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# **A Brewery Tour of Belgium**

A special beer tasting tour highlighting the unique breweries of Belgium with your hosts Kevin and Qiuxia Welch,

owners of Boom Island Brewing Company

## April 26 – May 5, 2018

\$2,750

per person/double occupancy including roundtrip air from Minneapolis



Join your hosts, Kevin and Qiuxia Welch, owners of Boom Island Brewing Company, on a beer tasting tour of Belgium. The tour will include visits to some of Belgium's finest breweries where you will learn about beer brewing the unique Belgian way while tasting beer and sampling the food. In addition, there will be plenty of time to explore the Belgian cities of Bruges, Ghent and Brussels.



"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only a page." ~ St. Augustine of Hippo

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by

#### Boom Island Brewing Company

#### Itinerary

#### Thursday, April 26 – Minneapolis to Brussels

Meet hosts Kevin and Qiuxia, owners of Boom Island Brewing Company, at the Minneapolis airport. Then board an overnight flight to Brussels.

#### Friday, April 27 – Brussels

Upon arrival in Brussels you will pass through customs then join Kevin and Qiuxia for lunch and a tour of the Cantillon Brewery and a visit to the Museum of the Gueuze. Later, enjoy free time to get acquainted with Brussels. Dinner will be on your own. (L) Overnight in Brussels: *Hotel Marivaux* 

#### Saturday, April 28 – Brussels

This morning leave for a tour of Oud Beersel, one of the "sour breweries." After the tour, enjoy time for lunch in the quaint town of Beersel. Then it's off to Leuven for the Zythos beer festival. With over 500 beers represented, you will have a rare opportunity to taste a number of Belgian beers and meet the brewers. Dinner will be on your own at the festival. (B, L) Overnight in Brussels: *Hotel Marivaux* 

#### Sunday, April 29 - Brussels - Ghent

Today travel to Ghent with stops at two small West Flanders breweries on the way. The first stop will be the Sint Caranus, where you will be treated to a private beer seminar and tasting by Dr. Canarus himself. Next, will be the insider tour of Maenhout Brewery given by founder, Thijs Maenhout, in the small town of Tielt where you will also have lunch. Then it's on to Ghent where you will have free time to get acquainted with Ghent and find a place for dinner (on your own). (B, L) Overnight in Ghent: *Ghent River Hotel* 

#### Monday, April 30 - Ghent - Vleteren - Watou - Ghent

Today is Trappist Day! After breakfast, travel to Vleteren to visit the Westvleteren Brewery where you will learn about this Trappist beer and have lunch in the café across the street. Then it's on to Watou to tour the St. Bernardus Brewery. The evening will be free. (B, L) Overnight in Ghent: *Ghent River Hotel* 

#### Tuesday, May 1 – Ghent – Bruges

This morning travel to Bruges where you will have a morning canal boat tour. Lunch will be at the Halve Maan Brewery with a brewery tour afterwards. Then enjoy free time to familiarize yourself with Bruges and find that perfect spot for dinner (on your own). (B, L) Overnight in Bruges: *Hotel Academie* 

#### Wednesday, May 2 – Bruges

Today will be another day in Bruges to tour the Bourgogne Des Flandres Brewery, where you can taste a Flanders red ale. After lunch you will have free time to explore and do a little shopping if you wish. (B, L) Overnight in Bruges: *Hotel Academie* 

#### Thursday, May 3 - Bruges - Amsterdam

This morning leave for a midday tour of the La Trappe Monastery. At La Trappe you will learn about the Trappist tradition of beer brewing followed by a Trappist lunch. After your visit to La Trappe, travel on to Amsterdam where you will spend the next two nights. (B, L) Overnight in Amsterdam: *Grand Hotel Amrath* 

#### Friday, May 4 – Amsterdam

After breakfast, enjoy a morning boat tour through the canals of Amsterdam. In the afternoon you will have plenty of free time to enjoy Amsterdam on your own or you can take an optional tour of Keukenhof Gardens to see the tulips. (B) Overnight in Amsterdam: *Grand Hotel Amrath* 

#### Saturday, April 29 – Amsterdam to Minneapolis

After breakfast, transfer\* to the Amsterdam airport where you will board your flight to Minneapolis arriving the same day. (B)

\*transfers included if air is booked by Book It! Travel

#### \$2,750\* per person/double occupancy including roundtrip air from Minneapolis single supplement: \$700

#### **Tour Price Includes:**

- Roundtrip international airfare on Delta
- 8 nights stay in 4\* and 5\* hotels
- Breakfast daily and 7 lunches
- All service charges and hotel taxes
- All transportation by luxury motor coach
- Brewery tours and sightseeing tours as listed in the itinerary

#### **Tour Price Does Not Include:**

- Passport fees (a passport valid six months after re-entry to the United States is required)
- Optional trip insurance
- Extra services not part of the tour program, such as laundry, bar services, internet, etc.
- Charges for excess baggage
- Gratuities to coach driver, local guides, hotel staff and porters
- Any extra costs for air deviations

\*Pricing based on 24 tour participants

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cancellation date	penalty
before February 28, 2018	\$250
February 28 to March 28, 2018	50% of tour cost
March 29 to April 11, 2018	80% of tour cost
April 12 to April 26, 2018	100% of tour cost

Airfare is non-refundable and non-transferable once ticketed.

Registrations due by December 15, 2017 to Book It! Travel

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