# Tour of Flanders

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 290 KM BOOKING CODE: NL-BEMM7 DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ••••

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#### Your tour

Belgium's northernmost region awaits you with world-famous cities, diverse natural landscapes, a rich cultural heritage and a varied cuisine. The tour starts in Mechelen. After getting to know the diamond city of Antwerp, the Albrecht Canal and pretty little towns such as Diest and Leuven, you cycle to Brussels, the Belgian capital. The Flemish specialties are as varied as Flanders itself. Whether chocolates, waffles or a large selection of beers, there will be no shortage of delicacies on this round trip.

## Itinerary

| Day 1 | Individual arrival in Mechelen                 |
|-------|------------------------------------------------|
| Day 2 | Mechelen – Antwerpen, approx. 40 km            |
| Day 3 | Antwerp – Herentals / Geel, approx. 50 / 60 km |
| Day 4 | Herentals / Geel – Diest, approx. 55 / 40 km   |
| Day 5 | Diest – Leuven, approx. 60 km                  |
| Day 6 | Leuven – Brussels, approx. 40 km               |
| Day 7 | Brüssel – Mechelen, approx. 45 km              |
| Day 8 | Individual departure                           |

## Travel time

| Season A | 05.04.          | 20.09.          |  |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Season B | 12.04. – 03.05. |                 |  |
| Season C | 10.05. – 24.05. | 06.09. – 13.09. |  |
| Season D | 31.05 30.08.    |                 |  |

Arrival Saturday 05.04. – 20.09.2025 The season is dictated by the arrival date.

#### Services

- → 7 nights with breakfast, national 3\* / 4\*-level
- → Luggage transport from hotel to hotel, max. 1 piece per person, max. 20 kg / piece
- → City tax
- → Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- → Route navigation via app
- → Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. 08.00 p.m.)

# Basic price per person

| Doubleroom, Season A       | 829,-  |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Doubleroom, Season B       | 879,-  |
| Doubleroom, Season C       | 979,-  |
| Doubleroom, Season D       | 1029,- |
| Additional fee single room | 449,-  |

# Additional services per person

| I | E-bike / Pedelec      | 239,- |
|---|-----------------------|-------|
|   | Rental bike (27-gear) | 119,- |

#### **Exemplary hotel list**

| Mechelen         | NH Hotel Mechelen                 | https://www.nh-hotels.com/en                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Antwerpen        | Mercure Antwerp City South        | https://all.accor.com/hotel/B664/                                                                                                                                |
| Herentals / Geel | Hotel Karmel Herentals            | http://www.hotelkarmel.be/                                                                                                                                       |
| Diest            | Hotel de Franse Kroon Diest       | http://www.defransekroon.be/                                                                                                                                     |
| Leuven           | Park Inn Hotel by Radisson Leuven | https://www.radissonhotels.com/de-de/hotels/<br>park-inn-leuven                                                                                                  |
| Brüssel          | NH Brussels EU Berlaymont         | https://www.nh-hotels.nl/hotel/nh-brus-<br>sels-eu-berlaymont?utm_campaign=local-gm-<br>b&utm_medium=organic_search&utm_source=-<br>google_gmb&utm_term=langtest |
| Mechelen         | NH Hotel Mechelen                 | https://www.nh-hotels.com/en                                                                                                                                     |

#### Child reduction on basic price

| 0 - 3 Years   | 100% |
|---------------|------|
| 4 - 11 Years  | 20%  |
| 12 - 17 Years | 10%  |

Reduction for children is valid for accommodation in room with two full-paying guests.

#### **Languages Travel documents**

→ German, English, Dutch

#### Additional note

- → All bookings are on request.
- → Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.
- → Extra nights: availabilities and prices on request

## **Equipment of our rental bikes**

- → Bike lock
- → Air pump
- → Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- → Waterproof pannier

#### Journey to Mechelen

- → Nearest airports: Antwerp, Brussels
- → Train station: Mechelen

#### Parking in Mechelen

→ Free hotel parking outside the city center and approx. 15 € / day in the center. No reservation possible through Radweg-Reisen.

#### **Travel documents**

→ Travel document dispatch to the arrival hotel, hotel list and arrival information in advance by e-mail

# Stages description

# Day 1: Individual arrival in Mechelen

Your tour of Flanders begins in Mechelen. Arrive early and discover the small town in the heart of the Flemish Region. Stroll through the cozy alleyways and across the Grote Markt to the Sint-Rombouts cathedral. From the unfinished tower of the building, which was begun around 1200, you have a beautiful view over the city and the surrounding countryside. At the end of the day, treat yourself to a delicious Belgian beer and sample the varied Flemish cuisine.

#### Day 2: Mechelen – Antwerpen, approx. 40 km

Mechelen is a picturesque Flemish jewel. Hundreds of listed buildings, churches and monuments date back to the 16th century. You follow the course of the Beneden-Dijl and Nete rivers on quiet and flat paths. Historic Lier is not just about delicious food: The beguinage and the Belfry, a striking bell tower, were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site some time ago. Antwerp is known as an important trading centre for diamonds. Art is not neglected in the harbour metropolis either. And shopping fans can let off steam in the upmarket boutiques.

# Day 3: Antwerp – Herentals / Geel, approx. 50 / 60 km

Once you have left the hustle and bustle of Antwerp behind you, you cycle eastwards at a relaxed pace. First you cycle along the almost dead straight Albert Canal. It was inaugurated in 1939 and connects Antwerp with Liège. You reach Herentals. Visit the richly decorated church of St. Waltraud, which, like the Sint-Rombouts-Kathedraal in Mechelen, was built in the Brabant Gothic style. A few kilometers away is Geel, which is famous for its Zeunt beer. You spend the night in Herentals or in Geel.

# Day 4: Herentals / Geel – Diest, approx. 55 / 40 km

Today you can relax on the Flanders tour along many bodies of water in the vast Flemish lowlands and in the Gerhagen nature reserve. You reach the small town of Diest via Meerhout, Schoot and Engsbergen. Visit the Begijnhof. Enjoy the peace and quiet in this small district, which was founded in the middle of the 13th century. Just a stone's throw away, you can stroll across the town's former defensive fortifications, which were built in the 19th century.

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#### Day 5: Diest - Leuven, approx. 60 km

Right at the start of today's stage of your tour of Flanders, it is worth making a stopover in Scherpenheuvel. The basilica there is one of the most important pilgrimage destinations in Belgium - very impressive. Back on your bike, you will pass Zichem, one of the most beautiful Flemish villages. From the Maagdentoren you have a beautiful view of the surrounding area. Continue to the old university town of Leuven, your destination for today. Discover a wealth of beautiful buildings in the car-free city center, such as the Gothic town hall, and spend the evening in one of the many restaurants on the Oude Markt.

# Day 6: Leuven - Brussels, approx. 40 km

Kilometer by kilometer, you approach the hustle and bustle of the city. Your destination of Brussels welcomes you with love and variety. Set off on a tour of the city and marvel at the Grand-Place with its magnificently decorated houses, baroque facades and gables. Nearby you will find the symbol of Brussels - the bronze statue of Manneken Pis.

Did you know that it is dressed up for special occasions? Just outside the city center is the Atomium. From the top sphere of the building you have a wonderful view of Brussels.

# Day 7: Brüssel - Mechelen, approx. 45 km

The last stage takes you back to the starting point of your Tour of Flanders. You cycle through the suburbs of Brussels and through a varied landscape to Mechelen. Leave your bike on arrival and explore the small town on foot. How about a walk along the River Dijle or through the extensive Vrijbroekpark? You can also sample the delicacies of the local cuisine before setting off on your journey home tomorrow.

# Day 8: Individual departure

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.

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