

2023 BELGIUM / NETHERLANDS PERFORMANCE TOUR

JULY 10 – 19, 2023

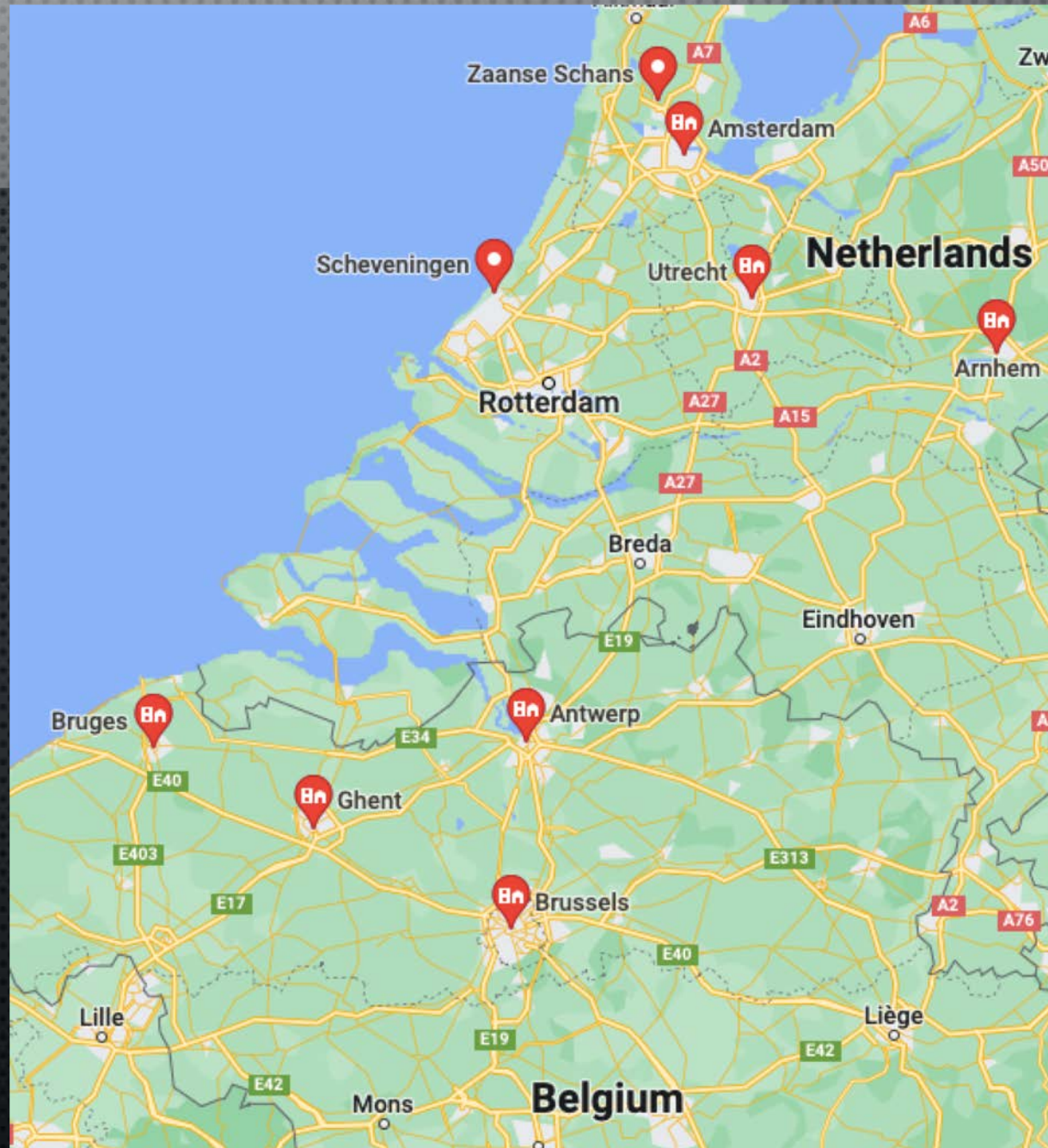


MILWAUKEE YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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TOUR MAP



Monday, July 10, 2023
Chicago Departure

DAY 1

- 1:45pm - Arrive at O'Hare International Airport and meet your World Projects Tour Managers
- 3:50pm – Depart on Aer Lingus flight #122 to Dublin
Overnight en route
(meals served on flight)



Tuesday, July 11, 2022 (L,D)
Brussels Arrival → Bruges

- 5:10am – Arrive into Dublin, transfer to next gate
- 6:50am – Depart on Aer Lingus flight #630
- 9:40am – Arrive, customs & immigration, meet local Tour Escorts
- Transfer to Bruges, lunch at local restaurant
- Walking tour, canal tour
- Check into hotel in Bruges, welcome dinner as a group



DAY 2

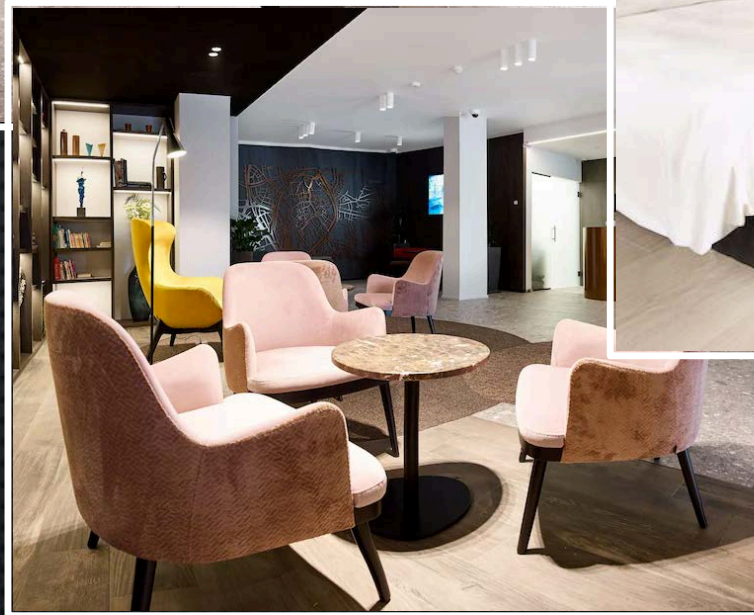
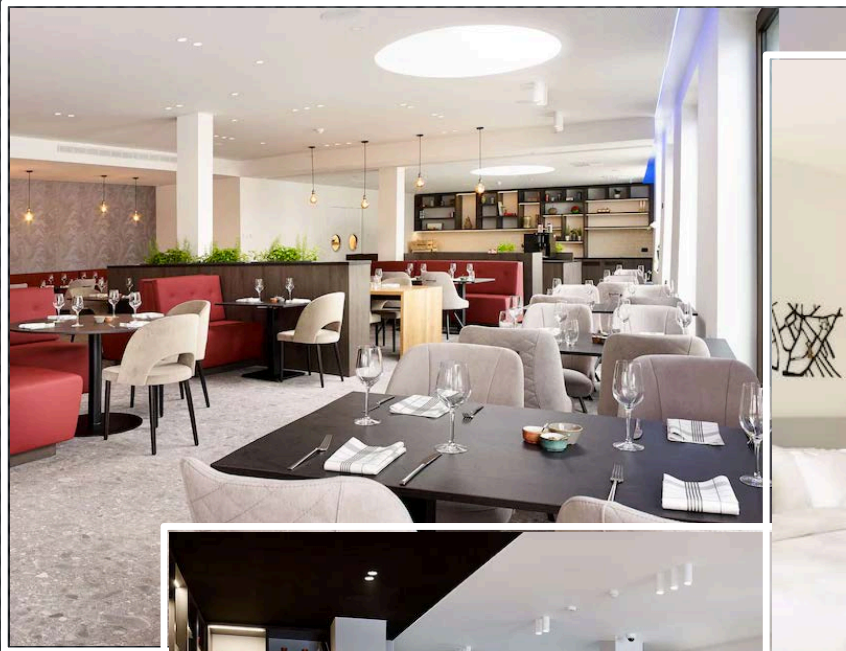


Suggested itinerary, subject to change



Radisson Blu Hotel, Bruges

HOTEL DAYS 2-6



- Breakfast served at the hotel
- Free Wi-Fi
- Students in a mix of twin and triple rooms (two single beds or two single beds and one sofa bed)

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 (B,D)
Performance

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Antwerp
- Guided Sightseeing Tour
- Lunch on own in chaperone groups
- **Rehearsal** at venue
- Dinner as a group
- **Performance** at Queen Elisabeth Hall

DAY 3

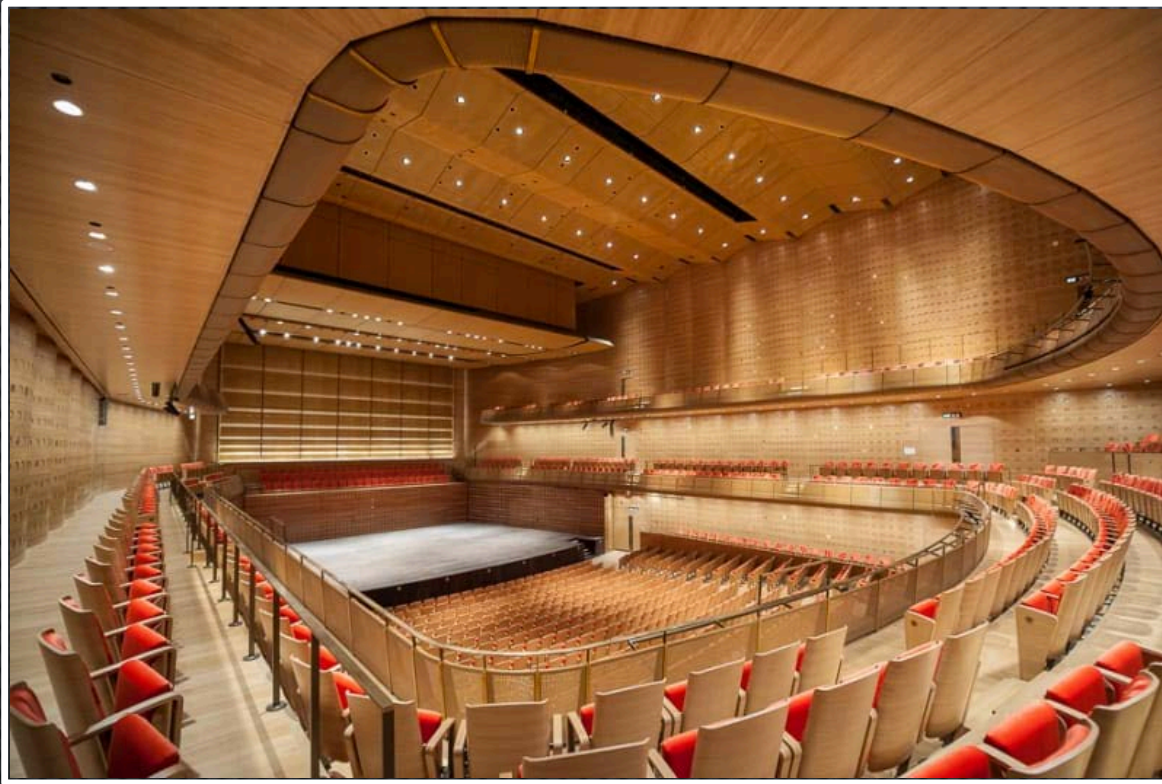


Statue of artist, Petro Paulo Rubens

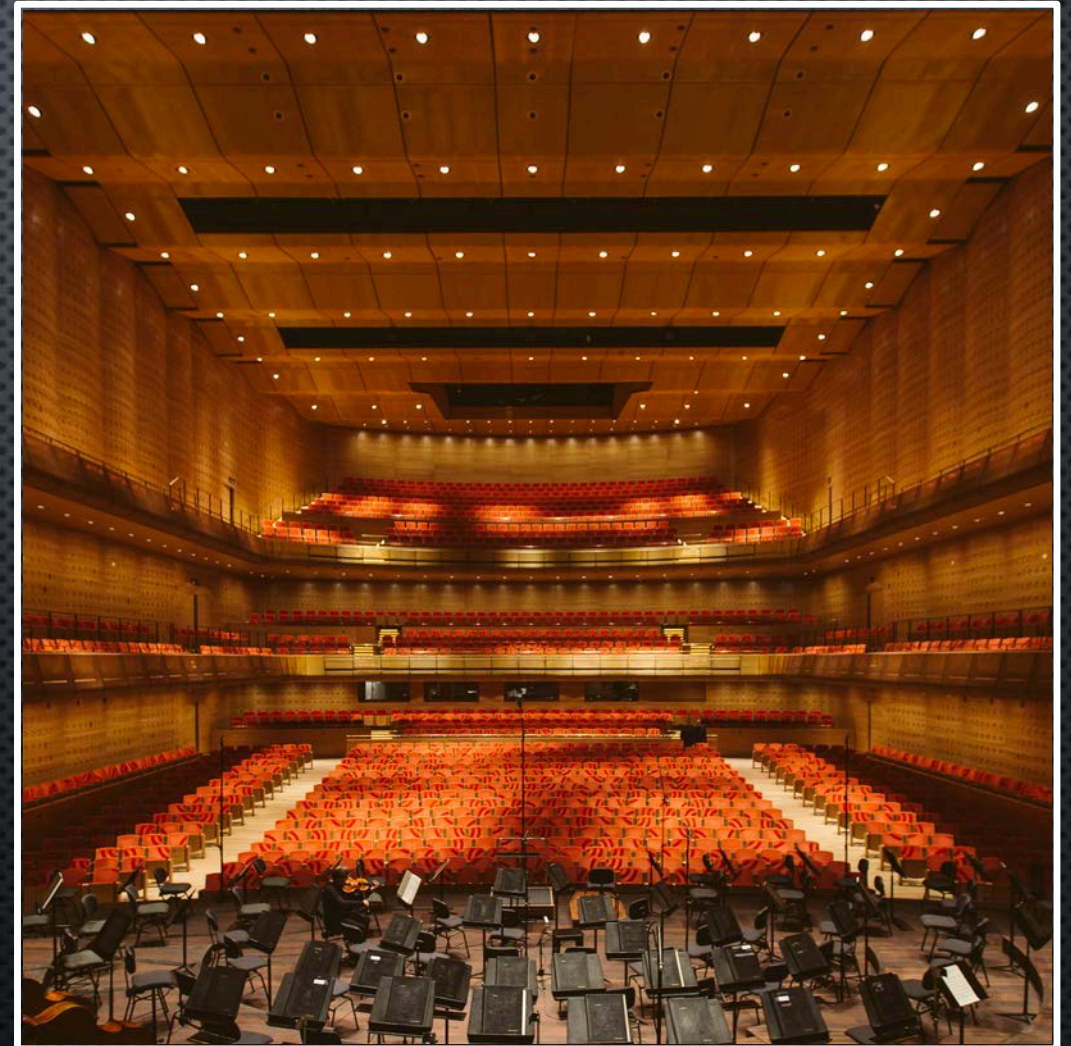


Het Steen (medieval fortress in the Old Town)

Queen Elisabeth Hall at Koningin Astridplein



- Opened in 2016
- Home of the Antwerp Symphony Orchestra
- Rated 9.3 out of 10 in acoustics



Thursday, July 13, 2023 (B,D)
Sightseeing in Brussels

DAY 4

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Brussels
- Visit European Union Headquarters & Hemicycle (TBC)
- Lunch on own in chaperone groups
- Visit Atomium
- Guided sightseeing tour
- Dinner as a group



Atomium – 102-meter-high steel and aluminum structure, represents a molecule of iron magnified 165 million times



Hemicycle – the world's largest transnational parliament seating over 700 members

Friday, July 14, 2023 (B,D)

Traditional / Early-Music Workshop

DAY 5

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Ghent
- Guided Sightseeing Tour
- Lunch on own in chaperone groups
- **Traditional / Early-Music Workshop** (*details TBD*)
- Dinner as a group



Vièrlerète or tiesse di dj'va (horse head), more commonly known as "Hurdy-gurdy"

Saturday, July 15, 2023 (B,D)
Performance

DAY 6

- Breakfast at the hotel, checkout
- Transfer to Arnhem
- Lunch on own in chaperone groups
- Guided Tour
- **Rehearsal** at venue
- Dinner as a group
- **Performance** at Parkzaal at Muis Sacrum
- Check in to hotel in Utrecht



During WWII, Arnhem, was heavily bombed and its river bridges destroyed during the disastrous Operation Market Garden, but the town has since risen from the ashes to become a sparky, modern place with appealing museums and parks.

Parkzaal at Muis Sacrum

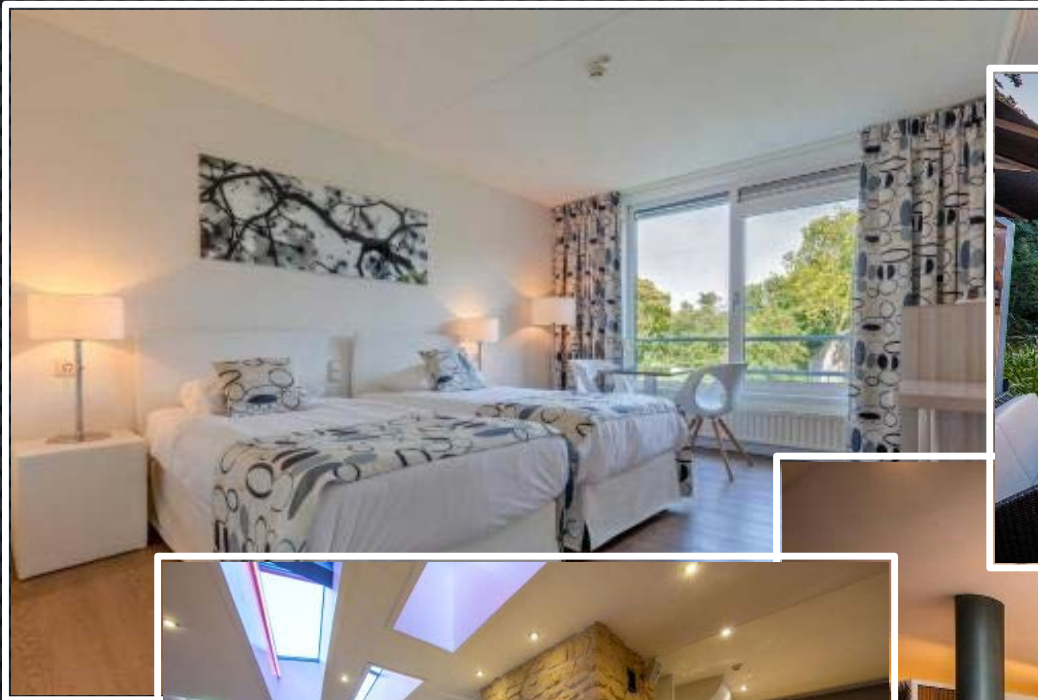


- Renovated in 2017
- Home of the Arnhem Philharmonic Orchestra
- Renovated with an emphasis on acoustics



Hotel Mitland, Utrecht

HOTEL DAYS 6-10



- Breakfast served at the hotel
- Free Wi-Fi
- Students in a mix of twin and triple rooms (all separate, twin beds)

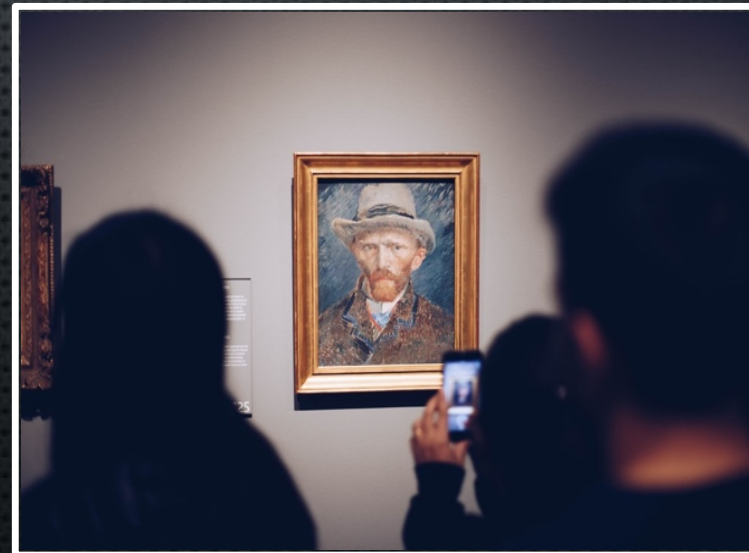
Sunday, July 16, 2023 (B,D)

Amsterdam Sightseeing

DAY 7

- Breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Amsterdam
- Visit to Anne Frank House (TBC)
- Lunch on own in chaperone groups
- Visit to Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh Museum
- Dinner as a group

The Rijksmuseum is the national museum of the Netherlands dedicated to Dutch arts and history



Van Gogh Museum houses the world's largest collection of artworks by Van Gogh

Monday, July 17, 2023 (B,D)

Performance

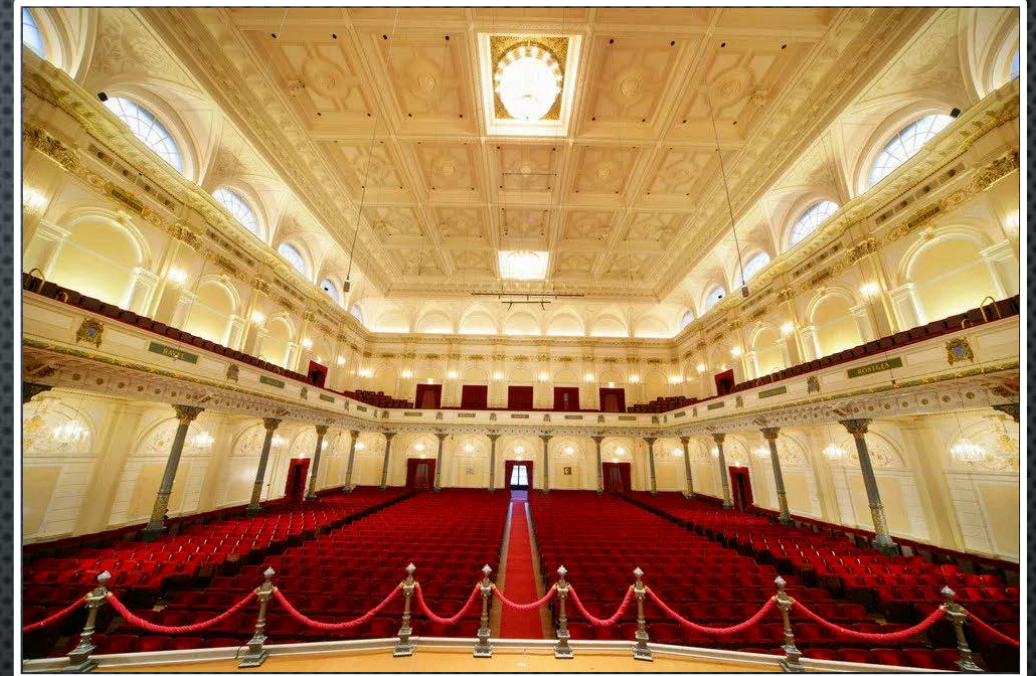
DAY 8

- Breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Amsterdam
- Guided walking tour and canal cruise
- Lunch on own in chaperone groups
- **Rehearsal** at venue
- Dinner as a group
- **Performance** at Royal Concertgebouw Amsterdam



Amsterdam, capital of the Netherlands, has more than 100 kilometers of canals, about 90 islands and 1,500 bridges. The three main canals, dug in the 17th century during the Dutch Golden Age, form concentric belts around the city, known as the Grachtengordel.

Grote Zaal (Great Hall) Royal Concertgebouw Amsterdam



- First opened in 1888
- Home to the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra (and countless guest orchestra performances)
- Still touted as one of the most acoustically perfect concert halls in the world



Tuesday, July 18, 2023 (B,D)
Netherlands Sightseeing

DAY 9

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit Zaanse Schans, a historical reconstruction of a typical 18th/19th century Dutch village
- Transfer to Scheveningen
- Lunch on own in chaperone groups
- Time at leisure at Scheveningen Beach
- Farewell Dinner as a group in Scheveningen



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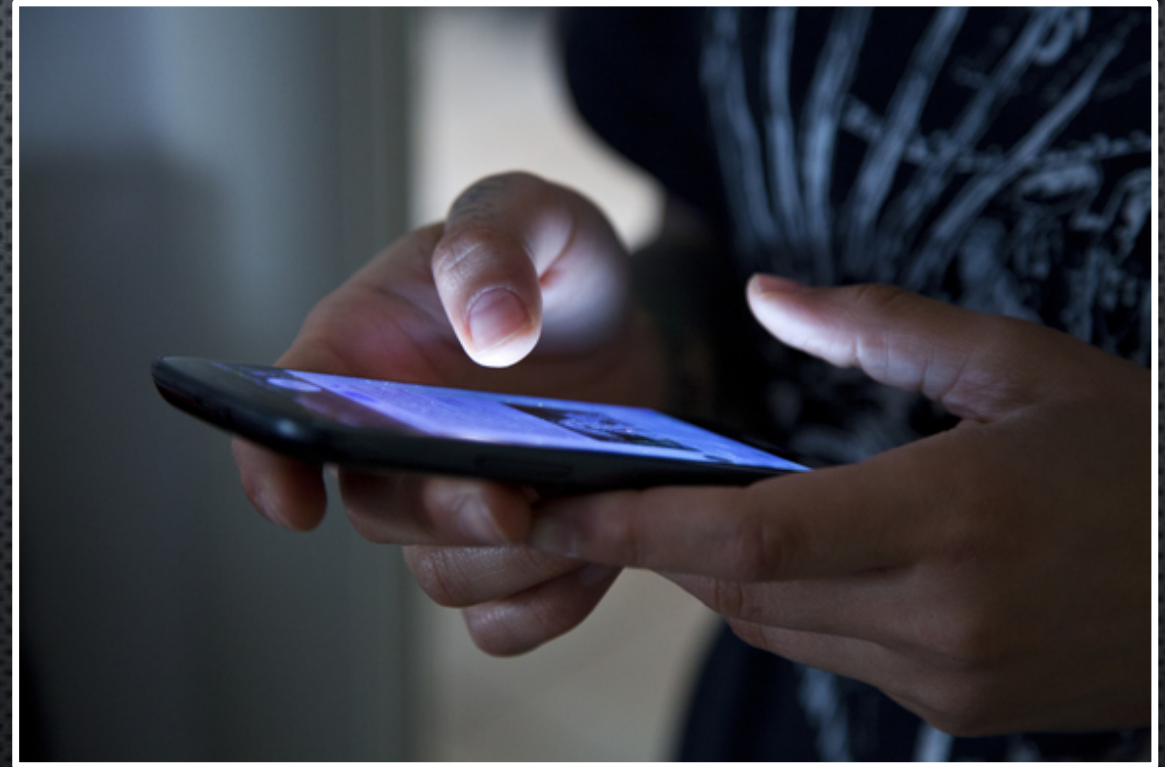
Wednesday, July 19, 2023 (B)
Departure – Chicago Arrival

DAY 10

- Breakfast at the hotel, checkout
- Transfer to Amsterdam Airport, check-in for flight, lunch at airport
- 1:40pm – Depart for Dublin on Aer Lingus flight #605
- 2:25pm – Arrive into Dublin and transfer to next gate
- 4:15pm – Depart Dublin for Chicago on Aer Lingus flight #125
- 6:45pm – Arrive into Chicago O'Hare International Airport



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



PASSPORTS & VISAS

- US CITIZENS MUST PRESENT A PASSPORT THAT IS VALID AT LEAST 3 MONTHS PAST THE TOUR RETURN DATE (TO OCTOBER 19, 2023)
- UNITED STATES PASSPORT HOLDERS CAN TRAVEL TO BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS WITHOUT A VISA FOR UP TO 90 DAYS FOR TOURISM PURPOSES
- NON-US PASSPORT HOLDERS MAY CONTACT WORLD PROJECTS FOR GUIDANCE
- ETIAS (EUROPEAN TRAVEL INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION SYSTEM): FROM NOVEMBER 2023, THE EUROPEAN UNION (SCHENGEN AGREEMENT AREA WHICH INCLUDES BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS) WILL BE IMPLEMENTING A NEW SYSTEM FOR PRE-REGISTERING TRAVELERS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN EUROPE. THIS IS NOT A VISA. ALL ELIGIBLE TRAVELERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER THROUGH THE ETIAS WEBSITE AND A €7 REGISTRATION FEE WILL APPLY TO THOSE 18 OR OVER.

MONEY / CURRENCY

- THE EURO IS THE CURRENCY IN BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS
- THE EURO'S VALUES FLUCTUATE AGAINST THE US DOLLAR. AS OF OCTOBER 2022, THE RATE IS
 - US \$1.00 = € 1.02
- ATMS ARE COMMON THROUGHOUT THE REGION
- TRAVELERS CHECKS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED
- TRAVELEX OFFERS A 'CASH PASSPORT' — A PRE-PAID FOREIGN CURRENCY CARD
- CREDIT & DEBIT CARDS ARE LARGELY ACCEPTED — SOME ESTABLISHMENTS REQUIRE CREDIT CARDS HAVE A CHIP AND PIN
- TIPPING IS NOT COMMON FOR MEALS THROUGHOUT THE REGION THOUGH MANY RESTAURANTS WILL INCLUDE A SERVICE CHARGE
- IT IS SUGGESTED TO HAVE A SMALL AMOUNT OF CASH ON YOU BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

COMMUNICATIONS / POWER

- **CELL PHONE SERVICE:** CHECK WITH YOU CELLULAR PHONE PROVIDER ON TEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PLANS. THIS IS NOT MANDATORY BUT HIGHLY ADVISED.
- **WIFI:** FREE WIFI IS INCLUDED AT THE HOTELS AND IS WIDELY AVAILABLE IN PUBLIC AREAS. IT IS RECOMMENDED TO USE SUCH SERVICES AS ZOOM, WHATSAPP, SKYPE, FACETIME, FACEBOOK MESSENGER, AND/OR GOOGLE DUO TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE TOUR.
- **POWER:** ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE A US TO EU PLUG ADAPTER (AND/OR POWER CONVERTER IF YOUR DEVICE REQUIRES IT).

INSURANCE – POST-DEPARTURE

(included Insurance)

- DEFINITION: INSURANCE THAT PROTECTS FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, BAGGAGE LOSS/DAMAGE, FLIGHT DELAYS, ETC. ONCE THE TOUR COMMENCES
- INCLUDED IN PACKAGE PRICING
- PLAN INCLUDES EMERGENCY MEDICAL EXPENSE (UP TO \$25,000) / EVACUATION (UP \$100,000) / TRIP DELAY (UP TO \$150 DAILY, \$750 TOTAL) / BAGGAGE LOSS, ETC.

INSURANCE – TRIP CANCELLATION / CFAR

(not included but recommended)

- DEFINITIONS:
 - **TRIP CANCELLATION** – INSURANCE THAT ALLOWS TRAVELER TO CANCEL AND RECEIVE NON-REFUNDABLE FUNDS BACK (USUALLY 100%) – TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE HAS EXCLUSIONS SUCH AS PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND “ACTS OF GOD” (SUCH AS PANDEMICS)
 - **CANCEL FOR ANY REASON (CFAR)** – THIS IS AN ENHANCEMENT ADDED TO TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE THAT ALLOWS A TRAVELER TO CANCEL FOR ANY REASON
- MOST TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE DOES NOT INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR ACTS OF GOD EVENTS (SUCH AS PANDEMICS). CANCEL FOR ANY REASON ENHANCEMENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO COVER CANCELLATION DUE TO ACTS OF GOD / PANDEMICS (USUALLY UP TO 75% OF NON-REFUNDABLE TRIP COSTS)
- TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE / CFAR IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PACKAGE COST
- WORLD PROJECTS HAS SENT LINKS TO MYSO STAFF TO SHARE WITH TRAVELERS WITH THE OPTION TO PURCHASE TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE / CFAR VIA OUR RECOMMENDED PROVIDER, TRAVEL INSURED
 - INSURANCE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PURCHASED VIA TRAVEL INSURED TO BE VALID - THERE ARE MANY PROVIDERS, AND WE ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS TO MAKE THE DECISION IN COVERAGE AND PROVIDERS THAT IS BEST FOR THEM INDIVIDUALLY
 - OTHER RESOURCES INCLUDE AAA, ALLIANZ, TRAVEL GUARD, HTH, SEVEN CORNERS, AND USI AFFINITY
- TOUR CANCELLATIONS ARE HANDLED PER THE PAYMENT / CANCELLATION SCHEDULE ON THE PROPOSAL. AT NO POINT ARE ANY PAYMENTS FULLY REFUNDABLE – PURCHASING TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE / CFAR IS OPTIONAL, HOWEVER, WORLD PROJECTS DOES STRONGLY URGE ALL TRAVELERS TO PURCHASE TRIP CANCELLATION WITH CFAR THROUGH THEIR OWN PROVIDERS OR THROUGH THE WP RECOMMENDED TRAVEL INSURED PLAN TO PROTECT THEIR INVESTMENT



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