



Presents:  
Amsterdam and Beyond  
October 15 – 23, 2026



Race Details: Amsterdam  
Marathon, Half Marathon, & 7.5k

October 18 at 9:00am



Come for the race, stay for the adventure!

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## Thursday October 15, 2026 – Departure from CVG

Itinerary and schedules are based on flights departing Cincinnati's CVG Airport Thursday arriving in Amsterdam early Friday. If you wish to depart from another airport, we are happy to assist you in choosing a flight that matches the group ground transportation schedule.

## Travel

Airline Travel is booked separately by traveler and is not included in your tour and accommodation pricing. Please plan to book air travel promptly following registration.

### Current Preferred Flight Schedules:

United/Air Canada -

Depart CVG 4:30m/Arrive AMS 11:00am (Friday Oct 16<sup>th</sup>)

Delta Airlines/Air France -

Depart CVG 6:40pm/Arrive AMS 10:55am (Friday Oct 16<sup>th</sup>)

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## Airport Transfer to Hotel

Airport Bus Transfer Included in your travel price and will be coordinated based on our Group Arrival Time. Group private transportation will be available for those arriving at or before 11am, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Accommodations

7 Nights – 4 Star Hotels, Amsterdam, Ghent, Liege

- Breakfast Daily Included
- WiFi Included
- Lounge/Bar



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## Friday, October 16, 2026 – Arrival/Amsterdam

\*Breakfast, lunch and dinner on your own.

Upon arrival in Amsterdam, we'll clear customs and transfer from the airport to the Novotel Amsterdam City Center, our host hotel for Amsterdam. It will be late morning, but we can drop baggage with the concierge desk and take a quick moment to get oriented with our surroundings. Check in isn't until 3pm so we will meet shortly following bag check to hit the town for some brunch and exploration.



### Optional Heineken Tour – 2 pm (\$37 entry fee)

For those who wish to join, after grabbing a bite to eat we can head straight into the Heineken Experience & Rooftop Tour—the perfect way to shake off an overnight flight. It's a relaxed, engaging introduction to the city that keeps us moving, soaking in history, and enjoying sweeping rooftop views, all without the pressure of a full sightseeing day. A cold beer, fresh air, and a little movement: exactly the right reset to kick off the trip.

### Group Exploration and Dinner – 6pm

After a free afternoon or the Heineken Experience, we'll head back to the hotel to check in, get settled, and take a quick breather. Once everyone's refreshed, we'll head out together for an easy stroll to dinner. A little exploration and a relaxed group meal is the perfect way to stay awake, get acclimated to the time-change, and ease into the rhythm of Amsterdam. After dinner, we'll return to the hotel for some well-earned rest and to gear up for another big day tomorrow.

## Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> – Amsterdam and Race Expo

\*Breakfast included at hotel. Lunch on your own. Pre-race pasta dinner included.

### Morning – Free-Time

Our first full morning in Amsterdam is intentionally left open so you can explore at your own pace and see what interests you most. Staying near the Novotel Amsterdam City Centre puts you within easy walking distance of some great highlights—like Dam Square and the Royal Palace Amsterdam, or a relaxed stroll through Jordaan and the Nine Streets for coffee, shopping, and classic canal views.

There will also be an optional group experience for anyone who wishes to join. Please plan to return to the hotel by early afternoon, as we'll regroup and head out together around 2:00 PM for the race expo. Enjoy the freedom of the morning—but don't lose track of time, the big weekend is just getting started.

### **Optional Anne Frank House Tour – 10am – 12pm (\$20 entry fee)**

For those interested, there is a group option visit to the Anne Frank House. This powerful and moving experience offers a quiet moment of reflection and historical perspective, providing deeper insight into Amsterdam's past and one of the most important personal stories of World War II. It's entirely optional, but for many, a deeply meaningful addition to the day.

### **Race Expo - RAI Amsterdam Convention Centre – 3pm – 7pm**

For those running the race, packet pickup will be available at the expo at RAI Amsterdam Convention Centre. It is just a quick walk or city bus from the hotel so we'll plan to head over as a group around 3pm after you have the opportunity to explore the city for the morning

### **Pasta Dinner – 6pm**

Amsterdam Marathon Expo Features an International Pasta Party for runners. The extensive menu includes traditional pasta, vegetarian options, potatoes, lasagna, fresh fruits and much more. With our race bibs in hand, we will enjoy our carb-load feast, and maybe even meet some fellow international runners, before we head back to the hotel to get some rest before the big day!

### **Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> – RACE DAY**

\*Breakfast included at hotel. Lunch and dinner on your own.

### **THE 2026 AMSTERDAM MARATHON: Staggered Start**

Race morning at the Amsterdam Marathon is dynamic and exciting, with start times varying by race distance throughout the morning. Those running the half marathon will have the special opportunity to cheer on the full marathon runners at their start, adding to the energy and camaraderie of the day.

We'll begin with breakfast at the hotel, then head out to enjoy a full day of racing and spectator festivities across the city. All races culminate at the iconic Olympic Stadium, where we'll reunite to celebrate the day's accomplishments, soak in the atmosphere, and cheer everyone across the finish line. It's a full, memorable day that captures the best of Amsterdam and race weekend energy.



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## Post-Race Relaxation:

After our big finish, we'll take a little time to relax and enjoy the moment before heading out for one final excursion in our host city. Take a chance to freshen up, recharge, and soak it all in—then meet back in the lobby as we head out for an unforgettable evening cruise through the canals of Amsterdam. It's the perfect, celebratory way to close out an incredible race weekend: relaxed, scenic, and distinctly Amsterdam.

### Evening Canal Cruise – 6:30pm

We'll wrap up our race day with a classic Amsterdam Canal Cruise—an easy, scenic way to unwind after an exciting race and a few days in the city. Gliding through the canals as the city lights come on lets us take in Amsterdam from a different perspective while giving our bodies a chance to rest and recover and get ready for the rest of our Netherlands Adventure.



## Monday, October 19, 2026 – Depart Amsterdam for Ghent

\*Breakfast included at hotel. Lunch and dinner on your own.

After several days exploring Amsterdam and with the race behind us, it is time to see what the rest of this magical region has to offer. Our private tour begins today. Enjoy breakfast at the hotel beginning at 7am. We will meet with our baggage in the lobby to meet our guide and head to the next Destination.

### Depart Amsterdam – 8:30am

We depart Amsterdam by private coach after breakfast, leaving the city behind as we head into the Dutch countryside. Settle into your seat, grab a coffee, and enjoy the changing scenery — today is designed to be unhurried and scenic, with the journey itself as much a part of the experience as the destinations ahead.



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**Breda Castle & Park:** Our first stop today is Breda, a charming Dutch town where we stretch our legs around Breda Castle and its surrounding park. It's a relaxed, green pause — perfect after race weekend — with time for coffee and a gentle stroll.



**Discover Bruges:** By midday we arrive in Bruges, one of Europe's most beautiful medieval cities. Wander along winding canals, cobblestone streets, and market squares that feel lifted from a painting. Enjoy lunch at your own pace, snap photos, and soak in the atmosphere.

There is plenty of time to enjoy the town before we are off to our next and final stop of the day.

## Arrival in Ghent – 4pm

In the afternoon we continue to Ghent, our Belgian home base. We will arrive first at Hotel Harmony. After checking in, the evening is yours to explore — canals lit at dusk, lively cafés, and one of the best food scenes in Belgium just steps away. We will stay in the heart of Ghent's historic center. Within just a few minutes' walk you'll find the iconic Graslei and Korenlei canal quays, the soaring St. Bavo's Cathedral, and the charming Patershol neighborhood.

Dinner tonight is on your own. Gather for dinner along the water or discover a cozy local spot on your own. Ghent comes alive at night, and tomorrow we dive deeper into Belgian culture.

## Tuesday, October 20, 2026 – Ghent Mornings & Antwerp Afternoons

\*Breakfast included at hotel. Lunch and dinner on your own.

Today is all about slow discovery and Belgian flavor — a relaxed morning in Ghent followed by an afternoon in one of Belgium's great beer cities. Enjoy breakfast at the hotel beginning at 7am. You will have some time to explore our host city this morning, but please be sure to return to the hotel to meet our driver once more to set out for Antwerp.

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**Ghent at Your Own Pace:** The morning is yours to enjoy Ghent right outside our hotel. This is the perfect time to wander the canals, explore the historic streets, or linger over coffee without any schedule pressure.

Within a short walk of the hotel you can:

- Stroll along the Graslei and Korenlei canal quays
- Visit St. Bavo's Cathedral
- Explore the narrow streets and restaurants of the Patershol neighborhood
- Settle into a canal-side café and soak in the atmosphere

Ghent is flat, compact, and effortlessly walkable — ideal for post-race legs and unhurried exploration.



## Depart for Antwerp – 1:15 pm

After lunch, we board our private coach and head to Antwerp, Belgium's vibrant port city known for its architecture, culture, and legendary beer scene. Where ever your exploration takes you, we will gather back at the hotel around 1pm. No need to pack anything unless you would like a snack or beverage for the road.

**Afternoon in Antwerp:** As we arrive in Antwerp, the mood shifts effortlessly. This is a city that feels both grand and relaxed — where centuries-old cathedrals rise above lively squares and the river quietly frames daily life.

Spend the afternoon wandering at your own pace. Golden stone buildings, hidden courtyards, and wide promenades invite you to slow down, linger, and explore without an agenda. Pause for a Belgian beer in a cozy café, admire the artistry of the historic center, or stroll along the Scheldt River as the city hums softly around you.



Antwerp isn't about checking off sights — it's about atmosphere. Sit, sip, wander, and let the city reveal itself before we return to Ghent in the evening, carrying with us the easy rhythm and warmth that make this place so special.

## Return to Ghent – 6pm

In the early evening, we return to Ghent where the night is yours to enjoy dinner along the canal, a final Belgian beer, or a quiet evening stroll as the city lights reflect on the water. Before turning in for the night, please take a few minutes to pack and organize your luggage. Tomorrow we depart Ghent and continue our journey to a new destination, so having bags ready will make for a smooth and easy morning.

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## Wednesday, October 21, 2026 – From Ghent to the Heart of Europe

\*Breakfast included at hotel. Lunch and dinner on your own.

Today is a scenic travel day, crossing borders and landscapes as we make our way from Belgium into Luxembourg and back again. Think rolling countryside, historic cities, and a relaxed rhythm on the road. Enjoy breakfast in our hotel and meet in the lobby for an on-time departure.

### Departure from Ghent – 8:30am

Breakfast starts at 7am and after fueling up for another day of exploration, we say goodbye to Ghent and set off by private coach, luggage loaded and ready for the journey ahead.

**Maastricht:** We make a brief stop in Maastricht, one of the Netherlands' oldest and most picturesque towns. With its cobblestone streets, riverside views, and relaxed café culture, Maastricht is the perfect place to stretch our legs, grab a coffee, and enjoy a moment of calm before continuing our journey south..



**Explore Luxembourg City:** Our afternoon is spent exploring Luxembourg City, a small but striking capital where dramatic landscapes and historic streets come together. Perched above deep river valleys, the city offers sweeping viewpoints, quiet walking paths, and a beautifully preserved old town.



Spend time wandering at your own pace:

- Walk along the Chemin de la Corniche, “Europe’s most beautiful balcony,”
- Explore the Old Town, with its fortified walls, bridges, and charming squares
- Stroll through leafy parks and scenic overlooks, steps from the historic center
- Visit the Cathedral Notre-Dame Luxembourg

For lunch, Luxembourg City offers plenty of relaxed options:

- Cozy cafés and bistros serving local and French-influenced cuisine
- Casual spots for sandwiches, salads, and pastries
- Outdoor terraces where you can sit, linger, and enjoy the view

### Arrival in Liège – 7pm

We arrive in Liège in the early evening and check in to our comfortable and welcoming hotel set in a historic former convent just above the city center. After a full day of travel and sightseeing, the evening is intentionally relaxed. Guests may choose to dine at the hotel’s restaurant or enjoy a casual dinner nearby before settling in for a restful night.

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## Wednesday, October 22, 2026 – Windmills, Gardens & Return to Amsterdam

\*Breakfast included at hotel. Lunch on your own, group dinner provided.

Our final touring day blends iconic Dutch scenery with a calm, nature-filled finish as we make our way back to Amsterdam. Breakfast will be served in the hotel starting at 7am. We will enjoy a slightly later start today, but there is much to do before we arrive back in Amsterdam.

### Departure from Ghent – 9:30am

After breakfast, we load up and begin our journey north, leaving Belgium behind and returning to the Netherlands. Today's route is designed to be unhurried and scenic, with time to enjoy some of the Netherlands' most iconic and peaceful landscapes along the way before arriving back in the city for our final evening.

**Dutch Windmills:** One of the Netherlands' most iconic landscapes, Zaanse Schans is home to historic windmills, wooden houses, and quiet canals. Wander the paths, take photos, and enjoy seeing a timeless piece of Dutch history still turning gently in the breeze. This stop is scenic, flat, and easy — perfect for a relaxed morning pause.



**Gardens at Appeltern:** Entry to Bloemenpark Appeltern is included. This expansive garden park is designed as a series of beautifully curated outdoor rooms, with winding paths, water features, and seasonal plantings that invite slow wandering and quiet moments. Guests are free to explore at their own pace — stroll, sit, take photos, or simply enjoy the calm — making this a peaceful and restorative stop before our return to Amsterdam.

### Return to Amsterdam – 4:30pm

Late afternoon we arrive back at Novotel Amsterdam City. Check in, refresh, and meet back in the lobby for one final unforgettable evening.

### Celebration Dinner – 6:30pm

This evening, we gather back in Amsterdam for our final celebration dinner, which is included as part of your trip package. It's a chance to relax, reflect on the journey, celebrate race accomplishments, and toast a wonderful week of travel together before departures tomorrow.

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## Friday, October 23, 2026 – Depart Amsterdam

\*Breakfast included at hotel. Lunch and dinner during travel.

After a memorable week of running, exploring, and celebrating together, it's time to begin the journey home. For guests joining the group airport transfer, please be ready to depart the hotel approximately three and a half hours prior to your scheduled flight departure to allow for a smooth transfer and check-in at the airport.

## Transfer to Airport from Hotel

Airport Transfer for those traveling on suggested group schedule is included in tour price. Alternative airport transportation can be arranged at booking.

## Travel

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Current Preferred Flight Schedules:

United/Air Canada -

Depart AMS 12:3pm/Arrive CVG 8:19pm

Delta Airlines/Air France -

Depart AMS 11:25am/Arrive CVG 7:40pm

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## Pricing:

\*All prices are subject to change due to availability and exchange rates until time of final booking

### 7 Day/7 Night - Land/Tour Package for Double Occupancy

\$2,615

### 7 Day/7 Night - Land/Tour Package for Single Occupancy

\$3,536

### Guaranteed Race Entry requires deposit by January 31, 2026

Initial Deposit - \$750.00

Second Payment – Due July 1, 2026

Final Payment – Due September 1, 2026

*Cancellations are subject to booking fees*



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