

TRAVEL TO THE NETHERLANDS WITH THE FIGGE!



Bruges



Hotel Amrath, Amsterdam



Rembrandt van Rijn, *The Night Watch*



Johannes Vermeer, *View of Delft*

SEPTEMBER 18-28, 2017

Join your Figge friends for an art-centric tour of Belgium and the Netherlands this September, led by Figge Trustee Wynne Schafer and Executive Director Tim Schiffer. Traveling in a small group, we will experience some of Northern Europe's greatest masterpieces, including the fabled altarpiece *The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb* by Jan and Hubert Van Eyck, Rembrandt's *The Night Watch*, Vermeer's *View of Delft*, and the world's largest collection of works by Vincent Van Gogh. Our experienced guides will provide insights into the history, culture and stories behind the places and artworks. In addition to the medieval cities of Ghent and Bruges, we will visit newer architectural masterpieces, such as the Art Nouveau Horta Mansion in Brussels, the modernist Rietveld Schroder House in Utrecht and the newly-opened Museum Voorlinden outside the Hague. While each day is structured, guests are free to explore on their own, and a 3-day Amsterdam tram/bus pass is included for each traveler.

ITINERARY

English-speaking guides will be provided for the museums and historic homes listed in this section.

SEPTEMBER 18 Depart Davenport by chartered coach for nonstop flight from O'Hare to Brussels

SEPTEMBER 19 Arrive Brussels; city tour, welcome luncheon and Horta Museum; two nights at the Hotel NH Brussels City Centre

SEPTEMBER 20 Royal Ancient Art Museum, afternoon at leisure in Brussels

SEPTEMBER 21 Ghent, with guided tour of St. Bavo's Cathedral and Adoration of the Mystic Lamb Altarpiece; continue on to Bruges; one night at Novotel Bruges Centrum

SEPTEMBER 22 Bruges, with tours of Groeninge and Memling Museums, featuring works by the Van Eycks, Rogier Van der Weyden and other masters; continue on to Amsterdam, where the 5-Star Hotel Amrath will be our base for the remainder of the trip

SEPTEMBER 23 Amsterdam: Guided tours of the Rijksmuseum and Stedelijk Museum

SEPTEMBER 24 The Hague: Tours of the Mauritshuis, featuring works by Vermeer, and Gemeente Museum; Tour of the new Museum Voorlinden with changing exhibitions of contemporary art

SEPTEMBER 25 Tour of Rembrandt's House and Van Gogh Museum; Canal Tour

SEPTEMBER 26 Kroller-Muller Museum in Hoge Veluwe National Park; 17th century Het Loo Palace and Gardens

SEPTEMBER 27 Utrecht: Rietveld Schroder House; afternoon at leisure. Farewell Dinner

SEPTEMBER 28 Depart Amsterdam for Chicago; chartered coach from O'Hare to Davenport

NOTE The Anne Frank House does not permit group visits. Travelers who wish to visit can purchase advance tickets online up to two months prior to their visit.



Jan and Hubert van Eyck
The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb

TRIP FEES

Double: \$4,600 per person; Single: \$5,600 per person

This fare applies to 21 or more passengers with deposits paid. The per-person price will increase by \$450 if there are fewer than 21 participants. The Figge reserves the right to cancel the trip with fewer than 15 participants signed up at the time of final payment.

The trip cost includes travel to and from Chicago O'Hare, nonstop round trip airfare, all accommodations with hosted breakfasts, museum entries, guides, ground transportation, gratuities, welcome lunch, farewell dinner, tram/bus pass, and trip insurance.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Members are responsible for drinks, meals, special admission fees and all other optional excursions and activities.

RESERVATION, PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION

To reserve a place on the trip, send a deposit in the form of a \$250 non-refundable check (per person) by **May 1** to Joan McGee at the address listed below. Final payment (cash, check or credit) is due to The Travel Business by **June 19, 2017**.

CONTACTS

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Trip participants must be Figge Members. For membership information, please contact Tessa Pozzi at tpozzi@figgeartmuseum.org or 563.345-6638.



Kröller-Müller Museum



Vincent van Gogh, *Wheatfield with Crows*



Museum Voorlinden



St. Bavo's Cathedral