



BELGIUM & THE NETHERLANDS

BEST OF NETHERLANDS & BELGIUM

Guild houses, cathedrals, canals and the paintings that made these cities rich

Brussels, Ghent, Bruges, The Hague & Amsterdam

10 NIGHTS

01 – 11 July 2027

08 – 18 July 2027

10 – 20 September 2027

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

The journey follows the Northern Renaissance from Van Eyck's Ghent into the Dutch Golden Age of Rembrandt and Vermeer, across five cities that lie a few hours apart. It is paced for slow travellers who want to savour each destination, from the guild houses of Brussels and Bruges to the canals of Amsterdam.

Eleven days, four bases and nothing rushed. Brussels for the Grand-Place, the Magritte Museum and a private Art Nouveau tour of Horta and Solvay; Ghent for the Altarpiece and a full day in Bruges; The Hague for Vermeer and the Mauritshuis; and Amsterdam for the canal ring, with the Kröller-Müller en route and a last day in the countryside at Zaanse Schans and Edam.

KEY INFORMATION

10 nights

Maximum 14 guests

Guaranteed departure

A Storykeeper throughout

2027 DEPARTURES

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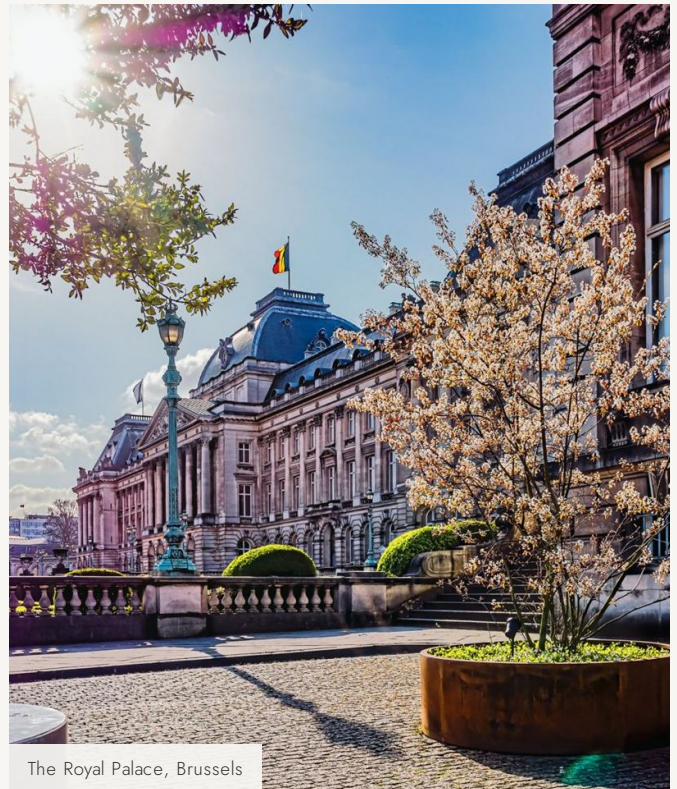
10 – 20 September 2027

Deposit of 20% on confirmation.

Balance due 100 days before departure.



The Ghent Altarpiece, St Bavo's Cathedral



The Royal Palace, Brussels

WHAT MAKES THIS ITINERARY SPECIAL

— THE FLEMISH AND DUTCH MASTERS

The Ghent Altarpiece, Van Eyck's masterpiece that changed Western painting, the Flemish Primitives in Bruges, and Vermeer and Rembrandt in Holland.

— HIDDEN STORIES WITH STORYKEEPERS

How Bruges became the wealthiest city of 14th-century Flanders, how the Ghent Altarpiece was rescued and restored, and how Magritte turned everyday objects into icons.

— TWO COUNTRIES, SIDE BY SIDE

Belgium and the Netherlands in a single journey, their shared history and distinct characters revealed city by city.

— ART NOUVEAU AND GASTRONOMY

The flowing façades of Victor Horta, Brussels chocolate and Belgian beer, Dutch cheese and the celebrated tables of every city.

ITINERARY IN A NUTSHELL

TRAVEL DATES

01 – 11 July 2027
08 – 18 July 2027
10 – 20 September 2027
(10 nights)

DESTINATIONS

Brussels, Belgium (3 nights)
Ghent, Belgium (2 nights)
The Hague, Netherlands (2 nights)
Amsterdam, Netherlands (3 nights)

ACCOMMODATION

Brussels: Hotel Amigo
Ghent: Pillows Grand Hotel Reylof
The Hague: Hotel des Indes
Amsterdam: Hotel De L'Europe



DETAILED DAY BY DAY

DAY 1	Brussels	- Private arrival transfer - Welcome dinner
DAY 2	Brussels	- Atomium - Signature Art Nouveau tour: Horta Museum, Solvay House and Maison Hannon
DAY 3	Brussels	- Signature city centre visit: Grand-Place, Royal Museums of Fine Arts and the Magritte Museum - Afternoon at leisure
DAY 4	Brussels → Ghent	- Private transfer to Ghent - Signature Ghent tour: St Bavo's Cathedral and the Ghent Altarpiece, Gravensteen and the Graslei
DAY 5	Ghent (Bruges)	- Signature full day in Bruges: the Markt, St John's Hospital and the Church of Our Lady - Canals and the béguinage
DAY 6	Ghent → The Hague	- Private transfer to The Hague - Afternoon at leisure
DAY 7	The Hague	- Signature Mauritshuis visit and Panorama Mesdag - Afternoon at leisure
DAY 8	The Hague → Otterlo → Amsterdam	- Signature Kröller-Müller and Hoge Veluwe visit - Private transfer to Amsterdam
DAY 9	Amsterdam	Signature tour: The History of Freedom & Tolerance (4h)
DAY 10	Amsterdam	- Signature Dutch countryside tour: Zaanse Schans, Edam and other secrets - Closing dinner
DAY 11	Amsterdam	Private transfer to Schiphol Airport

WHERE YOU'LL STAY

Our hand-picked choices



HOTEL AMIGO

BRUSSELS

A Rocco Forte hotel just behind the Grand-Place, on a site with five centuries of history, blending Flemish tradition with contemporary art. The square, the Royal Museums and the Magritte Museum are all within a few minutes' walk.

3 NIGHTS

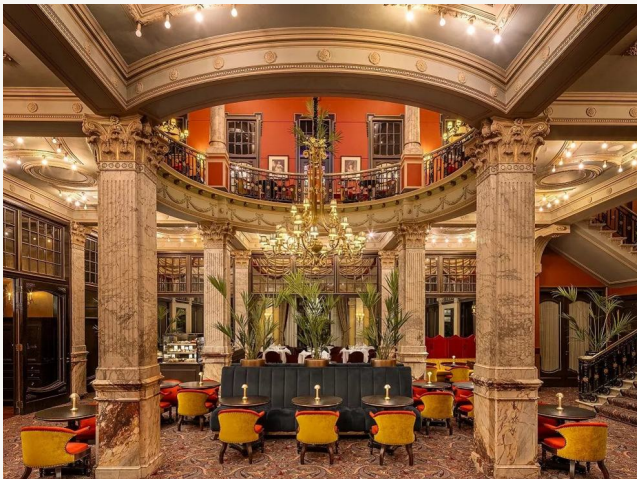


PILLOWS GRAND HOTEL REYLOF

GHENT

An 18th-century mansion in the heart of Ghent with a garden courtyard, a spa and a well regarded restaurant, close to the cathedral and canals.

2 NIGHTS



HOTEL DES INDES

THE HAGUE

A 19th-century palace on the Lange Voorhout, converted to a hotel 140 years ago, moments from the Mauritshuis. Its lobby has received royalty, diplomats and artists for well over a century, and afternoon tea there remains a Hague institution.

2 NIGHTS



HOTEL DE L'EUROPE

AMSTERDAM

On the Amstel since 1896 and a member of The Leading Hotels of the World, with Michelin-starred dining and a serene spa. Rooms look over the river towards the Munttoren, and the hotel's Dutch Masters wing is hung with reproductions from the Rijksmuseum collection.

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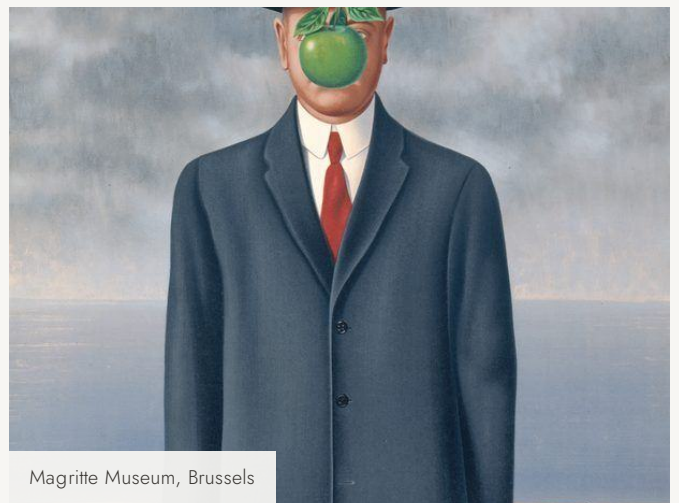
MOMENTS FROM THE JOURNEY



Maison Hannon, Brussels



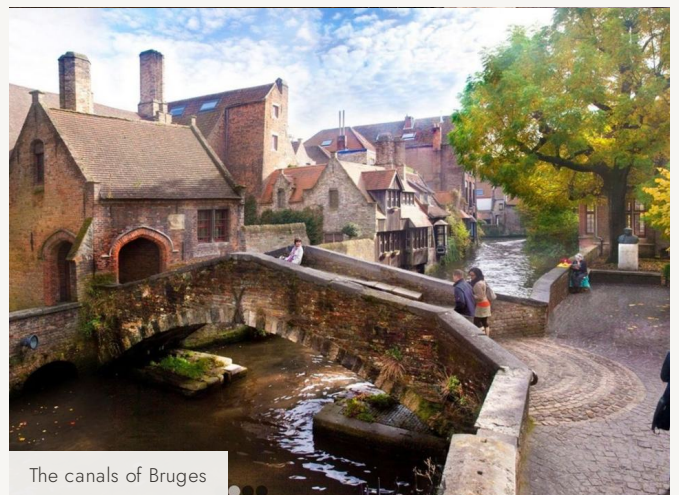
The Golden Age galleries, Rijksmuseum



Magritte Museum, Brussels



Zaanse Schans



The canals of Bruges

RATES & INCLUSIONS

OCCUPANCY	DELUXE ROOM 20 to 30 m ² / 215 to 322 sq ft	JUNIOR SUITE 40 to 50 m ² / 430 to 538 sq ft
Single	EUR 16.300 per person	EUR 25.200 per person
Double or Twin	EUR 10.900 per person	EUR 15.400 per person

INCLUSIONS

- Private transfers as described, including all intercity transfers by private vehicle
- Private guided touring with expert local guides in English (other languages on request)
- Accommodation in the properties listed, including local taxes, service charges and VIP status
- Admission tickets to all museums and attractions in the itinerary
- Daily breakfast at the hotels
- Welcome and closing dinners
- VAT and city tax
- 24/7 assistance during the journey, available via WhatsApp

NOT INCLUDED

- ☐ International flights to Brussels and from Amsterdam
- ☐ Meals and beverages not mentioned in the itinerary
- ☐ Early check-in and late check-out (unless otherwise stated in writing)
- ☐ Personal expenses (laundry, spa treatments, minibar, telephone, etc.)
- ☐ Optional excursions or services not included in the programme
- ☐ Gratuities for guides, drivers and hotel staff (at the guest's discretion)
- ☐ Travel and cancellation insurance (highly recommended and the responsibility of the traveller)
- ☐ Passport and visa fees (if applicable)

HOW TO BOOK

- 1 Your travel advisor requests a place, which we hold for seven days.
- 2 A deposit of 20% confirms the booking. Departures are guaranteed from 2 travellers, so the place is secured once the deposit reaches us.
- 3 Rooming, dietary requirements and flight details are collected at confirmation.
- 4 The balance is due 100 days before departure; bookings made inside 100 days are payable in full.

Payment by bank transfer to a Netherlands bank account, or by credit or debit card. Cancellation terms are set out under Terms & Conditions.

GROUP SIZE Maximum 14 guests	GUARANTEED DEPARTURES From 2 travellers	2027 DEPARTURES 01 – 11 July 2027 · 08 – 18 July 2027 · 10 – 20 September 2027	DEPOSIT 20% at confirmation
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WHO WE ARE

LIVING STORIES. SHARED BEAUTIFULLY.

Sapiens Travel DMC was founded in Amsterdam in 2018 by Erik Sadao and Fernanda Matsuoka, two former luxury travel advisors. We design slow, meaningful journeys through the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Iceland and Scandinavia, and we are a Virtuoso Preferred On-Site Partner in the Netherlands.

OUR STORY

We think of ourselves as hunter-gatherers of extraordinary travel. For years we have searched our destinations for the people, tables and places that explain why a city is the way it is, and we build every journey around those stories. Our work rests on three pillars: Culture, Flavours and Lifestyle, and we work exclusively with travel advisors, planning the way an advisor would because we once sat on that side of the desk.

OUR STORYKEEPERS

Our guides are Storykeepers. Across the Benelux they are part of our own team, employed in house, and most have lived in their cities for a decade or more. Each is chosen for depth in art, history, food or design, and for empathy. They are culture translators who read a group well and sense the question a guest has yet to ask, so every visit unfolds as a conversation in which each guest takes part.

THE ART OF TRAVELLING TOGETHER

WHAT MAKES OUR GROUPS SPECIAL

Our Curated Groups are crafted to blend the ease of a tailor-made trip with the richness of traveling together. With no more than 14 guests through the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and Iceland, making for an authentic and rewarding way to explore this corner of the world in good company, while we do the heavy lifting.

Every journey is led by a Storykeeper who has lived in these places for years. They are culture translators, chosen for depth and for empathy: people who read a group well and sense the question a guest has yet to ask. The day moves as a dialogue, and every guest has a part in it.

Access follows from the size. A private collection before opening hours, a cellar where the cheese is still turned by hand, a seat at a table that was never meant for visitors. Around all of it the logistics stay invisible, from luggage between hotels to timed entries.



01

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

Departures in the Netherlands are confirmed from two travellers, and in Iceland from six.

There is no minimum left to reach, no waiting to see whether the group fills. Your client books, and the journey goes ahead as planned.

03

WE TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING

Hotels are chosen for service and a sense of place. Check-ins, transfers, luggage and tickets are arranged in advance and handled on the ground by our own team, so travel feels effortless.

Your clients travel without administration, and nothing reaches your desk while they are away.

02

IDEAL SIZE FOR THE OUTSTANDING

Our groups average 10 travellers, which is the size at which the outstanding becomes possible.

Exclusive access is extended to people and places the public rarely meets. Your travellers can focus entirely on discovery, and you can sell with confidence.

04

OUR STORYKEEPERS FOR GENUINE CONNECTION

Every journey is led in house by a Storykeeper, a culture translator with years in the place and real expertise in art, history, food or design.

They read a group well and they work with cultural sustainability as a starting point, so a destination's traditions and daily life continue long after the group has gone.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

BOOKING & PAYMENT

- A deposit of 20% of the total trip cost is required at confirmation to secure the reservation.
- The final balance is due 100 days prior to departure. For bookings made within 100 days of departure, full payment is required at confirmation.
- If payment deadlines are not met, reservations may be released and cancellation penalties will apply.
- Payment by bank transfer to a bank account in the Netherlands, or by credit or debit card.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- Sapiens is an exclusive B2B tour company. Please contact your travel advisor to join one of our departures.
- Participants must be 10 years or older at the time of travel.
- Departures are guaranteed from 2 participants in the Netherlands and Belgium, and from 6 in Iceland. Services in Portuguese or Spanish may be offered for groups of 6 or more on request, at the time of booking.
- Programmes involve walking tours, cobblestones, uneven surfaces and stairs, and in Iceland snow and ice. Guests must walk at a moderate pace and manage steps independently. Wheelchair access is not guaranteed at historic or natural sites.
- Allergies and dietary requirements must be shared at the time of booking.
- Guests are responsible for valid passports and visas (if required).

GUEST RESPONSIBILITY

The quality of the journey depends on cooperation, punctuality and mutual respect. Travellers are expected to arrive on time for all tours and transfers, as missed activities cannot be rescheduled or refunded; to disclose medical conditions, mobility restrictions or dietary requirements at booking; and to follow the instructions of guides and drivers. Our journeys are designed to be welcoming to all. Discrimination, harassment or disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated and may lead to removal from activities or from the programme, without compensation.

ADJUSTMENTS

Strikes, special events, local regulations, weather or unexpected closures may require changes to the itinerary, even after confirmation. Such changes are made to safeguard the safety, comfort and quality of the journey. Whenever possible, equivalent alternatives are arranged and travellers are informed promptly.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- 20% of the trip cost is non-refundable and covers prepaid services such as tickets and personalised experiences.
- More than 60 days before departure: refund of all payments made, less the non-refundable 20%.
- 31 to 60 days before departure: 50% of the trip cost refunded.
- 0 to 30 days before departure: non-refundable. No-shows: 100% cancellation fee.

Comprehensive travel and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. By confirming any hotel, service or itinerary, travellers and travel advisors accept these terms as part of the booking agreement. Full Terms & Conditions are available on request.





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