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## HORSE DREAM WORLD TOURS TOUR TO NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM & FRANCE AUGUST 16 – 25, 2017 (LAND ONLY DATES)

**Note: It is the responsibility of all participants to be in possession of the correct documentation to travel out of the country. Failure to do so will result in participants being denied entry/boarding and returned home at the expense of the individual. Canadian Citizens require a valid passport (authorities at your destination require that passports are valid for 3 months beyond your return date). Ellison Travel & Tours recommends passports are valid for 6 months beyond your return date. Non-Canadians must check entry and transit requirements.**

### Day 1 – Wednesday August 16 – arrive Amsterdam, Netherlands

**D**

- Individuals arrive in **Amsterdam** (since everyone will be arriving at different times everyone is responsible to arrange their own transfer from the Amsterdam Schiphol Airport to your hotel)
- Check in to **the Radisson Blu Amsterdam (or similar) for a 1 night stay**
- You will be warmly welcomed at the hotel by your **tour manager and hosts from HorseDream World Tours**
- Explore **Amsterdam** at your leisure
- **Group dinner at your accommodation** and an opportunity to meet other participants

### Day 2 – Thursday August 17 – to Ghent, Belgium

**B/D**

- **Breakfast** included at the hotel followed by check out
- Meet your **coach** and depart for **Bruges**, the capital of chocolate with more than 50 chocolate shops makes the Bruges Swaentjes, the city's pride and joy. Bruges cobble stone streets, winding canals and its green ramparts charm hundreds of thousands of visitors every year. The city centre has been designated by UNESCO as a world heritage site.
- Upon arrival in **Bruges** free time to purchase lunch before meeting your **local guide for a walking tour of historic Bruges**
- Board coach and continue on to the Flemish city of **Ghent**
- Arrive **Ghent** and check into the historic **Hotel de Flandre (or similar) for a 3 night stay**
- **Group dinner**

### Day 3 – Friday August 18 - Ghent

**B**

- **Breakfast** included at the hotel
- 9:00am - **Half of the group will attend the Erpe-Mere HorseDream workshop including *The Bridging Principles*<sup>TM</sup>**
- 5:00pm - Workshop ends
- If you are not participating in the workshop today you will meet your guide in the lobby of your hotel to begin a **2 hour walking tour of Ghent** followed by a free day to explore at your leisure

- Be sure to stroll along Graslei, one of Ghent's most picturesque streets overlooks the River Leie on the site of the city's medieval harbor and is lined with perfectly preserved guild houses, some date from the 12<sup>th</sup> century
- You may wish to purchase lunch in the Korenmarkt, this busy street was once the corn market, the commercial centre of the city since the Middle Ages. Today it is lined with popular cafes.
- You may consider a visit to St-Baafskathedraal, dating from the 1200's this magnificent Gothic cathedral was built over several centuries.
- Purchase dinner on your own

#### **Day 4 – Saturday August 19 - Ghent**

**B/D**

- **Breakfast** included at the hotel
- 9:00am - **Half of the group will attend the full day Erpe-Mere HorseDream workshop including *The Bridging Principles*<sup>TM</sup>**
- 5:00pm - Workshop ends
- If you are not participating in the workshop today you will meet your guide in the lobby of your hotel to begin a **2 hour walking tour of Ghent** followed by a free day to explore at your leisure – refer to suggestions listed under Day 3
- **Group dinner in Ghent with Belgian Medical Professionals**

#### **Day 5 – Sunday August 20 – to Caen, France**

**B/D**

- **Breakfast** included at the hotel followed by check out
- Board coach and depart for **Vimy Ridge**
- Arrive **Vimy Ridge** (travel time Ghent to Vimy is 1 hour 32 minutes / 117 km)
- Arrive at the **Canadian National Memorial Park at Vimy Ridge** where you will meet a Canadian guide for a tour of the battlefield, trenches and visit to the **Monument and visitors centre**
- Board coach and continue on to **Caen** in the **Normandy Region**
- Check into the ***Mercure Caen Centre Port de Plaisance (or similar)*** for a 4 night stay
- **Group dinner**

#### **Day 6 – Monday August 21 – Caen**

**B**

- **Breakfast** included at the hotel
- 8:00am - Transfer to **Cherbourg or Saint-Sever Calvados** (We are splitting into two groups today with separate activities)
- 10:00am - Half of the group will arrive in Cherbourg and **participate in full day horseback riding** and half of the group will arrive in Saint-Sever Calvados and **participate in the full day HorseDream Workshop - *The Art of Leadership***
- 4:00pm - Horseback riding and workshop end; transfer to your accommodation
- 6:00pm - Arrive at your accommodation
- Purchase dinner in the area of your accommodation

#### **Day 7 – Tuesday August 22 – Caen**

**B/D**

- **Breakfast** included at the hotel
- 8:00am - Transfer to **Cherbourg or Saint-Sever Calvados** We are splitting into two groups today with separate activities)
- 10:00am - Half of the group will arrive in Cherbourg and **participate in full day horseback riding** and half of the group will arrive in Saint-Sever Calvados and **participate in the full day HorseDream Workshop - *The Art of Leadership***
- 4:00pm - Horseback riding and workshop end; transfer to your accommodation
- 6:00pm - Arrive at your accommodation
- **Group dinner in Caen** to reflect with other participants on your **HorseDream Workshop** experience

**Day 8 – Wednesday August 23 – Caen**

**B**

- **Breakfast** included at the hotel
- Board coach and depart for **Courseulles-sur-Mer**
- Arrive for a **guided tour of the Juno Beach Centre** with its moving, interactive displays chronicling the events of the day that began the process that finally brought down the regime of Nazi Germany at the cost of thousands of Canadian casualties. Your visit will be followed by a **guided tour of the beach**
- Board coach and return to **Caen**
- Afternoon and evening free to explore at your leisure

**Day 9 – Thursday August 24 – to Paris**

**B/D**

- **Breakfast** included at the hotel followed by check out
- Board coach and depart for **Versailles**
- Arrive at **Versailles** and you will have a **guided tour** of the famous **Chateau de Versailles**, once a hunting lodge, Versailles was converted by Louis XIV into the beautiful palace you see today. It was here that Louis, also known as the Sun King, accompanied by up to 10,000 of his courtiers, ruled France for much of his reign, which lasted for more than 60 years. While there, visit the apartments of the king and queen and the renowned Hall of Mirrors where the Treaty of Versailles was signed, following the First World War (you will have time to explore in Versailles gardens before your entry)
- Purchase lunch in town of **Versailles** before continuing on to **Paris**
- Arrive in **Paris and check into the *Holiday Inn Paris Opera Grands Boulevards (or similar)* for a 1 night stay** (optional extensions)
- **Farewell dinner**

**Day 10 – Friday August 25 – Home or optional extension**

**B**

- **Breakfast** included at the hotel followed by check out
- **Morning coach transfer** to Paris, Charles de Gaulle Airport for those returning home. If you wish to take a later transfer to the Charles de Gaulle Airport or if you are extending your stay in Paris the transfer would be at your own expense.

B - Breakfast / L – Lunch / D - Dinner /

M – Airline Meal / S – Snack - denote meals included in tour cost

**Please advise your group leader in advance of any allergy and/or dietary restriction, so that we can advise our suppliers of the request. Not every location may be able to accommodate allergy and/or meal requirements for unique circumstances.**

\*Itinerary is tentative and subject to final confirmation\*