

**Classic Benelux  
9 days - 8 nights  
Amsterdam, Benelux, Brussels, Bruges  
Discovery, Fun, Culture, History**

**This program may be operated for individual or for groups  
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize**

**Netherlands**

*If Amsterdam is a flagship destination to spend a weekend, the rest of the country, it is a little left out; While the capital is a fine foretaste of the culture and history of the Netherlands, there is no doubt that the rest of the country deserves equally passionate attention, for example, the country's largest cities, Rotterdam, The Hague and Amsterdam, the capital, exotic destination and easily accessible.*

**Luxembourg**

*Cultural treasures, natural riches and landscapes of exhilarating variety, refined dishes, excellent traditional and sparkling wines, festive traditions and a vibrant culture... throughout the year, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg allows you to live unusual and unforgettable experiences. The only Grand Duchy in the world, the country offers a fascinating game of contrasts on a small territory: rich history and exemplary modernity, local charm and international character, big and small, mountains and valleys ...*

**Belgium**

*Belgium is, to begin with, the flat country. You will not find mountains here but rather green expanses and forests. The cities, whether Flemish or Walloon are real architectural gems (we think of Bruges or Antwerp). You did not suspect either the creative and cultural side of Belgium, which is nicknamed the country of surrealism. Just as Belgian cuisine is not limited to its chip shops. The real local specialties to enjoy being beer and chocolate*

**Day 1: Amsterdam**

Upon arrival at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport you'll be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Brussels. The rest of the day is free. An optional dinner can be arranged for this evening.  
*Recommended restaurant: Gartine (4.7)*

**Day 2: Amsterdam**

A local guide acquaints you with all the charm of Amsterdam this morning, from its canals to its gabled 18th-century homes. The tour also includes a visit to a working Dutch diamond-cutting factory. Later in the morning, on a narrated canal cruise, you'll pass along some of the city's many waterways and view the houseboats that still serve as residences for many local citizens. On selected springtime departures, an optional excursion to Keukenhof Gardens, with its millions of flowers growing on 70 acres of gardens, Keukenhof has been a showplace for the Dutch floral industry throughout the past 50 years. In the evening, optional travel along the canals of Amsterdam on a low-slung house boat, enjoying the view of row houses lit up for the night. Your tour will take you through the center of town as you enjoy a wonderful Dutch feast by lantern light. Return to the hotel for overnight. [B]

*Recommended restaurant: Sazanka (4.7)*

**Day 3: Amsterdam**

If the art of the Dutch masters interests you, plan to visit the recently renovated van Gogh Museum or the Stedelijk Museum (a collection of modern art). Instead, you might consider an optional excursion to two more Dutch cities, The Hague (European seat of the United Nations) and Delft, along with a visit to a flower market. Your first stop on this excursion is a visit to a flower market for a close-up look at one of Holland's best-known national exports: its brilliantly hued tulips.

*Recommended restaurant: La Rive (4.8)*

#### Day 4: Amsterdam, Luxembourg

Crossing south to the province of Limburg, notice how the landscape quickly changes from flat to hilly to mountainous. Stop in the Limburger capital of Maastricht for Tour Director-led sightseeing of this superb city. Then cross into the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, as the country is officially titled. This tiny principality is smaller than the smallest state in the United States. Check in to your hotel and overnight. [B]

Recommended restaurant: L'Adresse (4.5)

#### Day 5: Luxembourg

An expert local guide leads today's sightseeing tour of Luxembourg City, the country's capital. Travel the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. View the poignant World War II Monument of National Unity, the Notre-Dame Cathedral, the 17th-century Citadel of the Holy Spirit and the elegant Grand Ducal Palace, once a royal residence and now the setting for formal state functions. Travel along Luxembourg's scenic "Little Switzerland" route to Chateau de Beaufort. While visiting this awe inspiring, 12th-century castle you will have the opportunity to taste the local drink, crème de cassis, in the Renaissance castle's annex. Return to hotel for overnight. [B]

Recommended restaurant: Clairefontaine (4.8)

#### Day 6: Luxembourg, Brussels

As you head north, travel through the forested Ardennes. The Battle of the Bulge unfolded amid the rolling hills and dense forests of this region. After crossing the border into Belgium, stop in Bastogne for a visit to the Bastogne Historical Centre paying tribute to the American soldiers who defended Belgium in World War II. Arrive later in Brussels for check-in and overnight at your hotel. [B]

Recommended restaurant: Sea Grill (4.7)

#### Day 7: Brussels

Join a professional local guide for a tour of Brussels, unofficial capital of Europe and headquarters for the European Union. In the city's historic center, see the Manneken Pis and the elegant Baroque houses that line the Grand Place. You'll also view the European Union buildings, the 18th-century Place Royale and the Palais de Justice. In your free time this afternoon, you may choose to browse the galleries of the Royal Museums of Fine Arts, featuring works by Monet and Gauguin. Or for a true taste of Brussels, stroll down rue des Bouchers (Butchers' Street), a narrow alley full of seafood eateries competing for attention. Return to hotel for overnight. [B]

Recommended restaurant: Le Rabassier (4.7)

#### Day 8: Brussels

Be sure to sample some of Belgium's renowned pastries or chocolates and take in the colorful local bustle of the Fish Market. Popular museums in the city include the unique Comic Strip Museum and the Museum of Modern Art. Journey into the region of Flanders on this half-day excursion. You'll visit the picturesque town of Bruges, a Middle Ages-influenced town characterized by a market square that has remained largely unchanged in



the past several centuries. See the landmarks of Bruges with a guided walking tour. Return to hotel for overnight. [B]

*Recommended restaurant: Tonton Garby (4.8)*

**Day 9: Brussels, USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and some free time depending on your flight schedule. At the appointed time you'll be picked-up and transferred to the airport to board your flight back home.

[B] = Breakfast

**Your Tour includes:**

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Assistance at airports
- 9 nights' accommodation:
  - Amsterdam – 3 nights
  - Luxembourg – 2 nights
  - Brussels – 3 nights
- Full sightseeing program:
- Amsterdam 18th-century homes
  - Narrated canal cruise
  - van Gogh Museum
  - Maastricht
  - Luxembourg Old Town
  - World War II Monument of National Unity
  - Notre-Dame Cathedral
  - 17th-century Citadel of the Holy Spirit
  - Grand Ducal Palace
  - Scenic "Little Switzerland"
  - Chateau de Beaufort
  - Bastogne Historical Centre
  - Manneken Pis
  - Grand Place
  - Place Royale
  - Royal Museums of Fine Arts
  - Fish Market
  - Comic Strip Museum and the

- Museum of Modern Art
- Medieval Bruges
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fees for sites visited
- Transportation by A/C vehicle
- All local taxes

**Optional Inclusions**

- International or Domestic airfares
- Any taxes and surcharges relating to airfares
- Lunches and dinners
- Travel insurance
- Wi-Fi at hotels

**Tour does not include**

- Optional tours and activities
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out (Most hotels begin check-in around 2:00pm).
- Expenses of personal nature
- Any service not specifically listed under "included"

**Recommended hotels for your Tour:**

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
<b>Superior Tourist</b>		
Amsterdam	Jaz Amsterdam	4.5
Luxembourg	Park Inn by Radisson	4.5
Brussels	Boutique Hotel St. Géry	4.5
<b>First Class</b>		
Amsterdam	INK Hotel Amsterdam MGallery by Sofitel	4.5
Luxembourg	DoubleTree by Hilton Luxembourg	4
Brussels	Hilton Grand Place	4
<b>Deluxe</b>		
Amsterdam	De L Europe	4.5
Luxembourg	Sofitel Luxembourg Le Grand Ducal	4.5
Brussels	Amigo	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

### **Tour Prices:**

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

**Tour Code:** LU01AMST8VT

### **Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

### **Group Quotations**

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.