



## TREASURES OF THE LOW COUNTRIES

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Europe, Netherlands, Belgium,  
Luxembourg



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## Journey Overview

Alluring Amsterdam, beautiful Brussels and illuminating Luxembourg, cities and states full of awe-inspiring architecture, spectacular landscapes and intriguing local icons. Wander through magnificent museums brimming with classic works, sample spectacular local sweets, and admire impressive medieval castles as you lose yourself in all the wonders this region has to offer.

### Journey Highlights

- Drink in the work of the most iconic Post-Impressionist artists on a guided visit to Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum
- Cruise the tree-lined Amsterdam canals on a private boat
- Be awestruck by Brussel's Grand Place, one of Europe's most ornate market squares
- Explore magnificent medieval quarters and Gravensteen, the splendid 12th-century castle of Ghent
- Wander the compact centre of Luxembourg City, admiring the beguiling Cathedral Notre Dame, spectacular Solidarity Monument and the Grand Ducal Palace.



# Itinerary

## **Day 1: Arrive Amsterdam**

A warm welcome to the Dutch capital and transfer to your hotel.

***Hotel Pulitzer***

## **Day 2: Amsterdam**

This morning is for the artists. Begin with an expert guided tour of the iconic Van Gogh Museum, drinking in some of the artist's most famous works and the work of those who followed in his artistic footsteps. Continue your art appreciation on a tour of the Rembrandt House Museum, taking the opportunity to explore the artist's home and creative epicentre. As you make your way through the property, discover impressive paintings and priceless belongings that have been reunited since the auction following Rembrandt's bankruptcy in 1656.

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## **Day 3: Amsterdam**

Start your day exploring Amsterdam's historic city centre with your expert guide, before admiring the city's stunning architecture as you float along the capital's famous canals on a 90-minute private boat cruise. Returning to terra firma, channel your inner art aficionado as you revel in the stunning collection of 17th century Golden Age masterpieces housed in the beautifully restored Rijksmuseum.

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**Day 4: Amsterdam - The Hague & Delft - Amsterdam**

Today you dive into beautiful Delft, a small town outside of Amsterdam renowned for its famous blue and white pottery and attractive architecture and landscapes. Take in the town's gorgeous buildings and charming ambience, visiting the Nieuwe Kerk (New Church), boasting the second tallest church tower in the Netherlands. Continue to the Vermeer Centrum where you uncover the history of Johannes Vermeer, the Dutch Baroque painter behind the famous "Girl with a Pearl Earring" and a host of other 17th century masterpieces.

After lunch at leisure, continue to Den Haag, exploring the Mauritshuis Museum which houses impressive works by Rembrandt, Steen, Hals, Rubens, Van Dyck and many other Dutch artists.

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**Day 5: Amsterdam**

Enjoy a full-day sightseeing in Gelderland, discovering The Hoge Veluwe, the province's national park. Admire the Kroller Muller Museum and a significant collection of Van Gogh pieces, some inspired by the surrounding landscapes. Stroll through the sculpture gardens appreciating works by Rodin, Moore and Hepworth, before heading west to visit the nation's largest moated castle, the impressive Kasteel de Haar. A true fairy tale castle, explore the stunning interiors with your guide and discover the fascinating history of its inhabitants before returning to Amsterdam in the late afternoon.

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**Day 6: Amsterdam - Antwerp - Bruges, Belgium**

This morning, embark on a full day journey to the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bruges via Antwerp. Upon arrival in Antwerp, enjoy a guided tour of Rueben's House, a museum celebrating renowned Baroque master Peter Paul Rubens. The museum, housed within the artist's old residence and studio, showcases an impressive collection of his works and the tools used to bring the pieces to life. Afterwards visit the Museum Mayer van den Bergh, home to the collection of art dealer and collector Fritz Mayer van den Bergh, boasting impressive works from the Gothic and Renaissance period in Belgium and The Netherlands.

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**Day 7: Bruges & Flanders**

Explore with your expert guide as you meander along the charming tree-lined canals and cobbled streets, passing the Church of the Holy Blood, and the Markt with its soaring belfry, one of the tallest and most beautiful in the region. Be struck by the architectural beauty of medieval city hall and the Church of Our Lady, home to Michelangelo's superb sculpture of the Virgin and Child. Around the corner is the Old St John's Hospital complex, with the Memling museum celebrating the work of artist Hans Memling within its former chapel.

Enjoy your afternoon at leisure or choose to participate in a guided tour of the family-run De Halve Mann Brewery, learning the secrets behind creating the perfect blend of malt and hops before taking part in a tasting (additional cost).

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**Day 8: Bruges - Ghent - Brussels**

Today, travel east to Brussels, Belgium's thriving cultural capital. Along the way, stop off in the beautiful city of Ghent, admiring magnificent medieval quarters and Gravensteen, the splendid 12th-century castle reminiscent of former glories. Wander in awe of the masterpieces within St Bavo's Cathedral before a lunch at leisure. Bidding farewell to the Flanders region, you may choose to enjoy some of the famed local waffles or chocolate before continuing to Brussels.

***Hotel Amigo | Meals: B***

**Day 9: Brussels**

A medieval old town contrasted with impressive modern architecture, Belgium's capital is sure to intrigue. Begin with a visit to the Grand Place, the magnificent square at the heart of the old quarter. Considered one of Europe's most ornate market squares, the opulent guildhalls and impressive Breadhouse tower above the bustling crowds. Close by is Brussels' most famous resident, the Manneken Pis, a bronze emblem of the bold nature of the city. Venturing further afield, visit the Horta House, dedicated to the Art Nouveau architect Victor Horta and based in his old residence. Finally, on the edge of the capital lies the landmark structure of the Atomium, atop which you can drink in spectacular views across the city.

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**Day 10: Brussels**

Led by your expert guide, discover one of the city's most prominent art museums, the Musée Oldmasters Museum. Part of the Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium and originally founded by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1801, the museum collection celebrates European painters from the 15th to the 18th centuries.

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**Day 11: Brussels - Vianden Castle - Luxembourg**

Leave Brussels behind as you continue to charming Luxembourg. En route, visit Vianden Castle, one of the largest and most beautiful medieval residences in Europe constructed on the foundations of a Roman 'castellum' and a Carolingian refuge. Continue to Echternach, Luxembourg's Little Switzerland, with an afternoon to explore the local wonders at your leisure.

***Le Royal Hotel | Meals: B***

**Day 12: Luxembourg**

Take an immersive tour of Luxembourg City's World Heritage listed centre. Visit the Cathedral Notre Dame, see the spectacular Solidarity Monument and the Grand Ducal Palace (summer months: Mid-July to early September) or picturesque Grund, in the Alzette Valley (winter months).

***Le Royal Hotel | Meals: B***

**Day 13: Depart Luxembourg**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

***Meals: B***

# Map



## Accommodation

### Hotel Pulitzer Amsterdam



Set within 25 connected Golden Age canal houses, The Pulitzer Amsterdam is a luxury hotel located along the famous Prinsengracht and Keizergracht canals. Combining quintessential Dutch elegance and modern Dutch design, the hotel offers 225 unique rooms.

Guest can enjoy the relaxing inner gardens, meeting & event spaces, a garden café, a hotel bar as well as a restaurant that serves simple but beautiful dishes.

Famous attractions such as Anne Frank House, Dam Square and the Jordaan neighbored are a short 15 minute walk from the hotel, as well as a short walk to tram stops.



## Hotel Amigo, Brussels



Found in the heart of Brussels, Hotel Amigo seamlessly blends art, culture, heritage and creativity. From elegant rooms to presidential suites, Hotel Amigo's effortlessly stylish design marries contemporary creature comforts with fine art and excellent service.

The 154 rooms and 19 suites are an invitation to the historic heart of Brussels. Embodying the city's vibrant artistic spirit through a rich use of colour, each showcase pieces from the hotel's generous art collection, including original Magritte lithographs, prints of Herge's enduring classic, Tintin, and pieces by Goossens, Moulinsart, and Broodthaers.

Sip cocktails by candlelight accompanied by live music in the glamorous Bar A, sample fine Italian cuisine showcasing the best Belgian produce in Ristorante Bocconi, or simply admire works by great Belgian artists as you explore your home away from home.

## Le Royal Hotel Luxembourg



Standing tall in the heart of this charming city, Le Royal Hotel Luxembourg offers sophisticated European hospitality in luxurious comfort. The hotel boasts 159 elegantly appointed rooms and suites, and the 11 Privilege rooms also feature beautiful private terraces with views of Luxembourg City or the pristine parkland.

For the visiting gastronomes, the hotel hosts two restaurants La Pomme Cannelle, serving a delicate blend of classic French dishes enhanced with choice ingredients from around the world., and the newly renovated brasserie, Amélys. The generous Sunday buffet is highly recommended for those who enjoy savouring a long lunch.

Relax in the contemporary refurbished piano bar and cigar lounge, the perfect setting for business or leisure. Club Santé, the fitness facility and on-site spa features a hammam, sauna, solarium, premier spa treatments, and a beauty salon for men and women. Guests can also indulge in the heated indoor swimming pool, accessible all year round. With the city's highlights on your doorstep, it's ideally located to begin an exploration of all Luxembourg has to offer.

## Hotel Duke's Palace



Hotel Dukes' Palace, former residence of the Burgundian aristocracy is located in the UNESCO World Heritage-listed city of Bruges. The 110 rooms, including elegant suites, luxury rooms and spacious family rooms, combine contemporary comfort with authentic 15th century elegance.

Relax at the tranquil spa, a haven of serenity offering a sauna, steam room and selection of calming treatments, or choose to work up a sweat using the on-site gym. For those with a penchant for fine food, the culinary selection at Hotel Dukes' Palace is rich and varied. An extensive buffet breakfast offers a delicious start to the day or partake in a casual lunch or an afternoon drink at Bar Dukes. Gourmet dinner can be found at the on-site restaurant, using the freshest local produce to create delicious seasonal fare.

As soon as the weather permits, the doors to the summer terrace are opened, offering relaxing alfresco dining. For those who appreciate the privacy of their room or suite, the hotel offers day and night room-service.

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