

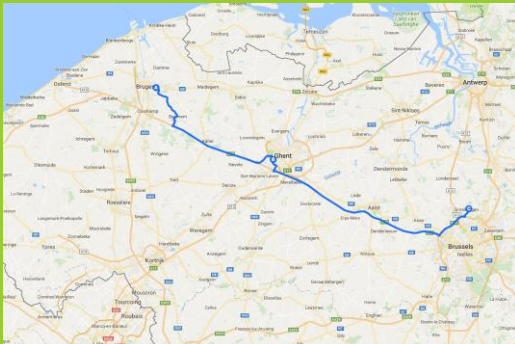


## Belgian Break

*For Tour dates and prices visit our website*

### The Tour

During our one-week trip we will get to know the three most beautiful cities of Belgium. Our first stop is the enchanting city of Bruges – also known as “Venice of the North”, due to the famous town canals. On our short way to Ghent you can take a detour to Ypres, the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city of Flanders, mainly known because of its role during the First World War. The Menin Gate Memorial is well worth a visit. The second stop of this tour is Ghent, one of the most beautiful medieval towns in northern Belgium. The tremendous Gravensteen castle located in the middle of the city is particularly impressive. Our last stop is Brussels, with its fashion shops and remarkable museums. Besides the baroque Grand Place, Brussels’ central square, the fountain with Manneken Piss and the Atomium are a must see. But everyone also knows the famous Belgian chocolates, which we will learn how to make the traditional way during a workshop with a master Chocolatier. At the end we will also have the opportunity to taste different Belgian chocolates and take home our self-made chocolates as a souvenir. If interested take a daytrip to the nearby Waterloo, which will revive European and British history or visit the cities of Antwerp and Lier.



### Highlights:

- Chocolate Workshop with master chocolatier and visit of the chocolate production in Brussels
- Historic cities of Bruges and Ghent
- Brussels, the capital of Belgium
- Detours to Ypres’ Menin Gate Memorial, Waterloo, Antwerp and Lier



### Tour information

Start: Bruges  
End: Brussels  
Tour days: 8  
Non-Driving days: 4  
Max. daily mileage: 39 miles  
Total mileage: 65 miles  
Calais-Bruges: 71 miles  
Pets allowed

### Travel services

- Welcome Dinner
- Chocolate Workshop with master chocolatier and visit of the chocolate production in Brussels
- All campsites with electricity
- Assistance of a multi-lingual motorhome guide during the whole tour
- Travel pack containing maps, a detailed road book with directions to the campsites, suggestions for sightseeing and general advice on motorhoming in Europe
- Secured Payment Certificate

### Pick-up service

- Flexible return ferry crossing from Dover
- Pick-up by motorhome guide in Calais



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## **Day 1 and 2: Bruges**

We will spend the first two days of our tour in Bruges, a historical city also known as “Venice of the North”. During the afternoon you can get a first impression of the city. Bruges owes its charm to the unique combination of quaint squares and remarkable buildings, but the famous town canals also contribute to the magic of the city. In the evening the group will get together for our welcome dinner, giving everybody the opportunity to get to know each other.

Spend the second day exploring the city centre. Stroll through picturesque cobbled lanes and romantic market squares or visit one of the renowned museums. The best way to explore the town is by foot or via one of the many canal boats. If you are in need of a break try the famous Belgian beer and chips! But don't forget, Bruges is known for its lace products, which would make a nice souvenir.

## **Day 3: Bruges – Ghent**

To get to our next destination – Ghent – it is only about an hours drive on the motorway. This gives enough time to take a detour to Ypres, adding about an hour to the journey. Ypres is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city within the region of Flanders and mainly known due to its role during the First World War. A must see is the Menin Gate Memorial particularly during the last post ceremony in the evening. But Ypres also offers many other attractions worth seeing, for example the historic town centre with its cathedral.

## **Day 4: Ghent**

You have the whole day to visit Ghent, one of the most beautiful medieval towns in northern Belgium. Wander through the old town centre, largely influenced by its architectural and historical importance. Visit the impressive castle of the counts located in the middle of Ghent, a unique example of the European medieval art of fortification.

## **Day 5: Ghent – Brussels**

Today's trip to our campsite in Brussels also only takes about one hour. As we have the next two days in Brussels, you can take a detour and visit Antwerp and/or Lier.

The old city centre of Antwerp is steeped in history – shown in its ancient building-fronts, narrow streets and the imposing Grand-Place. The Plantin-Moretus Museum is the only museum in the world to be classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site. In the shadow of the Cathedral of Our Lady, the city teems with life in cosy pubs and restaurants.

But Lier also has two UNESCO world heritage sites to offer: the Beguinage, dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century and the Gothic Belfry, a symbol of freedom and independence. You can also visit the former Cornelius Tower from the 14<sup>th</sup> century with its impressive clock.

## **Day 6 and 7: Brussels**

We will spend the last two days in the capital of Belgium. The pleasure of Brussels lies in discovering its streets, taking in the views, browsing the shops and watching the day go by in one of its charming cafés. The Grand Place, Brussels' central square, is the jewel in its crown – a masterpiece of architecture. Visitors are enthralled by its size and sparkling grandeur as well as the Guildhouses in Flemish baroque style lining the sides.

Of course you cannot visit Brussels without taking a photo of the famous Manneken Piss. Visit the Atomium and don't forget to taste the delicious Belgian chocolates! During a workshop with a master Chocolatier, we will learn the traditional way to create these mouth-watering delicacies. We will also have the opportunity to taste different Belgian chocolates and take home our self-made chocolates as a souvenir.

Use the second day to further explore the city or go to the nearby Waterloo, which will revive European and British history. Visit the Wellington Museum, which was the Duke's headquarters or take a journey of discovery through the historic battlefield.

## **Day 8: Departure and end of tour**