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# VILLAGE LIFE

## IN MEDIEVAL BRUGES

July 25 to August 2, 2005



*With the UNESCO World Heritage site of Bruges as your base, spend a week exploring the rich artistic and architectural heritage of Flanders and the vibrant culture of its people.*

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*Dear Wesleyan Alumni, Parents and Friends,*

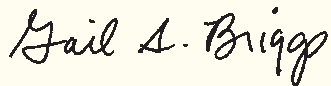
We are pleased to sponsor VILLAGE LIFE IN MEDIEVAL BRUGES, a unique travel opportunity that captures the authentic character of one of Europe's greatest architectural treasures and designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites. This newest addition to the highly successful and innovative VILLAGE LIFE travel programs, features the former capital of the Belgian province of Flanders as its centerpiece. Bruges is ideal for exploring the region's true character and coming to know the authentic way of life of its people.

During the Middle Ages, Bruges rose to prominence as an important center of the European wool trade, and its wealthy merchant princes endowed it with a priceless architectural and artistic legacy. And, it is here for seven nights that you will experience this medieval legacy with its many important historical sites juxtaposed with 21st-century life and culture. You will explore the cultural treasures of Western Flanders, the crossroads of medieval Europe, while enjoying four-star accommodations at the Hotel Crowne Plaza Bruges. Combining traditional Flemish charm with modern comforts and amenities, the hotel is just a short stroll from many of Bruges' principal attractions.

Among the many features included in this program is the unique VILLAGE FORUM, where local residents share their views and insights about contemporary life in Belgium. You will immerse yourself further in the traditions and history of Flanders through guided excursions, educational lectures and tastings of local culinary specialties including Belgian chocolates, waffles and ale.

This first offering of VILLAGE LIFE IN MEDIEVAL BRUGES is certain to be popular because of the region's charm, and the convenience and exceptional value of the trip. So, please register early. We would love to have you along!

Sincerely,



Gail S. Briggs  
Associate Director of Alumni Education

*Cover: Enjoy the delightful atmosphere of Bruges, one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Europe.  
Below: Stately homes of merchants line Bruges' Market Square.*



# EXCLUSIVE ENRICHMENT YPRES: ON THE FRONT LINE IN WORLD WAR I

In August of 1914, the German armies of Kaiser Wilhelm II invaded Belgium. Two months later, British and French troops halted the German offensive at an important crossroads outside the historic Flemish clothmaking town of Ypres. For the next four years, the opposing sides faced off against one another in the most protracted siege of World War I, a stalemate known as the Battle of the Ypres Salient. During the course of the campaign, artillery barrages from the rival armies leveled the old town's medieval heart. Today, Ypres stands resurrected, and its principal monuments — the Gothic St. Martin's Cathedral, the 14th-century Lakenhallen (Cloth Hall) and the Renaissance Town Hall — have been faithfully restored to their former grandeur. Little of Ypres' turbulent past remains, save the military cemeteries and monuments that honor the valor of those who fought and fell here.

*Ypres' Cloth Hall houses exhibits that chronicle the city's pivotal role in World War I.*



## VILLAGE LIFE: A WAY OF LIFE IN MEDIEVAL BRUGES

VILLAGE LIFE IN MEDIEVAL BRUGES is one in a unique series of VILLAGE LIFE programs designed for inveterate travelers who know the vibrant character of a country is best found in the provinces, on the backroads and around the local market squares. It offers a cultural and educational experience like no other. **A comprehensive program and an exceptional value,** VILLAGE LIFE IN MEDIEVAL BRUGES focuses on the historic province of Flanders. Here, for one full week, you will immerse yourself in everyday life in a land where the past blends seamlessly with the present. Marvel at the rich architectural and artistic legacy of Bruges. Explore the treasures of Lille, France and Ghent and Antwerp, Belgium, cultural and commercial centers dating from the Middle Ages to the present. Visit historically restored Ypres and see the monuments and museums commemorating its poignant role in World War I.

In Flanders fields the  
poppies blow

Between the  
crosses, row  
on row,

That mark our  
place, and in  
the sky

The larks, still  
bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid  
the guns below."

—Lieutenant Colonel  
John McCrae, M.D.

Attend an exclusive **VILLAGE FORUM** and become acquainted with local residents who will provide a fascinating and candid look at contemporary social and political issues facing Flanders as it assumes an increasingly prominent role within the European Union.

The **charming, intimate Hotel Crowne Plaza Bruges** has been specially selected for this program, as it features an ideal location in the heart of Bruges, tastefully appointed accommodations and a gracious, inviting ambiance.

**Unpack once!** This is an *exceptional travel opportunity inclusive of accommodations, exclusively arranged excursions and most meals for an incredibly attractive price.* Come experience a special way of life: VILLAGE LIFE IN MEDIEVAL BRUGES.



*Ghent's imposing Gravensteen Castle once served as the seat of the Counts of Flanders.*



life in Bruges. Visit a local *chocolatier* to learn more about Belgium's world-acclaimed chocolates and visit the Malthouse and Brewery Museum for an introduction to the art of ale brewing. Attend a demonstration of traditional Belgian lacemaking at the *Kantcentrum*. A guided tour of the Groeninge Museum features works by master painters who lived and worked in Bruges from the

14th to the 20th centuries, including Jan van Eyck, Hans Memling and Hugo van der Goes. From the Markt Square to the Chapel of the Holy Blood, Bruges exudes the timeless atmosphere of Europe on the eve of the Renaissance.

### BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

The capital of Belgium, this cosmopolitan city has become a crossroads of modern Europe — both the European Union and NATO have their headquarters here; residents speak variations of French, Flemish and German; and the grand boulevards and parks have a Parisian flavor while retaining Flemish character. In the very heart of the city, experience the Golden Age of Brussels at the Royal Palace, home of Belgium's monarchs since the country gained its independence in 1830. See the site of the 1958 World's Fair Exhibition Grounds as well as the fair's most popular exhibit, the giant Atomium.

### LILLE, FRANCE

Today geographically located in France, Lille still lays claim to a long and proud Flemish heritage. Designated the "2004 European City of Culture," Lille's beautifully preserved Old Quarter recalls its colorful past as a prominent mercantile center during the Middle Ages. See the *Vieille Bourse* (Old Exchange), a superb example of 17th-century Flemish

### BRUGES, BELGIUM

Bruges, one of the best preserved medieval towns in Europe, was built around a double ring of picturesque canals and is connected by arched foot bridges. The magnificent façades of the guildhalls and the famous octagonal belfry testify to the enormous wealth and power Bruges once possessed. Our private canal cruise explores Bruges' majestic townscape of treasured architecture, virtually untouched since the 15th century, from the very best perspective. Explore the Gothic churches, medieval guildhalls, historic Burg Square and lively Grand-Place Markt, the center of



*Antwerp Cathedral's majestic tower expresses the optimism of the Golden Age.*



*Belgium's chocolatiers produce the world's most savory confections.*

architecture, and the 1890 birthplace of President Charles de Gaulle, commanding general of the Free French forces during World War II and president of France from 1959 to 1969. The Musée des Beaux-Arts, one of France's premier art museums, features an extensive collection of works by Flemish, French, Dutch, Italian and Spanish masters.

### **YPRES AND WAREGEM, BELGIUM**

Ypres was one of the most powerful towns in Flanders in the 13th century. Its location at an important crossroads made it a strategic target throughout military history. During World War I, it was the site of a four-year stalemate between British and French troops on one side and German forces on the other. Today, monuments and military cemeteries surround Ypres, and the In Flanders Fields Museum provides a historical account of this World War I campaign. The peaceful Ypres of today is revealed in The Belle Alms House Museum with its well-preserved Renaissance panels; the collections of the Merghelynck Museum, once a private manor house; and the restored 13th-century Cathedral of St. Martin. Nearby is Waregem's Flanders Field Cemetery and Memorial commemorating the World War I Allied campaign to liberate Belgium.

### **ANTWERP, BELGIUM**

Repository of the 17th-century Baroque masterpieces of the city's native son, Peter Paul Rubens, Antwerp preserves its Flemish charm in its Old Town. See two of Rubens' masterpieces, *Resurrection* and *Assumption*, in the Cathedral of Our Lady, the pride of Belgium with its remarkable 47-bell carillon and soaring 404-foot, delicately ornamented spire. A labyrinth of squares and narrow passages lead into the spectacular Grote Markt, where beautifully preserved guildhalls testify to Antwerp's once bustling 17th-century commerce.

### **GHENT, BELGIUM**

After 1,300 years, Ghent, the principal city of East Flanders, remains a prospering city full of vitality, history and charm. A visit to the Gothic St. Bavo's Cathedral, a majestic edifice built over the course of 600 years, features the 15th-century *Altar of Ghent*, a masterpiece of late medieval Flemish art painted by the brothers Hubert and Jan van Eyck. While cruising Ghent's canals, see innumerable architectural treasures including its city center, 14th- to 17th-century patrician houses, Gothic churches and historic Gravensteen, the castle of the Counts of Flanders.



*The traditional art of lacemaking still lives on in Bruges.*

## HOTEL CROWNE PLAZA BRUGES

While experiencing traditional VILLAGE LIFE IN MEDIEVAL BRUGES, enjoy seven nights at the Hotel Crowne Plaza Bruges. Built on the foundation of 12th-century St. Donatius' Church, this four-star property is ideally located within walking distance of the historic sites of Bruges, Northern Europe's best-preserved medieval city. It is a brief stroll from the hotel to the guildhalls of the Markt Square, the imposing Gothic Town Hall, the Chapel of the Holy Blood and the artistry of Flemish painters at the Groeninge Museum.



The hotel's tastefully appointed rooms feature private bathrooms, climate control, telephone, television, radio, safe, minibar and hairdryer. Restaurants located in the hotel include the gourmet *Het Kapittel Restaurant* or the more informal *De Linde*, an inviting streetside café. A British-themed pub offers a congenial setting where guests can converse with the locals over a goblet of fine Flemish ale. Hotel facilities include a solarium, fitness room, sauna and heated indoor pool.

### VILLAGE LIFE DAY BY DAY....

#### Day 1

Depart from your gateway city on a flight to Brussels, Belgium.

#### Day 2

Arrive in Brussels. After a brief tour, transfer to the historic Flemish city of Bruges. Check into the *Hotel Crowne Plaza Bruges*. This evening attend a welcome toast and dinner in the hotel.

#### **Exclusive Enrichment**

Savor a traditional Belgian waffle, a local specialty, en route to Bruges.

#### Day 3

*Bruges, An Open-Air Museum of Flemish Architecture*

#### **Excursion**

Explore the beautifully preserved medieval city of Bruges on a private canal cruise, a walking tour and a guided tour of the Groeninge Museum.

#### **Exclusive Enrichment**

Visit a local Belgian *chocolatier* and sample world-famous, handmade chocolate.

#### Day 4

*The French Connection: Lille's Role in Flemish History*

#### **Excursion**

Tour Lille, France, and take a guided tour of the *Musée des Beaux-Arts*. After lunch, enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Lille.

#### Day 5

*In Flanders Fields: Belgium and the First World War*

#### **Excursion**

Stop at the Military Cemetery in Waregem and tour the historic Flemish center of Ypres, with a visit to the In Flanders Field Museum. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant in Ypres.

#### Day 5 continued...

#### **Exclusive Enrichment**

Attend a specially arranged private lecture about World War I at Ypres' town hall.

#### Day 6

*Antwerp, Belgium's Gateway to the World*

**Excursion**  
Tour Antwerp, including a guided visit to the magnificent Cathedral of Our Lady, featuring two masterpieces by Peter Paul Rubens. Lunch in Antwerp is included.

#### **Exclusive Enrichment**

Meet local residents who will share their insights on contemporary cultural, political and social issues and concerns during a specially arranged VILLAGE FORUM.

#### Day 7

*Ghent and the Legacy of the Van Eycks*

**Excursion**  
Visit St. Bavo's Cathedral, and cruise Ghent's history laden canals. After lunch, spend an afternoon at leisure in Ghent.

#### Day 8

*Bruges: City of Art*

**Excursion**  
Enjoy a morning at leisure and an afternoon walking tour of Bruges. This evening attend a farewell toast and dinner at the hotel.

#### **Exclusive Enrichment**

Visit the Malthouse and Brewery Museum for an introduction to the art of ale brewing and the *Kantcentrum* to see traditional Belgian lacemaking.

#### Day 9

Transfer to Brussels to board your return flight to the U.S.

**THIS VILLAGE LIFE  
TRAVEL PROGRAM FEATURES:**

- ◆ Four-star accommodations at the *Hotel Crowne Plaza Bruges*.
- ◆ Private welcome and farewell toast and dinner in the hotel.
- ◆ Daily breakfast and dinner.
- ◆ Lunches on the excursion days to Lille, France, and Ypres, Antwerp and Ghent, Belgium.

**Excursions guided by an exclusive local cultural expert:**

- ◆ Orientation tour of Brussels with a visit to the site of the 1958 World's Fair.
- ◆ **Two half days of touring in Bruges, including a private canal cruise and a guided visit to the Groeninge Museum.**
- ◆ Half-day excursion to the French city of Lille, "2004 European City of Culture." Afternoon at leisure in Lille.
- ◆ Full-day excursion to Waregem and Ypres to learn more about Belgium's role in World War I.
- ◆ Half-day excursion to Antwerp, where the renowned artist Rubens lived and worked. Afternoon at leisure in Antwerp.
- ◆ Half-day excursion to Ghent, the city of the Van Eyck brothers. Afternoon at leisure in Ghent.

***Plus a full program of educational and cultural enrichment including:***

- ◆ Exclusive **VILLAGE FORUM** featuring local residents who will discuss contemporary social and political issues in Flanders.
- ◆ Enjoy an authentic Belgian waffle.
- ◆ A specially arranged **lecture on WWI at Ypres' town hall.**
- ◆ A visit to a renowned *chocolatier* in Bruges, with an opportunity to sample Belgian chocolates.
- ◆ Belgian ales tour and tasting at the Malthouse and Brewery Museum in Bruges.
- ◆ Exclusively arranged **demonstration of the traditional Flemish art of lacemaking.**

**And to enhance your travel experience, we will also provide:**

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Since 1829, Brussels' Royal Palace has served as the residence of Belgium's monarchs.

**\*\$2195 per person based on double occupancy (land only)<sup>†</sup>**

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