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HAND-CRAFTED BELGIUM BEER TOUR

Join Annette Youngbauer, Travel Leaders Owner, a Belgium-born Trappist beer enthusiast as she guides a small-group through the world-renowned breweries and abbeys. You'll sip your way through all corners of Belgium, enjoy a canal cruise, pub crawl, chocolate workshop and more!



Orval Abbey

SEPTEMBER 19-28, 2019

\$3,810 per person, double occupancy
This exclusive experience includes:

- Round-trip airfare from Chicago O'Hare to Brussels*
- 8-nights hotel stay at 4-star properties
- Private ground transportation
- Daily breakfast, one lunch, one dinner
- Brewery visits and tastings
- Chocolate workshop
- Pub crawl by horse-drawn pram



Itinerary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH -

FLIGHT FROM CHICAGO O'HARE TO BRUSSELS, BELGIUM.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH - BRUSSELS

Arrival at Brussels airport. Transfer to the hotel and city tour of Brussels upon arrival covering the main highlights and the European district including a pass by the European Parliament. Lunch and dinner on your own. The group will have the option of visiting: Delirium Cafe and/or a cafe that serves LeGuize. OVERNIGHT: HOTEL MARIVAUX (or similar).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST - BRUSSELS

Buffet Breakfast. Walking tour of the Brussels' Grand-Place (UNESCO World Heritage) and surroundings. Transfer to Anderlecht to visit the Cantillon Brewery, tasting included. Transfer back to Brussels city center. Lunch and dinner on your own. OVERNIGHT: HOTEL MARIVAUX (or similar).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND -

BRUSSELS - ORVAL - CHIMAY - NAMUR

Buffet Breakfast. Drive to Orval Abbey, a unique site with a 1000-year history. You will visit the medieval abbey ruins, the brewery museum, see the impressive modern abbey from the outside. Lunch is included in Orval including the opportunity to enjoy the name-sake beer. Transfer to Chimay. Visit the Chimay Visitors Center where they'll be a tasting of beer and cheeses. Transfer to Namur. Dinner on your own. OVERNIGHT: CHATEAU DE NAMUR (or similar)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD -

NAMUR - WESTMALLE - ACHEL - ANTWERP

Buffet Breakfast. Drive to Westmalle. View the Westmalle Abbey from the outside. A Westmalle beer will be served in the pub "Cafe Trappisten" situated opposite the abbey. Lunch on your own. Drive to the Achel Brewery. Visit of the Saint Benedictus Abbey and brewery, tasting of 4 beers included. Drive to Antwerp. Dinner on your own, beer-related options will be presented. OVERNIGHT: NH COLLECTION ANTWERP CENTRE (or similar) – New hotel, opening in July 2019

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH – ANTWERP

Buffet Breakfast. Walking tour historical center of Antwerp with charming alleys and cozy passages featuring the Diamond District, shopping areas and the home of the famous painter, Pieter Paul Rubens (exterior only) among other sites. Lunch and dinner on your own.

OVERNIGHT: NH COLLECTION ANTWERP CENTRE (or similar) – New hotel, opening in July 2019



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH – ANTWERP - GHENT - BRUGES

Buffet breakfast. Transfer to Ghent. Walking tour of Ghent a very old, gothic city. The city is home to the famous Ghent altarpiece and has been listed by National Geographic Traveler as the third most authentic city worldwide. Our next stop is at the Gruut Brewery. This is the only brewery situated in the city centre of Ghent. In this unique city brewery the beer isn't brewed with hops, but with 'gruut' instead; a mixture of herbs and spices traditionally used by brewers in the Middle Ages, before the introduction of hops on a large scale. Tasting of 3 beers included. Lunch on your own. Chocolate Workshop in Ghent. In about 2 hours time our chef will teach you everything about Belgian chocolate and you will learn how to make your own pralines! Several tastings included. Transfer to Bruges. Dinner on your own. OVERNIGHT: NH BRUGES (or similar)

Ghent

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH – BRUGES

Buffet breakfast. Walking tour of Bruges. The city is called the Venice of the North and the entire city center has been declared UNESCO World Heritage. We end the tour with a canal cruise (duration 30 minutes). Lunch on your own. Farewell dinner – Three-course beer menu, drinks (beers, mineral water and coffee) included served in restaurant 't Huidevettershuis or equivalent. OVERNIGHT: NH BRUGES (or similar)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH – BRUGES

Buffet breakfast. Visit of Brewery De Halve Maan. Lunch on your own (including option of at the brewery). Pub Crawl by horse drawn tram (2 hours). We drive along the windmills and lesser well known parts of Bruges, making 2 stops in typical local cafes or pubs along our journey of discovery. In each pub we taste a regional beer. Dinner on your own. OVERNIGHT: NH BRUGES (or similar)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH – BRUGES - BRUSSELS AIRPORT

Buffet Breakfast. Transfer to Brussels Airport. Flight to Chicago O'Hare.

*Airfare is economy class, taxes and fees are included but, are subject to change until flight is ticketed 30 days prior to departure. One checked bag included. The identity of the airline carrier, which may include the airline carrier's code-share partner, will be assigned and disclosed at a later date.



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Interested in joining us? Contact Brian to book this special experience! Space is LIMITED!

Travel insurance and transportation to Chicago O'Hare are additional.

\$750 per person deposit. Final payment due August 12th, 2019.

Cancellation fees apply, ask for details.

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