



BACKROADS

**2024
ITINERARY**

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DETAILED ITINERARY*

NETHERLANDS & BELGIUM—WINDMILLS & CANALS FROM AMSTERDAM TO BRUGES



BIKING | Premiere Hotels

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"Backroads once again exceeded expectations. The quality of trip leaders and support staff is superb, which is a testament to the selection and training process. Food is always a highlight of our Backroads trips, and this trip was no exception. And our fellow riders are always people I'm delighted to share my vacation with. We'll be back again!"

-Ruth Haile | Manhattan Beach, CA

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6 DAYS, 5 NIGHTS

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ACTIVITY LEVELS 1-4

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WHY BACKROADS?

"Backroads is the best of the best."
Sheryl Simons | Skaneateles, NY

Never Subcontracted

We operate our own trips around the globe. That way we control the quality—and we're fully responsible for your great experiences.

Two Support Vans

We provide two support vans on all of our trips* so you can count on us to be there when you need us, regardless of the route you take.

Three Leaders

Our trips have three leaders*, for an average 6:1 guest-to-leader ratio. Guests consistently score our leaders 9.7 out of 10, telling us they make all the difference.

Thoughtful Trip Design

We know how to create exceptional travel experiences, ensuring that you get the most from your trip as it unfolds.

Multiple Daily Routes

Being able to choose among several expertly designed routes each day gives you the freedom to enjoy the best of a region at your own pace.

We Celebrate Mixed Abilities

To accommodate varied activity levels, you need three leaders, two vans, multiple route options, detailed directions, a rating system showing if shuttles are required, and plenty of well-matched riding/hiking companions.

*See web for more information on leaders and van support

Click [HERE](#) for more on the Backroads Quality Guide

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STRAIGHT *talk*

We want to make sure you're on the right trip and that you have the best experience possible. Every Backroads trip is unique and this one is no exception.

NAVIGATING BIKE PATHS

The Dutch and Belgians are famous for their love of bikes. And that love of bikes has created an amazing network of bike paths and routes that extend throughout each country. Many of the paths we utilize on this trip are the equivalent of scenic byways, linking quaint villages and big cities alike. Navigating these intricate bike routes may require more attention than usual—expect some stops to ensure you're on the right track!—as well as increased attention to cycling etiquette, laws and traffic as you share the "road" with the many locals going about their business by bike.



DAY 1

On the first day of the trip, meet your Backroads Trip Leader (who will be wearing a Backroads T-shirt) at 9 a.m. in front of the Amsterdam Sloterdijk train station, located at Orlyplein 105 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. We will meet at Sloterdijk's main entrance next to the Starbucks coffee shop; follow signs to Station Hall upon arrival.

Note: This is NOT Amsterdam's main Central Station. If you are arriving at Centraal, you'll need to take a 10-minute train ride to Sloterdijk; or it's a 15-minute taxi ride from downtown Amsterdam. Please arrive dressed in your biking clothes and bring your luggage and a daypack with your rain gear and anything else you may want for today's ride (your luggage will be transported to our first night's accommodations).

SHUTTLE TO EDAM 40 Minutes

BIKING OPTIONS:

Morning Route: 8 Miles * (minimal elevation gain)

Lunch Route: 13 Miles (minimal)

Afternoon Route: 26 Miles * (minimal)

Hotel Route: 33 Miles (minimal)

**with shuttle*

Welkom to the Netherlands! After meeting in Amsterdam we shuttle north to the town of Edam, where your Backroads Trip Leaders fit your bike and give a brief demonstration of biking techniques and safety. Then set off on your first ride through verdant countryside and meandering canals en route to our lunch spot in the beautiful Twiske nature reserve.

The Dutch may not have invented cycling, but they've sure perfected it! There are more than 21,500 miles of bike paths and roads in the Netherlands, many of them traffic-free. And remember—this is all in a country the size of Maryland! After lunch we continue to enjoy our first day of Dutch riding as we get to know the ins and outs of this marvelous trail system.

Our destination is Landgoed Duin & Kruidberg, a splendid country house located on the edge of Zuid-Kennemerland National Park. When it was built in 1895 it was the largest residence in the Netherlands, and the hotel is equally impressive today. As the sun sets over our

first night in the Netherlands, we gather for a welcome reception before an exceptional dinner at the hotel's restaurant. *Lodging: Landgoed Duin & Kruidberg*



DAY 2

BIKING OPTIONS:

Zandvoort Route: 10 Miles * (minimal elevation gain)

Lunch Route: 25 Miles * (minimal)

The Hague Route: 47 Miles (100')

**with shuttle*

Today we pedal through forest and dunes along *fietspaden* (bicycle paths) en route to the Netherlands' picturesque coastline and towns north of The Hague. The name "Netherlands" means "lowlands," and flat and low it is! Without its well-designed network of seawalls, dunes, canals, levees and dikes, about half the country would be underwater. Ride well-maintained bike trails along beaches, perhaps stopping at one to sip a mid-morning coffee and watch wind-powered kart sailors zip by.

After a picnic lunch, we continue biking past fertile farmland and coastal dunes, and finally through the attractive residential suburbs outside The Hague, home to the Dutch parliament and the Hotel des Indes, our home for the next two nights. Built in 1858, this property was once a city palace and represents the cultural significance of The Hague to the Dutch people. Just down the road from our hotel you'll find the famed Escher and Mauritshuis museums and the stately Noordeinde Palace, one of the three official palaces of the Dutch royal family. Feel free to treat yourself like royalty this afternoon

with a trip to the hotel's luxurious spa. (Spa treatments are not included in the trip price. Advance reservations are recommended.)

Tonight we take a short walk to dinner at a lively restaurant on The Hague's historic main square. *Lodging: Hotel des Indes*

DAY 3

SHUTTLE TO KINDERDIJK 1 Hour

BIKING OPTIONS:

Gouda Lunch Route: 17 Miles * (minimal elevation gain)

Boskoop Route: 30 Miles * (minimal)

Green Heart Route: 50 Miles (minimal)

**with shuttle*

This morning we shuttle to Kinderdijk's World Heritage site, where a cluster of 19 windmills are set on a marshy plain along a two-mile stretch of dike road. Built in the mid-1700s, the windmills served to drain the Alblasserwaard polder (a tract of land reclaimed from the sea), and some were still performing that task up until the 1950s. One of the windmills is open to visitors, and it's a fun place to learn about the inner workings of these remarkable machines.

Then set out on two wheels past grazing cows and the charming towns that pepper the classically Dutch landscape. Ride quiet roads and *fietspaden* to historic Gouda and the town's market square, the largest in the Netherlands! Admire the Stadhuis, an imposing 15th-century Gothic structure embellished with turrets, a Renaissance-style staircase and larger-than-life statues. We enjoy lunch in an old harbor house where we learn more about Gouda's interesting history. Our lovely hosts make a wonderful spread with local ingredients.

This evening, dinner is on your own. The Hague is filled with so many fantastic eateries that your only challenge will be agreeing on a place! Your leaders are happy to provide recommendations. *Lodging: Hotel des Indes*



DAY 4

SHUTTLE TO VLISSINGEN 2 Hours

FERRY TO BRESKENS 30 Minutes

BIKING OPTIONS:

Sluis Lunch Route: 19 Miles* (minimal elevation gain)

Bruges Route: 30 Miles (minimal)

**with shuttle*

After breakfast we shuttle to the port town of Vlissingen in the province of Zeeland. A quick ferry takes us to Breskens, where we disembark and hop on our bikes. Ride along the north sea and on country roads to the charming city of Sluis, where you can enjoy lunch on your own in one of its many cozy cafés. Then follow a tree-lined bike path alongside a canal as you bid farewell to the Netherlands. Don't blink, or you may miss the border crossing into Belgium—no formalities here! You'll know you're in Belgium when you spot the colorful triangular-gabled façades that characterize the architecture here.

It's not much farther to romantic Bruges, called the "Venice of the North" thanks to its many meandering waterways. The entire city center is a World Heritage site, watched over by a towering medieval belfry. We're welcomed at Hotel de Tuilerieën, where actors Colin Farrell and Ralph Fiennes stayed during filming of their action movie *In Bruges*. Spend the afternoon enjoying the hotel and sauna. Alternatively, you may want to spend some time exploring this historic town's charming canals and cobblestone streets.

At tonight's dinner, consider ordering a tall frothy *bier*. Home to nearly 200 breweries, Belgium has taken beer seriously since the Middle Ages. If you're overwhelmed by the choices, try Zot, which has the distinction of being the only beer brewed in Bruges—it's also regarded as one of Belgium's finest. *Proost!* (Cheers!) Lodging: Hotel de Tuilerieën

DAY 5

BIKING OPTIONS:

Belgian Countryside Mini Route: 13 Miles* (minimal elevation gain)

Belgian Countryside Full Route: 18 miles* (minimal)

Diksmuide Lunch Route: 26 Miles* (minimal)

Flanders Fields Route: 41 miles* (minimal)

Flanders Metric Century Loop: 63 Miles (minimal)

**with shuttle*

Today we make our way out of Bruges to discover more of this northern part of Belgium known as Flanders. Encompassing the cities of Brussels (its capital), as well as Bruges, Ghent and Antwerp, Flanders is largely autonomous, with its own parliament and government. Flemish (a variant of Dutch) is the primary language here, while most in southern Wallonia speak French.

Pedal through rural countryside to an area known as Flanders Fields, which experienced devastating World War I battles from 1914 to 1918. Hundreds of monuments and cemeteries dot the land to commemorate the thousands of lives lost here. This area was immortalized in the 1915 poem *In Flanders Fields*, in which Canadian soldier John McCrae describes the profusion of poppies that were growing out of the battle-scarred fields:

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

The poppy is still used as a symbol in World War I remembrance ceremonies. After lunch along the way, hop back on your bike or shuttle back to Bruges. Take time this afternoon to relax at the hotel or stroll through town. You haven't visited Belgium until you've sampled its delectable chocolate, and Bruges is a mecca for

chocolate connoisseurs. Stop in at one of the city's more than 40 shops, and try a handmade Brugsch Swaentje (or Bruges Swan), a symbol of the city.

Tonight we celebrate our week together with a beer tasting and festive farewell dinner in Bruges. *Lodging: Hotel de Tuilerieën*

DAY 6

A SLICE OF BRUGES 11 Miles (minimal elevation gain)

If you're not ready to bid your bike farewell, enjoy one last spin through Belgian neighborhoods and past canals, forests and grassy meadows outside the city. Otherwise, sleep in and enjoy a leisurely breakfast and a dip in the pool.

Back at the hotel, your leaders say their farewells and help arrange your taxis to the Bruges train station, where our trip ends. See "Arriving & Departing" for end-of-trip logistics.

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

We are always seeking opportunities to enhance this itinerary. We'll be certain to notify you of any important changes prior to departure; other changes may be communicated on trip by your leaders.

SHIFT GEARS

Our trips are designed to be flexible, giving you the freedom to experience the best of the region the way YOU want. Feel like you're ready to go, go, go? We can show you the way! Want some downtime or prefer to head out on your own? No problem!

Your Trip Leaders will make sure to tell you the best days to take time for yourself (if you want it) without feeling like you're missing out.

So feel free to shift gears and make it your day!

TRIP ACCOMMODATIONS

Premiere Hotels



1 Night

Landgoed Duin & Kruidberg

A deluxe and historic country estate situated on the outskirts of Zuid-Kennemerland National Park with access to many beautiful nature trails. | Santpoort | www.duin-kruidberg.nl | +31-(0)23-51-21-800

2 Nights (Pictured)

Hotel des Indes

Built in 1858 to host aristocrats and heads of state, this opulent former palace is located among the cafés, restaurants and shops of the historic city center. (pool, spa) | The Hague | www.hoteldesindesthehague.com | +31-(0)70-36-12-345

2 Nights

Hotel De Tuilerieën

An elegant hotel—originally a 15th-century noble residence—overlooking Den Dyver, the most picturesque canal in Bruges. A Small Luxury Hotels of the World member. (pool) | Bruges | www.hoteltuilerieen.com | +32-(0)50-34-36-91

ARRIVING & DEPARTING

After reviewing the following information, please inform us of your arrival and departure plans on your *Personal Information Form*.

All prices are in US dollars and subject to change.

Meeting Time & Location

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Conclusion of the Trip

On the last day of the trip, Backroads provides transportation to the Bruges train station, arriving around noon, in time to catch an early afternoon train to Brussels (1 hour), Amsterdam (3–4 hours), Ghent (45 minutes) or any number of European cities.

Flight Arrangements

This trip starts in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and ends in Bruges, Belgium. We recommend flying into Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport (airport code: AMS; www.schiphol.nl). You can fly out of either Brussels (BRU; www.brusselsairport.be) or Amsterdam.

When to Book Flights

Please note that trip start and end locations are subject to change and can vary by departure. A Travel Planner, complete with trip details specific to your chosen date, will be sent to you at time of booking or soon after and will

be viewable in your Backroads account. Do not schedule your flights until your reservation is confirmed.

For help arranging air transportation to and from your Backroads trip, please work with your own travel advisor, or you may work with our travel agency partner. Their professional expert travel advisors are ready to assist you with any of your travel needs. Please note that they are an independent travel agency and consulting and ticketing fees may apply, based on the services requested. Simply ask your Backroads Trip Consultant to connect you! You can also book directly with the airline, or through a travel website.

Ground Transportation from Schiphol Airport to Central Amsterdam

Schiphol Airport is located 9 miles outside of central Amsterdam, and there are several transportation options:

- **Taxi** service to the city center takes around 30 minutes. Fares from Schiphol to Amsterdam are at fixed prices; depending on the neighborhood, your trip will cost about \$60 for up to four people.
- **Trains** run several times an hour from the airport to Amsterdam Centraal (the city's main train station), from 6 a.m. until midnight (and once an hour before 6 a.m.). The trip takes 15 minutes and costs around \$5. The train station is located beneath Schiphol Plaza; follow signs after exiting Customs. When you arrive at the Centraal station you can take a 5-minute train ride to our meeting location at Sloterdijk station or, if arriving early, take a taxi to your hotel.
- **Connexion Airport Hotel Shuttle** (www.airporthotelshuttle.nl; +31-(0)88-33-94-741) runs daily service between the airport and nearly all hotels in Amsterdam. Coaches leave every 30 minutes (or more frequently) from platform A7 (in front of Arrivals hall 4), 6:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from the Connexion desk in the Arrivals hall; the one-way fare is approximately \$20. The length of the trip varies depending on how many stops the shuttle makes.

Getting To Our Meeting Location

If you take the train to Amsterdam's Sloterdijk train station, follow signs to Station Hall and Orlyplein toward the station's main entrance (next to the Starbucks coffee shop) to meet your Backroads Trip Leader. The best option might be to take a taxi from your hotel in Amsterdam to Sloterdijk station (tell your taxi driver to drop you in front of the Starbucks); the trip from central Amsterdam takes around 15–20 minutes and costs approximately \$25–30.

Train Travel

Boarding the Train

To find your platform, which will be listed at least 10 minutes prior to departure, check the small television screens or the larger schedule boards in the main station area (larger stations only). Four columns will be listed: destination, type of train, platform number and departure time.

For international travel most trains require reservations. A seat reservation will appear as a separate coupon along with your actual train ticket; it will specify the date of travel, destination, train number, class of travel, car number and seat number. For domestic train travel in the Netherlands, you won't need a reservation as seats are not assigned.

When traveling by train in the Netherlands remember to check in with your train ticket before boarding the train, otherwise you risk getting a fine. Train tickets should be activated before boarding at one of the card-reader gates or free-standing posts. When you arrive at your end destination, "check out" at one of the readers.

In Belgium, if you're traveling without reservations, you must validate your "open" ticket by stamping it on the day of travel to avoid a supplementary fee on the train. Look for the conveniently located machines on each train platform. (The machine stamps the date and time on the "open" ticket to prevent multiple use; if your seat is reserved, validation isn't necessary because your ticket is already imprinted with your date of travel, destination and seat number.) If you forget to stamp your ticket before boarding, tell the on-board ticket inspector immediately to avoid a supplementary fee. If you're using a European Railpass, it must be activated at a ticket counter before first use.

PRICES & SCHEDULES

All prices and schedules were current at the time of printing, but are subject to change at any time.



DURING YOUR TRIP

Backroads On Trip App

Enjoy the convenience of your itinerary details in one place, including daily snapshots, routes, elevation profiles and more. We'll send you an email seven days before your trip starts with the link and code for your itinerary. We encourage you to download the app and the trip experience before you depart (your leaders can help you on trip if needed). Just search for "Backroads" in the Apple App store or the Google Play Store.

Trip Leaders

Each of your Trip Leaders plays many roles during your vacation: guide, host, caretaker, naturalist, chef, historian, troubleshooter, interpreter. These remarkable individuals have highly developed instincts for making people comfortable, for seamlessly handling the logistics of travel and for successfully navigating a wide range of unexpected situations. They're passionately committed to ensuring you enjoy an exceptional vacation—smooth, flexible and tailored to your needs. According to past guests, the caliber of our leaders is what sets Backroads apart from all other travel companies. With their knowledge, professionalism, enthusiasm and service ethic, they're the number-one reason people return to travel with us again and again. We look forward to having you meet them.

Meals

Food is an important part of the Backroads experience. For lunch we look for the best way to capture the essence of the region. It may be a Backroads Grand Picnic, when your Trip Leaders prepare the freshest and healthiest local fare at a carefully chosen setting along the day's route; a boxed lunch; a packed lunch; a meal together at a favorite restaurant; or the opportunity to have lunch on your own.

Our dinners feature regional specialties at gourmet restaurants, frequently with specially prepared limited menus.

All breakfasts, four lunches and four dinners are included in the trip price. One lunch and one dinner are on your own.

DESTINATION DETAILS

Climate

The Netherlands and Belgium are usually pleasant in the spring, but both countries are green and lush for a reason! Cool cloudy weather and rain showers are common—don't forget to bring breathable water proof rain gear. Guests in the past have been grateful for full-body rain gear, including rain pants and in some cases even a helmet cover.

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Average:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
High °F	41	42	48	53	61	66
Low °F	34	32	37	40	46	52
Precip. in.	3.1	1.7	3.5	1.5	2.0	2.4
Average:	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High °F	69	70	64	57	48	44
Low °F	55	55	51	46	39	36
Precip. in.	2.9	2.4	3.2	4.1	3.0	2.8

Bruges, Belgium

Average:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
High °F	39	39	45	51	58	63
Low °F	35	34	38	44	49	54
Precip. in.	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.3
Average:	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High °F	66	68	64	58	48	45
Low °F	58	59	55	51	43	41
Precip. in.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.5



TRIP DOCUMENTS & MORE

Travel Documents

A valid passport is required for travel to the Netherlands and Belgium. A visa is not required for US citizens, provided you are staying in the country less than 90 days.

Note that some countries require your passport to be valid for a specified amount of time beyond your departure date (up to 6 months). Be sure to check the expiration date and physical condition of your passport and verify the travel document requirements with the consulates of the countries you are planning to visit during your trip. Passports issued to minors under the age of 16 are set to expire every 5 years. Check your expiration dates carefully!

The best way to ensure you have the most current information on entry requirements is by visiting the Embassy of the Netherlands website at www.netherlandsandyou.nl and the Embassy of Belgium at unitedstates.diplomatie.belgium.be/en. You may also find helpful information on the US State Department's website: travel.state.gov.

IMPORTANT: Each time you renew your passport, you are issued a new passport number. Depending on the trip, some of our service providers (like hotels or airlines) may require current passport information for each guest, so if you renew your passport after booking your trip, please make sure to update us with the new information prior to your departure date.

We recommend that you make two photocopies of your airline ticket/e-ticket confirmation and your passport. Leave one set of copies at home with a friend or relative, and bring one set with you, keeping it separate from the original documents.

GETTING ACTIVE FOR YOUR TRIP

check out the **WAHOO FITNESS ELEMNT**



Our state-of-the-art GPS devices offer easy-to follow directions and come pre-loaded with all the route options specific to this Backroads trip.

Activity Level

The routes on this trip are rated Levels 1-4.

ACTIVITY LEVEL	Avg. Time in hours	BIKING		WALKING	
		Avg. Miles	Max Elev. Gain in feet	Avg. Miles	Max Elev. Gain in feet
1	2-3 hrs	8-22	1000'	2-5	800'
2	2-4 hrs	18-32	2200'	4-7	1300'
3	3-5 hrs	26-42	3400'	5-9	2000'
4	4-6 hrs	36-54	4400'	6-11	3000'
5	5-7+ hrs	48-70+	4400'+	7-13+	4000'+

Review the "Activity Level" section on the web for more details on daily route options.

Terrain

The Dutch and Belgians are famous for their love of bikes. And that love of bikes has created an amazing labyrinth of bike paths that extend throughout each country. Some of these paths are like highways, efficiently connecting major points. And some—like the paths we largely utilize on this trip—are the equivalent of scenic byways, linking quaint villages and offering the best vistas. Sounds great, right? We think so. These circuitous routes offer one challenge, though, in exchange for the quieter ride. They require more attention to the directions than you might expect. Be prepared at first to make more stops than you usually would to ensure you're on the right track. But don't worry—soon you will get the hang of the signs and routes and you'll be breezing through the bike paths along with the locals!

Also note that Dutch and Belgian bike paths vary in surface and can include materials such as cobblestones, crushed shells and even dirt. Along with bike paths, occasional sections of our routes follow the shoulders or bike lanes of roads shared with cars.

Remember, take your time and go at your own pace—you're on vacation! Your Backroads Trip Leaders are there to provide the support you need when you're ready for a snack, a cool drink, or a lift back if you're done for the day. Most days you'll have a choice of mileage options, so you can decide how active you want to be—it's always up to you.

Conditioning Tips

Preparing for Your Trip

Every Backroads trip is designed to appeal to a wide variety of interests and fitness levels. We know your pace may vary from one day to the next—and your traveling companions' may differ somewhat from yours. So we present a range of mileage options, and each day you decide exactly what and how much you want to do.

Before your trip, we suggest biking regularly and hitting a few hills whenever you can. Review the route options in the daily itinerary for the range of mileages offered on this trip. But mostly, just show up and have fun!

WHERE TO STAY BEFORE & AFTER YOUR TRIP

For help arranging hotel accommodations for before and after your Backroads trip, or an extension to your trip, please work with your own travel advisor, or you may work with our preferred travel agency partner. Their team of professional travel advisors are ready to share their insiders' knowledge of Backroads and our worldwide destinations and are available to assist you with any of your travel needs. Please note that they are an independent travel agency and consulting and ticketing fees may apply, based on the services requested. Simply ask your Backroads Trip Consultant to connect you! You can also book directly with the hotel, or through a travel website.

Please note that Backroads does not block rooms and does not offer special rates for pre- and post-trip stays. If you plan on extending your stay at our first night's hotel before the trip starts or our last night's hotel when the trip ends, let the hotel reservations agent know that you're traveling with Backroads—you may be able to avoid changing rooms. **We recommend booking your rooms as early as possible, especially during peak travel season!**

The following is a selection of recommended properties that span a range of prices, amenities and locations. Refer to the Hotel Room Rates guide for the starting double-occupancy rates, which were accurate at time of printing. Note that rates are subject to change and some hotels may require a minimum stay.

HOTEL ROOM RATES 2024
IN US DOLLARS PER NIGHT
Call 800-462-2848
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\$501 and up.....
\$300 to \$500.....
\$201 to \$300.....
Up to \$200.....

Amsterdam

Hotel map: bit.ly/AmsterdamPPH

Seven One Seven

This Empire-style canal house delights guests with special touches and décor, from the beds swathed in Egyptian cotton sheets to the chairs smartly fitted in tweed. | Prinsengracht 717 | www.717hotel.nl | +31-(0)20-42-70-717 | 9 suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Ambassade Hotel

Housed in 10 canal-side townhouses that date back to the 17th century, the Ambassade looks every bit the part of old-world Holland, but with plenty of modern conveniences. | Herengracht 341 | www.ambassade-hotel.nl | +31-(0)20-55-50-222 | 58 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

De l'Europe

This five-star Leading Hotels of the World member is a study in understated beauty. After a day of exploring Amsterdam, enjoy an exceptional culinary experience at the renowned Michelin-starred Excelsior restaurant. (pool, spa) | Nieuwe Doelenstraat 2-14 | www.leurope.nl | +31-(0)20-53-11-777 | 111 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

The Hoxton

Set along the Herengracht canal in the heart of the Negen Straatjes (Nine Streets) shopping district, this stylish boutique hotel was once home to the city's mayor. Mid-century modern design and quirky antique details charm the lobby lounge and bar, and the hotel's bike fleet are

the perfect tool for pre-trip sightseeing. | Herengracht 255 | thehoxton.com | +31-(0)20-88-85-555 | 111 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

InterContinental Amstel Amsterdam

The interior design of this grand hotel resembles that of a gracious home, with a stunning foyer and beautiful guest rooms. It's easy to see why this prestigious establishment has for decades attracted celebrities and royals alike. (pool, spa) | Professor Tulpplein 1 | amsterdam.intercontinental.com | 877-834-3613 (from the US) or +31-(0)20-62-26-060 | 74 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

The Dylan

Created by international hotel designer Anouska Hempel, this fashionable hotel offers an environment of luxury and escape. A Small Luxury Hotels of the World member. | Keizersgracht 384 | www.dylanamsterdam.com | +31-(0)20-53-02-010 | 32 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

The Grand Amsterdam – Sofitel Legend

After a multimillion-dollar renovation, this 600-year-old historical landmark—once a convent, then a city hall—is now among Holland's most luxurious hotels. Dinner at the hotel's legendary Bridges restaurant is a must. (pool, spa) | Oudezijds Voorburgwal 197 | www.sofitel-legend-thegrand.com | +31-(0)20-55-53-111 | 177 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Dikker & Thijs Fenice Hotel

This tastefully decorated four-star hotel is located on the bank of the beautiful Prinsengracht Canal in the city's historic center. It's a short walk to the Rijksmuseum, the Van Gogh Museum and the Anne Frank House. | Prinsengracht 444 | www.dtfh.nl | +31-(0)20-62-01-212 | 42 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦

Brussels

Hotel map: bit.ly/BrusselsHotel

Hotel Amigo

The individually styled guest rooms at this chic hotel offer superb views of the city or the Grand-Place, its historic

central square. | 1, Rue de l'Amigo | www.hotelamigo.com | +31-(0)2-547-4747 | 174 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Le Dixseptième

Once the residence of the Spanish ambassador, the meticulously restored Le Dixseptième offers a convenient location in the historic heart of the city. | 25, Rue de la Madeleine/Magdalenasteenweg 25 | www.ledixseptieme.be | +32-(0)2-517-1747 | 24 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦

Sofitel Brussels Europe

Consider a stay at the luxurious new Sofitel Brussels Europe, situated on the Place Jourdan in the modern European Quarter. Guests rave about the great location, which offers a taste of what some view as the "real" Brussels. | Place Jourdan 1 | www.sofitel.com | +32-(0)2-235-51-00 | 161 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

NH Stephanie

Located just south of the city center, around the corner from renowned Avenue Louise and its upscale shops, restaurants and landmarks, NH Stephanie puts you in the thick of the bustling metropolis. | 32 Rue Jean Stas. | www.nh-hotels.com | +32-(0)2-537-42-50 | 67 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦

The Dominican

The friars who once occupied this former abbey would be hard-pressed to recognize it now, though it still retains a tranquil ambiance. The Dominican simultaneously offers access to and an escape from all that Brussels has to offer. | Rue Léopold/Leopoldstraat 9 | www.thedominican.be | +32-(0)2-203-08-08 | 150 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦

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