



# Netherlands, Belgium & Luxembourg: Benelux Gems

10 days from \$8,495 | Limited to 24 guests

Venture off the beaten path to explore some of Europe's hidden gems as you take in the tranquil landscapes of the Lowlands, explore pivotal moments from the Battles of Waterloo and the Bulge, and unearth the legacy of Charlemagne's former capital, Aachen.



## A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Savor the sights and flavors of Flanders with a chocolate workshop in Bruges, followed by lunch at a Belgian brasserie
- ▶ Experience château living as you stay in a charming Luxembourg castle hotel
- ▶ Glimpse the former grandeur of the Dutch elite at Amsterdam's 17th-century Museum Van Loon
- ▶ Delve into the glories of the reign of Charlemagne during an expert-led tour of Aachen
- ▶ Explore pivotal sites from the Battle of the Bulge as you ride aboard a vintage U.S. Army Willys Jeep



### DAY 1: Arrive Amsterdam, Netherlands

Arrive in Amsterdam, where you are met and transferred to your boutique hotel set alongside the city's iconic canals. This evening, gather for a welcome reception and dinner.

Tivoli Doelen Amsterdam Hotel | Meals: D

### DAY 2: Amsterdam | Heritage of the Dutch Capital

This morning, join a local expert as you cruise Amsterdam's historic canals, revealing the waterways that form the nexus of this historic city. Continue on foot through the city center, pausing at Museum Van Loon, a sumptuous townhouse



built in 1672 for a pupil of Rembrandt. This canal house's impressive interiors, garden and coach house afford a glimpse into the lifestyles of the city's wealthy and powerful elite. Afterward, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure for your own explorations. **Tivoli Doelen Amsterdam Hotel** | Meals: B



Gain insider insight into the Battle of the Bulge as you ride aboard the U.S. Army's trusted workhorse of World War II, an authentic Willys Jeep.

**DAY 3: Liège, Belgium** | Pastoral Flavors

Depart this morning for historic Utrecht, pausing at a local dairy farm for a tour and a tasting of Holland's world-renowned cheeses. After lunch in Utrecht's charming old town center, continue to your hotel in Liège, Belgium. **Van Der Valk Hotel Sélys Liège** | Meals: B L D

**DAY 4: Aachen, Germany** | Glories of Charlemagne

Cross the border to nearby Aachen, Germany's westernmost city. Once a Roman settlement, Charlemagne chose this city as his capital, and it remained the seat of the Holy Roman

Empire for centuries. Dig into this history during a tour with a local expert. After lunch at leisure, embark on an e-bike ride through the countryside outside Maastricht, pausing in the ancient cellars of Château Neercanne to savor a wine tasting and view the Maastricht Treaty, the founding document of the European Union. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure. **Van Der Valk Hotel Sélys Liège** | Meals: B

**DAY 5: Bastogne** | Battle of the Bulge

Delve into the Battle of the Bulge, a pivotal chapter of World War II history on a visit to the Bastogne War Museum, exploring history through scenography, witness testimonial and multimedia installations. Then, join a local guide to tour nearby battle sites aboard an authentic U.S. Army Willys Jeep, rolling through the quiet beauty of Ardennes landscapes that once raged with Germany's desperate gambit to mount a final offensive and the heroism of the Allied troops who turned back their assault. Continue to Luxembourg, where you check into your castle hotel. This evening, journey through pastoral farmland near Luxembourg to reach a local restaurant for dinner. **Château d'Urspelt** | Meals: B D

**DAY 6: Luxembourg City, Luxembourg** | Vianden Castle

Today, explore the capital of one of Europe's smallest states, Luxembourg. Perched dramatically on a cliff overlooking the confluence of two rivers, Luxembourg City juxtaposes its



Savor a wine tasting at Château Neercanne

cosmopolitan lifestyle alongside fairytale castles, meandering casements and the trappings of its venerable grand duchy roots. Visit one of the largest castles west of the Rhine, magnificent Vianden Castle. With origins dating to the 10th century, the Romanesque castle was one of Europe's grandest, most luxurious feudal residences of the Middle Ages.

Château d'Urspelt | Meals: B



Indulge your sweet tooth as you become an honorary chocolatier and discover why Belgium's decadent pralines are coveted the world over.

#### DAY 7: Ghent, Belgium | Legacy of the Middle Ages

This morning, cross the idyllic countryside back to Belgium, pausing at Waterloo for views over the battlefield where British and Prussian forces defeated Napoleon Bonaparte, marking the end of an era of French domination in Europe. After lunch, continue to Ghent. Filled with cathedrals and museums, Ghent traces its roots to Roman times. It's now the capital of the province of East Flanders and one of Europe's largest inland ports. Here, a local expert reveals the town's

Travel back in time amid Ghent's medieval architecture



pedestrianized city center lined with medieval architecture, pausing to take in the storybook grandeur of Gravensteen Castle. Pillows Grand Boutique Hotel Reylof | Meals: B L

**DAY 8: Brussels | Beer Tasting & Storytelling**

Drive to Brussels for an introduction to Belgium's busy capital, where medieval architecture mingles with shimmering high-rises. Throughout its tumultuous history, Brussels has been occupied by the Romans, Vikings, Spanish, French, Austrians and English. Today, Brussels is home to both the European Union and NATO. Explore this culinary enclave known for its fine chocolates, double-fried frites and distinctive beers on a pub crawl with a real beer sommelier, seeking out the city's rich history and tasting delicious local beers at favorite local haunts along the way, while your host tells fun tales about how they are brewed. Afterward, enjoy time for lunch at leisure before returning to Ghent for the rest of the day. Pillows Grand Boutique Hotel Reylof | Meals: B

**DAY 9: Bruges | A Taste of Flanders**

Drive to Bruges, the West Flanders capital known for its canals, cobbled streets and medieval buildings. Indulge in a hands-on workshop devoted to the artistry of fine Belgian chocolates followed by lunch at a traditional restaurant. Cap off your day with time at leisure to explore Bruges before returning to your hotel. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner. Pillows Grand Boutique Hotel Reylof | Meals: B L D

**DAY 10: Depart Brussels**

Today, you are transferred to the airport for your departure.

Meals: B

**BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS**



**Tivoli Doelen Amsterdam Hotel**  
Recently renovated 17th-century hotel in the city's historic heart on the banks of the Amstel River.



**Van Der Valk Hotel Sélys Liège**  
Set in the historic heart of Liège, this contemporary luxury hotel blends elements of old and new.



**Château d'Urspelt**  
Secluded in the Luxembourg countryside, this castle hotel affords an authentic taste of château living.



**Pillows Grand Boutique Hotel Reylof**  
This peaceful property occupies the former mansion of Baron Reylof.

**DATES & PRICING**

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 22-31, Jun 5-14, Jun 19-28, Sep 25-Oct 4	\$8,495	\$2,495

**Journey Details**

Minimum age is 10 years. Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Contact Wyllys for up-to-date availability and pricing information.