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# Icons of Belgium

## Antwerp, Flanders & the Ardennes

### Inspiring Moments

- Delight in **Antwerp's historic quarter** and step inside **Antwerp Central Station**, one of the world's most beautiful train stations.
- Savor smooth **Belgian chocolate** and create your own treats at a workshop.
- Glide through the canals of **Bruges** and admire artwork at the Groeninge Museum.
- Stroll through lovely **Ghent** and its well-preserved medieval quarter.
- Explore historic **Brussels** and take an architectural tour of the Atomium, built for the 1958 World's Fair.
- Delve into World War II history and the Battle of the Bulge at **Bastogne**.
- Trace the journey of 2 million European emigrants at the **Red Star Line Museum** and learn about the iconic shipping line.
- Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



### Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city ✈
- Day 2** Arrive in Brussels and transfer 🚗 to hotel in Antwerp
- Day 3** Antwerp
- Day 4** Bruges
- Day 5** Antwerp
- Day 6** Bastogne
- Day 7** Brussels
- Day 8** Ghent
- Day 9** Transfer 🚗 to Brussels airport and depart for gateway city ✈

Flights ✈ and transfers 🚗 provided for AHI FlexAir participants.  
**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

### Included Features



- Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
  - **7 nights** in Antwerp, Belgium, at the first-class Sapphire House Antwerp.
- Extensive Meal Program**
  - 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**
  - **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
  - **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
  - **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
  - **AHI Connects | Local immersion.**
  - **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
  - Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
  - A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
  - Tipping of guides and drivers.
  - Complimentary travel mementos.
  - **AHI Sustainability Promise |** Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.



## A World of Discovery

**AHI Connects | Belgian Chocolate Workshop.** At the studio of an artisanal chocolatier in Antwerp, roll up your sleeves and learn how to make your own sweet treats with expert instruction. Take away your chocolate creation to enjoy later.

**Antwerp.** Marvel at Antwerp's beautiful cityscape during a walking tour of the historic quarter. The bustling Grote Markt, the main market square, is surrounded by medieval guildhalls and a Renaissance city hall. Stroll through the famed Diamond District, a square mile of diamond brokers and jewelers.

**Red Star Line Museum.** Visit a museum dedicated to the stories of the many European emigrants who bid farewell to the continent as they boarded Red Line Star ships destined for North America.

**Antwerp Central Station.** Tour Antwerp Central Station, nicknamed the "Railway Cathedral" for its eclectic architecture. Architect Louis Delacenserie drew upon many influences, including the Pantheon in Rome, to create his eclectic design.

**Bruges.** Spend a full day in beautiful Bruges. See the Belfry Tower, Town Hall and Chapel of the Holy Blood. At the Groeninge Museum, see a rich collection of paintings created by Flemish and Belgian artists over a span of six centuries. At the Church of Our Lady, admire Michelangelo's sculpture, Madonna and Child. After lunch and a beer tasting at a brewery, take a scenic canal cruise through Bruges.

**Battle of the Bulge.** Journey to the Ardennes to explore World War II history in Bastogne, a city at the center of the Battle of the Bulge. The day includes a visit the Museum of the Battle of the Ardennes in La Roche and the Mardasson Memorial to fallen U.S. soldiers.

**The Atomium.** Delight in a visit to the Atomium, a futuristic structure built for the 1958 World's Fair! Shaped like an atom on the outside, the inside passages are straight out of a sci-fi movie.

**Brussels.** Get to know Brussels' charming old town, known as the Îlot Sacré. Stroll through Le Grand-Place, the city's historic market square, and admire the centuries of architecture represented in the surrounding buildings.

**Ghent.** Stroll through Ghent, one of Belgium's oldest cities, on a walking tour. See the Town Hall, Castle of the Counts, Patershol Quarter and the Vrijdagmarkt, or Friday Market. Step inside Gothic St. Bavo's Cathedral to see Jan van Eyck's "The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb."



Bruges canal

## Enrichment

### - Contemporary Belgium

#### UNESCO World Heritage

1. **La Grand-Place**, Brussels
2. **Historic Centre of Brugge**, Bruges

## Accommodations

**Sapphire House Antwerp | Antwerp**



**Activity Level:** We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



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## AHI Travel Expertise

Our dedicated team helps travelers explore the world safely and securely.

**Travel Consultants |** Assist with the reservation process.

**Travel & Air Coordinators |** Help with everything from flights to special requests.

**Travel Director |** Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.

**Travel information |** Prepares you fully for your journey.

**Expert local guides and lecturers |** Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for the destination.

## Let us arrange your flights!

**AHI FlexAir |** Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

## 2027 Departures & Pricing

### September 14-22, 2027

Full Price \$5,145

Special Savings \$500

**Special Savings Price\*** **\$4,645**

The Special Savings consist of \$250 Early Booking and \$250 Pay-in-Full Savings.

\*Special Savings Price is valid if booked by the expiration date on the website and paid in full at booking.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy, includes applicable program taxes and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$995 (limited availability).