

Extend Your Cruise with 3 Nights in Bruges & Ghent

Overview

Experience the captivating charms of Bruges, one of Europe's most remarkably well-preserved medieval cities and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and witness the architectural treasures of neighboring Ghent. Pay your respects at the hallowed World War I battlefields of Flanders.

ALL THIS IS INCLUDED:

- 3 hotel nights in Bruges (as shown or similar)
- 5 meals: 3 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L) & 1 dinner (D)
- 3 guided tours: Bruges by Foot & Canal Cruise; Flanders Fields & Ypres; Ghent Walking Tour
- Fully escorted by your Viking Tour Director
- All transfers

Itinerary

Day 1 - Bruges, Belgium

Fly to Brussels, where you will be met by a Viking Representative and escorted to your hotel. After check-in, you can spend the remainder of the day exploring the city at your leisure, or rest and enjoy dinner at one of the hotel's dining venues. Your Viking Tour Director is available to help you plan your time in Bruges so you can make the most of your visit.

Day 2 - Bruges, Belgium

After breakfast, take a guided walk through Bruges's historic city center—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Pass the homes of prominent former residents and see the Béguinage and its gardens. Visit the Church of Our Lady, admiring Michelangelo's marble *Madonna and Child*, and view the medieval Gruuthuse palace and gardens. Then, cruise along the picturesque canals, lined with gabled houses and floral-decorated bridges. Afterward, return to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 3 - Bruges, Belgium

Enjoy free time in Bruges this morning, then head south to the World War I battlefields around Ypres, immortalized as Flanders Fields in Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae's poem. Visit the Flanders Fields American Cemetery and Memorial, the Flanders Fields Museum and the rebuilt town of Ypres, home of the Menin Gate. After dinner, you will observe the buglers of the Last Post Association sound the "Last Post" under the gate's arches. Afterward, you will return to Bruges. (B, D)

Day 4 - Ghent & Antwerp, Belgium

This morning, check out of your hotel and travel with your Viking Tour Director to Ghent. There, see the towering belfry, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; canals lined with medieval guild houses; and the massive Gravensteen, the 12th-century home of the Counts of Flanders. Admire the famous van Eyck brothers' altarpiece, *The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb*, during a visit to St. Bavo's Cathedral. After lunch and time for independent exploration, continue to Antwerp and board your awaiting ship. (B, L)

Hotels

Hotel Dukes' Palace Bruges

Located in the heart of the city, just minutes from the Market Square, this elegant hotel was once the residence of the Dukes of Burgundy. Guest rooms are uniquely designed and combine contemporary comfort with 15th-century grandeur. The hotel features a spa and beautiful gardens to explore.

NOTE:

Optional Shore Excursions: a selection of additional excursions may be available to enhance your extension experience. Optional excursions will be bookable in MyVikingJourney.com when your cruise shore excursions open for sale.

Extension is not available on all departure dates; confirm availability & seasonal pricing when booking. Pricing may vary by departure or activity date. Activity order may vary. Accommodations are subject to change depending on availability; if advertised hotel is not available, a similar hotel will be confirmed. Any included flights are economy class. Luggage restrictions may apply on intra-country flights. Specific details will be provided once program is confirmed. Shore excursions are subject to change and may vary by departure.

The following meals are included for all days as listed: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner