

Country Roads of Belgium, Luxembourg & the Netherlands

Hand-picked encounters from canals to clogs. Farm-to-Table feasts and Rembrandt's masterpieces display the best of the region.

11 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | LEISURELY



4.5/5



Guest Review Rating

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - October

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/crbelgium](https://www.insightvacations.com/crbelgium)

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BRUSSELS

Join your Travel Director for a visit to the cheeky Manneken Pis statue and a leisurely stroll around the Grand Place. Your delightful first evening includes dinner with drinks in the heart of the Old Town. (D)

Hotel: Sofitel Europe, Brussels

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 09:00, 11:00 and 14:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 | THE BATTLEFIELD OF WATERLOO OR CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE MAKING LESSON

Explore Brussels with Insight Choice. Learn about Napoleon's final defeat at Waterloo, or join a private chocolate truffle making lesson and tasting with a master chocolatier, and further explore Brussels with a Local Expert. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Perhaps join an optional experience to the lively city of Antwerp. (B)

DAY 3 | GHENT AND ON TO BRUGES

In the morning, admire the contrast of the Chinese and Japanese Pavilions and the impressive, metallic spheres of the Atomium. Your journey then crosses the pasture lands of Flanders to reach Ghent, the City of Flowers, offering a fascinating cultural mix of medieval heritage and modern urban life. With a Local Expert, take a stroll through the historical streets and be mesmerised by the outstanding beauty of its quays, churches and squares. Visit St. Bavo's Cathedral, former home of the Eyck masterpiece, and see the Castle of the Counts. We continue to Bruges, where you'll stay for the next two nights. Meet your Local Expert in Bruges for a stroll along cobbled streets, lined with high-gabled houses from the 16th century. Visit the Market Square dominated by the 83-metre medieval bell tower, The Belfry of Bruges. Explore Burg Square with its ornate Gothic town hall and glorious frescoes on the walls of the Holy Blood Chapel. (B)

Hotel: Radisson Blu, Bruges

DAY 4 | BRUGES

Enjoy a relaxed start and leisurely morning to explore the city of Bruges at your own pace. With your free afternoon, perhaps join an optional experience to visit the historic town of Ypres. (B) (RS)

DAY 5 | LUXEMBOURG

Travel into the French-speaking region of Wallonia, where picturesque country roads lead you to the late 19th century Maredsous Abbey. Your visit includes a sample of freshly brewed beer and a taste of creamy, golden-crustured cheese. Continue on to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to arrive at your 18th century chateau home for two nights. In the evening, you will be served a fresh and delicious

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.



Trip code: E918

Farm-to-Table dinner at restaurant Les Écuries du Parc. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Château d'Urspelt (Castle Rooms), Clervaux

DAY 6 | LUXEMBOURG CITY AND COUNTRYSIDE

Visit the grave of U.S. General George S. Patton in the Luxembourg American Cemetery. Learn insightful stories about the Grand Duchy from your Local Expert, discover its UNESCO World Heritage Site Old Town and admire the view over the Pétrusse Ravine from the Pont Adolphe. **(B) (D)**

DAY 7 | EXPLORE BASTOGNE THEN ON TO ROTTERDAM

Head for Bastogne to visit the Mardasson Monument, dedicated to the U.S. troops who died during Battle of the Bulge in World War II. Visit the interactive memorial centre of Bastogne War Museum. Your journey continues to Rotterdam. During your orientation with your Travel Director, see the impressive market hall and its radical modern design. **(B)**

Hotel: Doubletree Rotterdam City Centre

DAY 8 | DELFT AND THE HAGUE

Visit one of the manufacturers of original Delft blue pottery and see the potters at work. Journey to the Hague to see the Binnenhof courtyards, where the Parliament is situated, and the impressive Peace Palace. Select departures visit Keukenhof Gardens, one of the world's largest flower gardens, an unforgettable experience not to be missed. Pass through picturesque

villages and windmills of the Dutch countryside to Amsterdam. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Apollo, Amsterdam

DAY 9 | AMSTERDAM SIGHTSEEING

Explore Amsterdam and cruise through the canal district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and admire the elegant merchant houses from the 16th and 17th centuries. Later you have a choice of cuisine and ambience from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | A TRUE DUTCH DELIGHT

Later, in Amsterdam, visit the Rijksmuseum with a local art historian. Journey to the fishing village of Monnikendam, learn the secrets of cheese makers craft and witness a traditional shoemaker turn a block of wood into clogs. In the evening, join your newfound friends and Travel Director for dinner at a beautiful restaurant in Monnikendam. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 11 | DEPART AMSTERDAM

Bid farewell to Amsterdam as you transfer to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 10:00.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Brussels | Insight Choice Visit the site of the historic Battle of Waterloo with a Local Expert, or join a private chocolate truffle-making lesson and tasting with a master chocolatier.

Luxembourg City | Enjoy views over the Petrusse Ravine and walk through the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the cathedral and the Palace of the Grand Duke.

The Hague | See the Binnenhof courtyards and the Peace Palace.

Delft | Visit one of the original manufacturers of Delft blue pottery and see the potters at work on your guided tour.

Amsterdam | Cruise along the waterways, discovering the architectural gems of the old city, including mansions dating from the 17th Century. Explore the Rijksmuseum with a local art historian. Witness famous works by Van Gogh and Vermeer.

Premium Dining

Brussels | Dine on Belgian specialities in the heart of the Old Town.

Luxembourg City | At restaurant Les Écuries du Parc, savour a freshly prepared Farm-to-Table meal of locally sourced, seasonal produce.

Maredsous Abbey | Learn about the production of the Maredsous Benedictine beers and cheeses during a visit surrounded by the lush greenery of the Molinee valley.

Monnikendam | An elegant restaurant reveals traditional flavours in quaint village surrounds.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

