

Bruges, Antwerp & Ghent

2 - 7 June 2010



The cloth-making cities of Flanders, such as Bruges and Ghent, and the commercial port of Antwerp, achieved an astonishing economic prosperity in the 15th and 16th centuries, surpassed only by a few Italian cities. This wealth led each of these cities to develop a rich culture - their reputation established by the outstanding qualities of their painting, architecture, tapestries and printing.

Flemish architecture reflects the sturdy independence of the burghers who made the wealth within the cities. Their civic buildings, churches and private houses of the Renaissance period still dominate, often combining the influence of Italy with vernacular architectural styles. All three are very handsome (Bruges is particularly lovely) and in each there exists rich and splendid examples of art, especially that of Jan van Eyck, Hans Memling, Hieronymos Bosch and Rogier van der Weyden.

A visit to these three cities offers a very rewarding opportunity to study at first hand aspects of the Northern European Renaissance.

Accommodation

Hotel *** **Single room supplement £150**

2 nights at centrally located Hotel Putje*** in Bruges and 3 nights at centrally located Best Western Hotel Residence*** in Antwerp. Bed and Breakfast tariff in twin-share room with private facilities.

Course Cost

£665

Inclusive of tuition, travel by Eurostar from St Pancras International to Brussels, train from Brussels to Bruges and from Antwerp to Brussels, transfer from Bruges to Antwerp and accommodation.

Travel Insurance

Once tour is viable and if we have booked the Eurostar for you through Travepack, you can call Lorraine on 08444 930465 for an immediate quote (unless you already have insurance)

Travel

Eurostar service to Brussels

Eurostar from St Pancras International, London to Brussels, train from Brussels to Bruges, from Antwerp to Brussels by train, Eurostar from Brussels – London St Pancras International

Local Transport	
Transfer from Bruges station to Hotel on foot, transfer from Bruges to Antwerp by coach or train, from Hotel in Antwerp to train station by taxi or minibus	
Group Size	16
Tutor(s)	<i>Mary Hawkins</i>
Related OU Courses	A216/AA315/General Interest
<i>Itinerary</i>	
DAY 01 BRUGES	
Bruges Orientation to include Begijnhof and an optional boat trip.	
DAY 02	
Bruges am 09.30 hrs Stadhuis, 11.00 hrs Groeninge Museum pm 14.30 hrs St Jans Hospital (Memling Museum), Onze Lieve Vrouwekerk	
DAY 03	
Am Bruges Cathedral; free time 12.00 hrs Transfer to Antwerp via GHENT Ghent - St Bavo's Cathedral (Jan van Eyck's altarpiece of The Mystic Lamb); 14.30 hrs Museum voor Schone Kunsten 16.30 departure for Antwerp	
DAY 04	
Antwerp am 10.00 Museum voor Schone Kunsten pm 13.30 Museum van den Bergh, 15.00 hrs Plantin-Moretus Musuem	
DAY 05	
Antwerp am Grote Markt, Vleeshuis, Stadhuis, St Paul's Church pm Nicholas Rockox House, Rubens House	
DAY 06	
Antwerp am Cathedral pm Depart	
This itinerary and study programme is provisional and may be subject to change in response to local conditions	

Siragusa Ltd, Unit 26, JBJ Business Park,
 Northampton Rd, Blisworth, Northants, NN7 3DW
Tel: 01604 859491 Fax : 01604 858511
info@siragusatours.co.uk www.siragusatours.co.uk