The Benelux and Paris

17 – 26 April 2020
10 Day Tour
THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, FRANCE
DISCOVER THE HISTORY AND THE BEAUTY OF THE BENELUX AND PARIS

From the quirkiness of Amsterdam, the beauty of Bruges, the history of Luxembourg and the eclecticism of Paris; this tour truly has something for everyone.

Traveling through northern Europe, tick off countries including the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and France during this 10-day tour. Uncover WWI and WWII history with included entrances to Anne Frank’s House in Amsterdam, the American Cemetery in Luxembourg and the Reddition Museum in Reims. Devour proper Belgium fries, or frieten, as the locals call them in Ghent and Bruges after you’ve visited the 10th-century gothic castle of Gravensteen. Then get arty taking in the masterpieces housed in The Louvre Museum in Paris.

With quality, central accommodation stays, daily breakfasts and 3-course dinners, join us on this remarkable tour and take home memories that will last a lifetime.
DAY BY DAY

DAY 1 – Departing flight
Fly overnight from Boston to Amsterdam.

DAY 2 – Amsterdam & Keukenhof
Arrive in Amsterdam and be greeted at the airport by your Tour Manager. Transfer directly to Keukenhof Tulip Gardens and beat the jetlag as you wander through the spectacular gardens. Return to Amsterdam and check-in to your central accommodation before you sit down to a delicious Welcome Dinner in the evening.

DAY 3 – Amsterdam
Spend your morning discovering the Jewish wartime diarist Anne Frank’s House Museum with your included entrance. Then it’s time for a guided sightseeing of the city led by an expert local guide. Enjoy dinner all together at night before taking to the water for a relaxing cruise through the canals.

DAY 4 – Ghent
Transfer to Ghent, Belgium and begin with entrance to the 10th-century moated castle Gravensteen. Discover more of the town on a Tour Manager led walking tour of Ghent before dinner in the evening.

DAY 5 – Bruges
Take a day excursion to the picturesque Bruges which is known for its cobbled streets, canals and medieval buildings. Enjoy some free time to visit museums as well as have time for lunch (not included). Return to Ghent in the afternoon. Dinner at night.

DAY 6 – Luxembourg via Brussels
Travel to Luxembourg via a stop in Brussels. Visit Le Grand-Place and the Brussels Old Town which is made up of pedestrianized streets with small beautiful historic buildings. Continue to Luxembourg and pay your respects at the American Cemetery. Once checked-in to your central hotel in Luxembourg city, enjoy dinner at night.

“What a great tour! Totally tailored to our group… Highly recommend!”
~ RACHEL MOLICK, USA
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DAY 7 – Reims & Paris
Make your way to Paris with an included stop at Reims. Visit Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Reims and make the most of your included entrance to the Reddition Museum. This museum commemorates the end of World War II in Europe at the actual site of surrender. Continue to Paris. Once settled into your hotel, enjoy dinner all together as well as a relaxing cruise down the river Seine at night.

DAY 8 – Paris
Take a guided sightseeing tour of Paris with an expert local guide in the morning. In the afternoon enjoy some free time or you can choose to sign-up for the optional tour excursion to the Palace of Versailles which was the principal royal residence of France from 1682. Dinner in the evening.

DAY 9 – Paris
Time to tick that big name sight off your bucket-list which an included entrance to the Eiffel Tower. After that spend some time getting up close and personal with all those great works of art in the Louvre Museum – the largest art museum in the world. Make the most of some free time for any last minute shopping before celebrating the tour over a Farewell Dinner at night.

DAY 10 – Return flight
Transfer to Paris airport for your return flights home to Boston.

“I will only use Lingotours from now on. This was an amazing tour!”
– STEVEN, TEACHER, USA
The world is full of interesting things. Here are a few facts about some of the fascinating places you will visit on tour that you may not have known.

**AMSTERDAM'S BLOEMENMARKT**

Holland is famous for its beautiful flower bulb fields that give color to the typical Dutch landscape with the best-known Dutch flower being the tulip. While you’re in Amsterdam, be sure to make a visit to the Bloemenmarkt, which is Europe’s only floating flower market. Founded in 1862, the flower stalls stand on houseboats evoking feelings of the old days when the market was supplied daily by boat. Wander through and peruse all the different plants, flowers, seeds and bulbs. It’s also a great place to pick up postcards and other souvenirs as well.

**FAMOUS BELGIUM FRIES – BRUGES**

French fries, or ‘frieten’, and mayonnaise is a local favorite and an iconic food staple in Bruges and the rest of Belgium. Head to one of the two green carts in the Markt square for your fix or you could even visit the Frietmuseum. The Potato Bar, as the name suggests, screams potatoes. Even the bar is made from potato crates. Selling delicious Bruges frieten, as well as homemade croquettes, filled with authentic fillings such as eel and asparagus, this place is definitely worth a try.

**REIMS CATHEDRAL – FRANCE**

The cathedral of Notre-Dame de Reims, France was built over a 100 year period in the 13th century. While World War I caused the most devastation to the city, Reims was again hit during World War II, but the Reims Cathedral stood proudly over her city, taking on much less damage than she did in the first World War. On May 7, 1945, the Allies signed the treaty to end WWII in Reims in the school room where General Eisenhower had set up his headquarters.

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"You never have to worry about anything. Everything is well taken care of, the only thing I had to do was enjoy my trip.”

- NATHAN CONTRERAS, USA
**TOUR DETAILS**

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- **Depart:** Friday 17 April 2020 – Flying from Boston to Amsterdam
- **Return:** Sunday 26 April 2020 – Flying from Paris to Boston

**TOUR INCLUSIONS**

- Round-trip flights from Boston to Europe
- European airport transfers
- A full-time, specialist Tour Manager from beginning to end
- Centrally located 3-4-star hotels
- Daily, hot buffet breakfasts
- Daily 3-course dinners
- Guided sightseeing tours with local guides in Amsterdam and Paris
- Entrances to:
  - Keukenhof Tulip Garden – Holland
  - Amsterdam Canal Cruise
  - Anne Frank’s House / Museum – Amsterdam
  - Gravensteen Castle – Ghent
  - American Cemetery – Luxembourg
  - Rendition Museum – Reims
  - Eiffel Tower – Paris
  - Seine River Cruise – Paris
  - Louvre Museum - Paris
- A private high-quality motor coach for transfers and guided sightseeing
- Smartphone app for all travelers with schedules, timings, menu choices, maps, hotel info and more
- A private web page for your group and tour

“*Our hotels were always in central locations so we were never far from the action, it was such a nice change! Loved travelling with Lingo Tours!*”

~ ANDREW JOHNSON, USA
"The trip was perfect in just about every way. Loved every minute of it. I would not hesitate to go on a Lingo Tour again, and would encourage anyone to use them for their tour needs. THANK YOU for the wonderful experiences!"

~ PATRICE MESCHKE, USA

FURTHER DETAILS

• Triple Room Rate is for travelers sharing one room with three single beds. Twin/Double Room Rate is for travelers sharing one room with either two single beds (Twin) or a double bed (Double – adults only). Solo travelers who chose this option can specify who they would like to share a room with when they enroll otherwise they will be matched up into room formations based on age and gender.

• Rates do not include excess airline luggage fees, nor transport to/from USA airport.

• Rates are based on no/little fluctuation in the exchange rate between USD and Euros. Should the USD weaken significantly towards the Euro a correction in tour price would be done accordingly.

• The minimum amount of paying travelers is 18 people.
SIGNING UP:
To secure your spot on this tour of a lifetime, fill in the online enrollment form and pay your registration fee, by following the below steps:

1. Visit www.lingo-tours.com/enrollment/
2. Fill in the online enrollment form and use the information:
   - **Tour name:** The Benelux and Paris
   - **Tour code:** BXP042
3. Pay your registration fee of 150USD via https://www.lingo-tours.com/payments/

This registration fee is included in the total package fee and is not an additional cost.

Please ensure you use the tour code above as a reference for all payments. You can pay by credit card, USA online banking or for larger amounts by international bank transfer.

For further explanation on payment options and for submitting payments, please visit www.lingo-tours.com/payments/

For further assistance, please contact info@lingo-tours.com

DEADLINES:

**ENROLLMENT DEADLINE** – 17 October 2019

**TOUR MUST BE 50% PAID BY** – 17 December 2019

**TOUR MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY** – 17 February 2020

YOUR TOUR PAGE:

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SAFETY ON TOUR
Safety on tour is always a top priority and we are committed to providing safe environments for all those that embark on a Lingo Tours adventure. Our dedication and the importance that we place on safety while on tour ensures that it is a key driver of any decisions that are made throughout the tour planning phase as well as during the tour.

We are continually considering current travel safety recommendations which are advised by federal, state and local government bodies as well as by organizations such as the European Tourism Association (ETOA). These help us understand and define what is considered safe areas for group travel so they can be followed and adhered to.

Risk assessments are completed before each activity and the necessary rules and protocols that ensure the group and individuals safety are communicated to all those on tour.

We also conduct audits with all our suppliers as well as fire safety checks which are carried out at each hotel included on the tour. These audits and checks ensure all our suppliers are meeting appropriate health and safety standards and guarantee that all Lingo Tours’ suppliers are safety certified and follow all European safety regulations.

CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND RE-ROUTING
Lingo Tours always have a contingency plan in place for all our tours which ensure that proper and immediate follow-up steps are able to be taken as soon as possible in response to an emergency situation. Any extra costs inflicted by the emergency situation or disturbance event will be covered by Lingo Tours – this includes accommodation, transportation, as well as any meals that would’ve otherwise been included in the itinerary.

For more information on safety on tour as well as contingency planning and re-routing, please refer to the Safety on Tour page on our website: [http://www.lingo-tours.com/safetyontour/](http://www.lingo-tours.com/safetyontour/)

TOUR INSURANCE
Lingo Tours requires you to have travel insurance for your trip however we do not provide or act as a broker for insurance. You can find more information regarding insurance while on tour as well as links to insurance providers at the bottom of our Tour Insurance page: [http://www.lingo-tours.com/tourinsurance/](http://www.lingo-tours.com/tourinsurance/)

As an indication, for a US national traveling to Europe and similar touristic destinations on a full-length tour, full coverage insurance ranges from 65 USD – 120 USD.