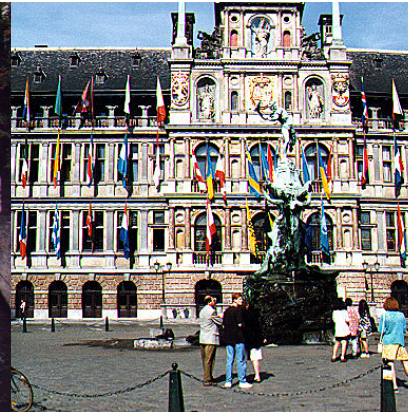




Holland & Belgium





Program Itinerary

Amsterdam, Bruges & Brussels

Day 1

Flight

Overnight flight to Europe.

Day 2

Amsterdam

Welkom in Nederland/Welcome in The Netherlands! Arrival at Amsterdam in the morning. *Amsterdam is the capital and largest city of the Netherlands. Its name is derived from Amstel & Dam indicative of the city's origin: a dam on the river Amstel. Founded as a small fishing village in the late 12th century, Amsterdam became one of the most important ports in the world during the Dutch Golden Age, a result of its innovative developments in trade. During this time, the city was the leading centre for finance and diamonds. In the 19th and 20th centuries, the city expanded and many new neighborhoods and suburbs were formed.* Transfer to the center for a city tour by **canal boat cruise** to get an impression of Amsterdam, and relax with a bit of free time. Check in into your hotel. Early welcome dinner and overnight in Amsterdam surroundings.

Day 3

Amsterdam

In the morning group transfer to the museum district and **visit the Vincent van Gogh Museum**, where you can see the work of the famous Dutch painter **or the National Museum/Rijksmuseum**. Here you can see the Master from the Golden Age, like Vermeer, Frans Hals and the masterpiece of the Dutch Master Rembrandt called The "Nachtwacht" (Nightwatch).

In the afternoon visit **Anne Frank House**. At the rear of a narrow 17C building Anne Frank and her family hid before being deported to the Auschwitz concentration camp. See the secret passage camouflaged behind a revolving bookcase.

Possible performance in the afternoon in for example the Westerchurch (next to Anne Frank House). Dinner in Amsterdam, overnight in Amsterdam surroundings.

Day 4

Amsterdam - Brussels

After breakfast we depart for Belgium. First stop will be in **Kinderdijk**. The Netherlands is famous for its windmills. Today there are still more than 1.000 mills. Nowhere in the world you will find as many windmills as near (the Dutch village) Kinderdijk. Around 1740 no less than 19 sturdy mills were built here. They have been well preserved to the present day. In a typical Dutch landscape, along canals and amidst meadows you will find these 19 windmills. In 1997 the mills of Kinderdijk were put on the World Heritage List of UNESCO

Continue to Brussels with a lunch stop in **Antwerp**, the harbor town of Belgium, with impressive market square, huge cathedral and many intimate little alleys full of shops, pubs etc. Have some free time here, see the Grand Place, Town Hall and the Brabo fountain.

Possible visit at a Diamond factory (free of charge).

We continue to the bi-lingual capital Brussels. Here the inhabitants speak Flemish and French! Dinner and overnight in Brussels.

Day 5

Brussels

After breakfast **guided tour of Brussels**, partly by foot and partly by coach. It is the city of the royal residence, the seat of the European communities and of the NATO headquarters. **Possible lecture** at an European Institution, to learn more about European Union. Continue with the guided walking tour to see the highlights of Brussels, such as the "Grand Place" with the guild halls and the town hall and "Manneken Pis" (also known as Little Julian). Rest of the day at leisure for independent museum visits (many!) or shopping on the famous Meir. Dinner and overnight in Brussels.

Day 6

Brussels – Bruges - Brussels

Day excursion to **Bruges**, the Pearl of Belgium, Venice of the North! A town with beautiful decorated houses, cobblestone streets, lovely flower boxes line the canals, old guildhalls and churches. Bruges is famous for its fine Belgian lace and chocolate. Upon arrival we will have a **guided bike tour** of this medieval town. See sights such as the Beguinage, the Church of Our Lady with the Michelangelo's *Virgin and Child*, and the Market Square. A **canal boat** through medieval Bruges is included. Enjoy the boat-ride on the Love Water! Bike tour can be replaced by a walking tour! Enjoy some free time for additional sightseeing and shopping. Don't forget to taste the delicious Belgian chocolates. **Possible afternoon performance** in the Cathedral where you can also see the statue of the Madonna and Child done by Michelangelo, who was born over 500 years ago.

Dinner and overnight in Brussels

Day 7

Brussels

Morning excursion to **Waterloo**, situated close to Brussels, the Waterloo Battlefield has been preserved almost as it was in 1815. Come and find out about the course of this great battle from European history which pitted Napoleon's troops against those of Wellington and Blücher. Take your place on the "Battlefield Tour" with sound effects and relive the great moments of the battle on site. Discover the Panorama: a huge 360° fresco of the battle. On 18 June each year, there is a grand historical reconstruction and every weekend in the summer, military events are held in period costume. A great, lively historical site.

Afternoon return to Brussels for a **possible performance** for example in the **Church of Notre Dame du Finistere** or at the St Catherine Church. Farewell dinner at local restaurant and overnight in Brussels.

Day 8

Flight home

Following breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight home.

End of arrangements

Note: unexpected circumstances may cause changes to the order of events outlined in the itinerary.

Inclusions:

- o 6 night accommodation in superior tourist class hotels based on a mix of twin and triple bedded rooms (guaranteed twin rooms for chaperones, max. 1 chaperone twin per 10 students, additional adult rooms will require a twin supplement)
- o Continental breakfast daily
- o Daily 3-course dinner, excluding drinks
- o European tour escort throughout
- o Private luxury coach for all transfers according to the itinerary
- o Local guides: Brussels / Bruges bike tour (including bike rental)
- o Entrance fees: Canal cruise Amsterdam / Vincent van Gogh Museum **OR** Rijks Museum / Anne Frank House / Canal Cruise Bruges / Waterloo Battlefield
- o Organization & promotion of 2 performances

Supplements:

Twin supplement: Euro 75 p.p. based on 6 nights (for additional adults)

Single supplement: Euro 210 p.p. based on 6 nights

Optional:

Visit or lecture at a European Institution: € 350

Sample hotels:

Amsterdam surroundings: Holiday Inn Ijmuiden

Brussels: Hotel Saint Nicolas



Program Details

Included in your Travel Program

Transportation

- Round-Trip Air Transportation via regularly scheduled commercial air service – economy Class (in addition to land package)
- Chartered Motorcoach Transportation in Luxury air-conditioned coaches

Accommodations

- Hotel accommodation in 3 and 4 Star properties based on triple bedded rooms.
- In room bathroom facilities
- Directors free room can be a single room if requested

Meals

- Meals are as indicated on your itinerary.
- Breakfasts are continental style and in the hotels unless noted

Activities & Details

- All scheduled sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary.
- Concert organization and promotion as listed on the itinerary
- Instrument rental is separate and not included
- Instrument transportation costs if any are not included
- Professional Tour Manager throughout
- Restaurant & Hotel Gratuities included
- Coach and Driver Gratuities are not included
 - Suggested tipping at \$3 per person per day (\$2 pp/pd for tour manager and \$1 pp/pd for driver)
- Individual Participant insurance is an extra cost - \$119 will be added to your invoice for each participant
- In the event that the venues listed herein cannot confirm the group for the intended travel dates, Travel Quest International (TQI) reserves the right to substitute venues of a similar standard and adjust our final daily itinerary accordingly. Performance venues often require music repertoire and/or music assessment. It's always a good idea to get started early by sending us a CD or DVD and a copy of expected repertoire. We'll quickly send copies overseas to get the venues excited and interested in having you come to perform.
- Please note that we specialize in customized group travel and can revise this program and further tailor it to meet the group's needs and desires.
- The group will have a private motor coach and driver at their disposal throughout the tour for approximately 8-10 hours daily.
- We have only included guided tours as per the itinerary. In the other cities that do not include guided tours, there may or may not be time to visit on your own time. If there is time, the group will be briefed about the region by their tour escort. Please note that tour escorts are not licensed guides and are not permitted by law to give any sort of sightseeing tours. If you would like a guide for any of these locations, we would be happy to advise the additional costs and make the appropriate arrangements.
- Music stands, risers, keyboards, chairs etc may require an additional charge if requested.
- TQI reserves the right to make alterations necessary due to lack of participation in any custom tour program or festival. Cost will fluctuate when your group size increases or decrease primarily due to transportation utilization.
- A complete terms and conditions will be posted on your group webpage as well as appear on your proposal agreement when you sign up to travel.



Program Costs

Cost Quote for your itinerary:

	50+	45-49	40-44	35-39	30-34 participants
Land Package:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Air Estimate					

Please call for current pricing 877 898-8687

Pricing Notes:

- Above cost is based on 50 full paying participants - price changes based on participation
- 1 free land participant trip for each 20 full paying participants plus director's air is free
- Tour prices are in USD and based on a specific expected exchange rate at the time of travel
- Currency increases may apply if significant changes occur
- Air fare is in addition to the land package price and is currently estimated.
- Air taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change which may cause an increase in air cost.
- Rates are based on a mix of twin & triple rooms
- Adult double rooms may incur an additional cost if student to adult ratio exceeds 1 to 10
- Single Occupancy Supplement is \$75 per person per night
- Insurance is not included in the above cost - \$119 will be added to your invoice per person

Cancellation Penalty Schedule

<u>Cancelation Date</u>	<u>Penalty Amount</u>
90 Days or more from departure date	\$200 initial deposit
89-60 Days from departure date	50% of program cost plus any additional penalties from vendors
59-46 Days from departure	75% of program cost plus any additional penalties from vendors
Less than 45 days before departure	No refund

Standard Payment Plan

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Date</u>
\$200	Individual Deposit	Due with signed contract
\$500	Individual Payment	Due 180 Days from departure
\$1000	Individual Payment	Due 120 Days from departure
Final Balance	Individual Payment	Due 60 Days before departure