



## Romantic Bruges

6 days/ 5 nights

Also known as 'Brugge die Scone' or the 'Little Venice of the North', Bruges is in the eyes of many tourists the most beautiful town in Belgium. As a peaceful and enchanting little Belgian town, Bruges is the ideal location for a cycling holiday. The Flanders region will surely sweep you away with its unusual polder landscapes and the beautiful waters of the North Sea. With this particular tour, you will be able to visit the historical centre of Bruges, with its medieval buildings, little canals and numerous chocolate shops. You will also have the opportunity to explore the Museum Gruuthuse or the Groeninge Museum. A road-book with four optional itineraries will be provided. You can choose to ride the different stages in whichever order you want.

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### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - Arrivée

Arrive in Bruges. Get settled into your hotel for the first night. Depending upon the time of your arrival, enjoy wandering around the historic centre of Bruges.

#### Day 2 - The castles of the Torhout and the Wijnendale

Today's itinerary will enable you to discover the magnificent castles of the Torhout and Wijnendale region. You will visit, among others, the castle of Aertrycke, which was built in 1869 for the baron Auguste de Maere. Moreover, the castle's park now belongs to the Belgian National Trust.

The other castle on your list is Wijnendaele, an eight centuries-old residence which was one of the Count of Flanders' favourite home.

Distance: 69km.



#### Day 3 - Damme, Knokke and the North Sea

Start the day by cycling through the picturesque villages of Flanders, including Damme. This particular village is famous for its



enchancing historical buildings. Every year, tourists stop there to admire its architecture and to enjoy the local culinary delicacies.

Distance: 59km.



#### **Day 4 - Lissewege and De Haan**

The enchanting and picturesque little village of Lissewege is located in the Flemish region. In many ways similar to the village of Damme, Lissewege will undoubtedly sweep you away with its white chalked houses and its spectacular church. Enjoy the peacefulness of this authentic little village.

During today's stage, you will also have the opportunity to visit De Haan. Located in the Belgian province of West Flanders, this coastal town is famous for its Belle Epoque architectural features.

Distance: 52km.



#### **Day 5 - Bulskampveld's park and castle**

For the last day, follow the Bruges-Gand canal and ride amidst picturesque landscapes. During your ride, you will be able to see the Abbey of Saint Trudon in Male, which was once the castle of the Count of Flanders.

Distance: 55km.

#### **Day 6 - départ**

Your holiday ends after breakfast at your hotel in Bruges.



## Additional information

### TARIFFS

Price from 329 euros per person.

### OPTIONS

Renting a hybrid bike 4 days : 50 euros per person.

Electric bike rental 4 days : 105 euros per person.

Rental child bike, 3rd wheel and trailer : 40 euros per person.

Child seat : 10 euros per person.

Insurance: bike : 12 euros per person.

Insurance: e-bike : 20 euros per person.

Summer supplement (15/06 - 27/08) - standard version : 35 euros per person.

Single supplement - standard version : 160 euros per person.

Half Board supplement (x5) - standard version : 110 euros per person.

Premium version supplement (NH Hotel Brugge\*\*\*\* - located into a former convent on the Zand square, 800 m away from the Grand-Place) : 75 euros per person.

Mid-season supplement 27/03 to 31/05 - Premium version : 50 euros per person.

High season supplement 27/06 to 27/08 - Premium version : 30 euros per person.

Single supplement - Premium version : 235 euros per person.

Half Board supplement (x5) - Premium version : 145 euros per person.

Extra night in Brugges B&B - Premium version : 75 euros per person.

Deluxe version supplement (Hotel Navarra\*\*\*\* - charming hotel well reknown located in a somptuous setting in Bruges center, with nice bedrooms, swimmingpool, wellness area and a beautiful garden!) : 160 euros per person.

High season supplement 20/03 to 31/05 and 28/08 to 30/10 - Deluxe version : 60 euros per person.

Friday and Saturday supplement + 11-12/04, 21-23/05, 30-31/05 - Deluxe version : 15 euros per person.

Single supplement - Deluxe version : 295 euros per person.

Single supplement 20/03 to 31/05 and 28/08 to 30/10 - Deluxe version : 325 euros per person.

### INCLUDED

6 days/5 nights in standard version (hotel Velotel\*\*\*\*),

5 breakfasts,

Bedroom with en-suite bathroom,

information package with maps and road-books,

Hotline service (including the week-end),

possibility of half-board

Free hotel parking in Bruges (only available on standard tour)

### NOT INCLUDED

Transport options to the meeting point and from the point of dispersal,

personal travel insurance,



insurances,  
personal expenses,  
Tourist tax,  
Lunches,  
Evening meals (optionnal),  
bike rental (optionnal).

#### **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

Easy. Accessible to everyone including children. Road surface: flat. Distance: from 52 and up to 69km a day.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

4 star hotels (double or twin bedroom with en-suite bathroom). Near city centre (with free parking). Hôtel Velotel\*\*\*\*, comfortable located close to the town center of Bruges, direct acces to the cycle paths, has a terrace and friendly garden.

#### **SIZE OF GROUP**

From 2

#### **DEPARTURES**

Every day from the 20th of March to the 27th of October 2020.

#### **DEPARTURE**

At your hotel in Bruges.

#### **DISPERSION**

End of your tour in Bruges.

#### **HOW TO GET THERE**

- from Brussels or Charleroi airport (train to Bruges) + bus or taxi journey to your hotel.
- train station in Bruges (Brussels - Bruges, 1 hour approx.).
- motorway.

#### **EQUIPMENT TO TAKE**

ADVISED MATERIAL TO TAKE WITH YOU (non-exhaustive cheklist) :

As a good preparation is key to a successful stay, here are a few tips to ensure that your trip takes place in optimal conditions.

#### **BIKES**

In order that your stay does not turn into a mechanical training course, it's advisable to carry out a meticulous revision of your bike before going on a tour :

- the tyres are well inflated and in good condition
- cables and chain are in good condition
- the transmission elements are clean and oiled
- there are no leaks in the suspensions
- the wheels are well tightened
- the brakes are in good condition (wear + possible leaks)



- the headset has been checked

And don't forget that anomalies are easier to spot on a cleaned bike...

#### REPAIR MATERIAL

To avoid mechanical problems, it's better to be far-sighted and always carry the basic equipment of a biker:

- 2 inner tubes (puncture sealant is strongly recommended, or puncture sealant strips)
- a pump
- tire irons
- an inner tube repair kit consisting of patches and glue
- a multi-tool
- a small wrench
- a piece of tire

Also, you can prepare your own toolbox which we transfer with your luggage. You will put in it the following items :

- a brake cable (front and rear)
- a derailleur cable
- a tyre
- one derailleur hanger
- chain oil
- a rag

#### EQUIPMENT

As you can't judge a book by its cover, cycling slinky shorts won't help you to turn into a cycling champion. However, a minimum of specific bike equipment will be necessary in order to be comfortable :

- a helmet
- glasses
- suitable shoes (no smooth soles)
- a cycling short or short
- a breathable tee-shirt (try to avoid cotton)

#### DAY BACKPACK

Because it's unpleasant to ride with a too loaded backpack, it's better to think carefully about the necessary things to bring in the backpack for the day:

- a water bag and/or a flask and/or water cans on the bike (2L/day/person minimum)
- provisions (energy bars, dried fruits...)
- the basic repair material for your bike (see above)
- a windbreaker (waterproof)
- picnic
- a headlamp
- a knife
- sun cream (+ lip protection)
- toilet paper



- a first-aid kit (see below)
- your mobile phone + an external battery
- a rubbish bag

#### PICNIC

In order to avoid unnecessary waste at picnic time, remember to take with you :

- an airtight box (0.5L) with initials marked on the lid and on the box + wide elastics
- reusable cutlery (fork and pocketknife)

#### TRAVEL BAG

Your luggage is transferred during the day and you will find it every evening at your hotel. It is preferable that your travel bag contains the following items :

- a sleeping bag liner (stays in gîtes)
- a change of clothes
- a pair of light shoes for the evening
- a large jumper or fleece jacket
- a small toilet bag with a towel

#### FIRST-AID KIT

Concerning all our guided stays, the instructor has a first aid kit.

However, it is essential to bring your own first aid kit.

Here is a list of the minimum items to take with you:

- disinfectant
- gauze strips
- plaster
- protective cream for the buttocks
- your personal medicines
- micropur pastilles (water disinfectant)
- a survival blanket

A more complete first-aid kit should be formulated with your doctor.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tourist taxes will be paid on the spot.

Calm roads and cycle path.

Detailed road-book.

Possibility to make this tour in 5 days / 4 nights (on request).