



TRIP PROGRAMME FLANDERS TOUR 1-5 APRIL 2010

THE FLANDERS: THE REGION OF THE FLANDERS

Welcome to the romance of the **Flanders**, the seductive northern region of **Belgium**! Here the **cities of art** conglomerate amidst the green plain landscape like lucent stars in the upper atmosphere: all of them, great and small, known to give with generosity their richness in both historical and artistic wealth. Cathedral and churches overflowing with treasures, interesting museums which one could get lost in for hours, architecture which spans over centuries and styles

Rubens, Van Eyck, Breughel, Horta, Landuyt, Panamarenko are only some of more famous sons of this rich region both past and present. But “Flanders” does not only mean art: here one also finds **history, culture, nature, fun, gastronomy, optimal service, shores** and all this that belongs to the so-called “**living art**”.

THE CITY OF THE FLANDERS

Brussels, is the main city of the Flanders, but also happens to be the capital of Belgium. The name derives from the ancient Dutch word ‘Broeksel’ meaning marsh (broek) and home (sel) , ‘home of the marsh’.

Bruges is the capital of Western Flanders and is the most important political and trade centre in Northern Europe. Conserved entirely in its original form, Bruges can be discovered via tours in a boat, or by foot or by car.

The ‘Markt’ with its splendid Houses of Corporations, the frequent performing concerts of the 47 bell Carillion 47 in Belfry tower , the ancient public square of the Burg, the Gruuthuse Museum with the great altarpiece of the Flemish Primitive, the museum of the porcelain and diamonds... The entire city, with the canals, the All the city, with its channels, the Béguinage and the lake of love - Lake Minnewater” , an oasis of peace and sweetness inviting you on a vacation which teaches you to relax.

DAILY PROGRAMME

Thursday 1st April

Arrive at Charleroi Airport with a low cost fare, transferring at approximately 1:30pm via automobile to Bruges, where your hotel is located; preparation of bikes. NOTE: this year Xevents will make available to its guest's carbon fibre Pinarello bikes in order to participate in the Tour of Flanders: you can book your bike and travel without worry. Contact us immediately and reserve your size immediately!

Friday 2nd April

Morning ride, approximately 3 hours riding via Bruges and Odessa and as far as the North Sea, and then returning to the hotel. Free afternoon, with the option of visiting the city of Bruges.

Saturday 3rd April

RONDE VAN VLAANDEREN

Meeting at the Market Square in Bruges in order to participate in the long course (260 km), with a 'French style' start between 7:00am and 8:30am (in case of bad weather, it is possible to enter the shorter course which departs from Ninove); return to hotel after the ride.

Sunday 4th April

94th TOUR OF FLANDERS – professionals

Meeting at Market Square in Bruges for the departure of the 94th Tour of Flanders, starting at 09:45am; transferring via automobile along the route of the race, stopping along the way at the principal 'muur' being challenged by cyclists.

Monday 5th April

Returning to Italy – wake up at 4:00am for transfer to Charleroi Airport

TRIP DETAILS

SERVICES: accommodation and breakfast + 2 dinners

DURATION: 5 days and 4 nights

PERIOD: 1st to 5th April, 2010

PARTICIPATION PRICE

- € 650.00 per person in double room
- Single rooms upon request

PRICE INCLUSIONS:

- 4 nights in 3*** Star accommodation with breakfast + 2 dinners
- Pinarello bike rental (FP3 or FP7 models) on location

- All airport transfers: airport – hotel – airport (including bike)
- Transfers from the race start and hotel
- Assistance and support from Xevents staff in hotel and during the race

PRICE EXCLUSIONS:

- Drinks
- Low cost flight* (read the note below)
- Optional excursions
- Race registration

NOTES: * Low Cost Flights can be booked directly with Xevents, departing from Treviso.
The sooner you book, the less you pay!