THE ART AND ALES OF FLANDERS

WITH SWARTHMORE PROFESSOR
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Through the centuries, the vibrant art of Flanders mirrored the rich history of the great Flemish cities. A period spanning the reign of the Dukes of Burgundy, who inherited the territories in 1384, through the wars with Spain’s Philip II, to the rise of the northern Netherlands (which became the Dutch Golden Age). Flemish painting, with its nonpareil technical virtuosity and realist textures, spans the centuries from Jan van Eyck (Ghent Altarpiece) and Rogier van der Weyden to Pieter Bruegel the Elder, Hieronymus Bosch and the Baroque master Peter Paul Rubens.

On this alumni trip, we explore the cities and art of Flanders, Brabant, and South Holland (Brussels, Ghent, Bruges, Antwerp, Rotterdam, and The Hague) in combination with an exploration of another world-famous tradition: the beers and culinary treasures of Belgium.

Have a little more time? Consider extending your trip to Amsterdam to further indulge in art and ales with visits to the Rijksmuseum, and the Van Gogh Museum, and taste your way through some of Amsterdam's most famous beer bars and breweries.

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, IS:

| Land Only (no airfare included): | $2799 |
| Single supplement | $690 |

Airfares are available from many other cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

**HOTELS:** 7 nights’ accommodation in a first-class hotel with all hotel taxes and service charges included

**COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary

**MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 6 lunches and 2 dinners

**GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour guide and Swarthmore professor Hansjakob Werlen throughout

**ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary

**OPTIONAL AMSTERDAM EXTENSION:** The cost of this extension is $1130 per person, double occupancy (single supplement $390). Including 3 nights’ accommodation at the hotel JL No 76, breakfast daily, 3 lunches, all entrance fees, guides and ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary.

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registrant on receipt of deposit.
**Friday, August 17th** - Departure from your chosen US gateway city.

**Overnight**" Plane

**Saturday, August 18th** - Arrivals at Brussels Airport will be met for the transfer to our city-center hotel. There will be free time to unpack and relax before meeting for a welcome dinner at stylish Michelin-starred Bozar Brasserie (bozarbrasserie.be/). The hotel in Brussels is the four-star designer hotel Des Galeries in the very center of the city (hoteldesgaleries.be/en/the-hotel/description/). For those arriving earlier in the day, a visit to Cantillon Brewery/Brussels Museum of the Gueuze is possible. (D) **Overnight: Brussels**

**Sunday, August 19th** - In the late morning, we will visit various collections of The Royal Museum of Fine Arts (Old Masters, Fin-de-Siècle, Magritte). After the museum visit, we head to lunch with a beer degustation at Moeder Lambic, one of Belgium’s most famous beer restaurants (facebook.com/moederlambicbrussels/). (B, L) **Overnight: Brussels**

**Monday, August 20th** - This morning we leave Brussels by luxury motorcoach for the short trip to the Devil’s brewery – the renowned Duvel Moortgat Brewery in Puurs (duvel.com/en/visit-duvel). After a tour and tasting at the brewery, we check into the boutique hotel Corona (corona.nl/en/). Five minutes away. After lunch, we visit the splendid Gothic Saint Bavo’s Cathedral and its art treasures (sintbaafskathedraal.be/en/). (B, L) **Overnight: Ghent**

**Tuesday, August 21st** - On our way to Bruges, we stop at the famous Rodenbach Brewery in Roeselare (cheers.rodenbach.be/en). After the tour and tasting, we have lunch in Bruges at the sophisticated Assiette Blanche restaurant in the city center (assieteblanche.be/), followed by a visit to the Hans Memling Museum before our short trip back to Ghent. (B, L) **Overnight: Ghent**

**Wednesday, August 22nd** - Today begins with a visit to the Het Anker Brewery and Distillery in Mechelen (hetanker.be/en). Before arriving in Antwerp, we enjoy a multi-course luncheon with wines at the Michelin-starred restaurant Eyckerhof in Bornem (eyckerhof.be/nl/#home). After a stroll through Antwerp’s Old City and Grote Markt, we visit the Rubens House and its permanent collection (rubenshuis.be/en). Antwerp boasts some of the greatest beer bars in Belgium, we’ll visit at least one of them before the short trip back to Ghent. (B, L) **Overnight: Ghent**

**Thursday, August 23rd** - We begin the day with the short bus trip to Rotterdam and architectural tour of the city. We’ll have lunch at the brewpub of the newly established Kaapse Brouwers (kaapsebrouwers.nl/nl/borrels-en-proeverijen). The final destination of the day is The Hague (Den Haag) where we check into the boutique hotel Corona (corona.nl/en/).

(B, L) **Overnight: The Hague**

**Friday, August 24th** - We start the day with a visit to the exquisite Mauritshuis Museum, followed by a luncheon at Calla’s (restaurantcallas.nl/english/). We could then visit the rowdy beer and whisky pub, De Huppel (dehuppel.nl/home), a stone’s throw away from the hotel, before our dinner at the excellent restaurant Basaal (restaurantbasaal.nl/).

(B, L, D) **Overnight: The Hague**

**Saturday, August 25th** - Morning transfers to the Brussels airport for return flights. Alternatively, why not stay on for a three night extension to Amsterdam. (B) **Overnight: Amsterdam**

Optional Amsterdam Extension:

**Saturday, August 25th** - Our morning arrival by train from The Hague will be met for transfer to our hotel in the Museum Quarter. We’ll have a tour and lunch at the De Prael Brewpub, followed by a canal boat tour of the city. The evening is free with an option to join Hansjakob on a pub crawl to some of Amsterdam’s most famous beer bars. (B, L) **Overnight: Amsterdam**

**Sunday, August 26th** - We begin the day with a guided tour of the nearby Rijksmuseum. Depending on our final group size we will then either take a private bus or the public
tram over to the Funenkade to have lunch at the iconic het IJ brewery. After lunch we’ll take a tour. The evening is free. 

(B, L) OVERNIGHT: AMSTERDAM

MONDAY, AUGUST 27th - This morning we visit the nearby Van Gogh Museum. From here, we will travel to the elegant Hoofdstad Brasserie in the Hotel De L’Europe for lunch. Overlooking the Flower Market, the Brasserie has a coveted Michelin “Bib Gourmand” award. After lunch we head to North Amsterdam for a visit to the cutting-edge Oedipus Brewery. Free evening. (B, L)

OVERNIGHT: AMSTERDAM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28th - Morning transfers to Amsterdam Airport for return flights to the USA. (B)

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner
**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**GENERAL**
1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Instructions to aid you can be found on overleaf.
3. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
4. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
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6. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
7. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, at our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

**Payment Schedule**
1. A deposit of $500 must accompany this completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to departure.

**Tour Cost Adjustments**
Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:
1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 15-20 participants. Should we end up with less than 15 people, Discover Europe will work with Swarthmore College to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

**Refund Policy**
1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a $200 cancellation penalty.
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   - 90-61 days prior to departure: $1000 per person
   - 60 days - trip departure: no refund (unless traveler has insurance)
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Comprehensive travel insurance is not included in your tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Engaging Journeys Inc. will be providing you with details of a recommended insurance company.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant’s absence once the tour has started.

**Inclusions & Exclusions**
1. All inclusions on The Art and Ales of Flanders are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant’s chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers and items of a personal nature.

**Emergency Contact Information**

Name: 
Address: 
City: State: Zip:  
Home Telephone:  

**Flight Information**

(Please check one)

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights:  
☐ Yes ☐ No  
Flight details (if self-arranged):


**Rooming Requirements**

(Please check one)

☐ I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)  
☐ I will be sharing with:  
We would like a ☐ double ☐ twin-bedded room

**Permissions**
Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Signatures**

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Swarthmore and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

Signature: Date:  
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