200
Medical Expense.....	\$50,000
Evacuation/Repatriation.....	\$500,000
Accidental Death.....	\$10,000
Political Emergency Evacuation.....	\$100,000
ID Theft Resolution Services.....	Included
Assistance Service.....	Included

* a maximum of \$3000 per person
** a maximum of \$4500 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Insurance is \$154 per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. You may purchase additional insurance to cover the cost of your airfare. Please advise GTD at the time you purchase your airline ticket.



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