



Ostend the Halloween City

An old favourite with the British, Ostend is known as the 'Queen of the Seaside Resorts' and the 'Gateway to Europe' and the town flourishes in and out of season. Shopping in the traffic-free town centre is a delight and stores and restaurants stay open late. Ostend's gastronomic reputation is beyond praise especially in the sea-food establishments around the harbour area. In Ostende the biggest Belgian Halloween celebrations are held, the resort will be transformed into one big Halloween party, with various performances, parties, trick or treat and shop-window competitions are on the programme. A visit to nearby Bruges is also a must and you will have an unforgettable and great value short break!

HOTEL EUROPE OSTEND ★★★

The Hotel Europe is situated in the heart of the town and only 50 metres from the promenade and beach. This family run Hotel boasts a cosy lounge, traditional bar, sauna, Turkish steam bath, solarium, fitness room and Lift to All Floors. All Bedrooms have Private Facilities, Hairdryers, Telephone and Satellite Television.



5 DAYS

30th October - 3rd November £ 322
Single Room Supplement £ 65.00 Insurance £ 21.50

ITINERARY

Thursday

An early morning departure to Dover for our ferry to France, we head north to Belgium and our Hotel.

Friday

To the famous city of Bruges, Venice of the North, later we travel to the popular seaside resort of Blankenburg with its many cafes and boutiques.

Saturday

In the morning time to explore the market in Ostend, the rest of the day will be free to take in the creepy atmosphere of this vibrant city or join in with the fun.

Sunday

Today we will visit the attractive towns of Diksmuide and Ypres with its famous Menin Gate. Both towns were destroyed in the 1914-18 conflict and have been rebuilt in Flemish style.

Monday

We travel to the Belgian city of Poperinge, famous for its Hop festival we continue to Calais and cross to Dover, returning home to Shropshire during the evening.

Look What's Included!

- Welcome drink and Porterage.
- 4 Nights Bed & Buffet Breakfast.
- Excursions to Bruges,
- Blankenburg, Diksmuide and Ypres.
- Return Channel Crossing.



Mechelen House Party

The town of Mechelen is a typically attractive and historical Flemish city and the town centre is a low-traffic area, which makes Mechelen a pleasant shopping experience. On Saturdays the main shopping streets 'Bruul' and 'IJzerenleen' are visited by all the people of the city itself and the neighbouring villages. Visitors to Belgium often only visit the main cities like Bruges, Brussels and Antwerp. This is because they don't know that a little bit outside of the beaten track, there are other beautiful historic places to visit. Mechelen is one of those sites and deserves to be visited, so if you are looking for somewhere new and exciting Mechelen makes an excellent choice.

NOVOTEL CENTRUM, MECHELEN ★★★

This Three Star Hotel is located in the centre of Mechelen close to the Market Square, major historic attractions and shopping centre. The Hotel features a bar, De Legende and also offers a restaurant brasserie serving international and local cuisine and fitness room with Turkish bath. The Hotel Has a Lift. All Bedrooms have Air Conditioning, Private Facilities, Satellite Television, Radio, Hairdryer, Safe, Mini Bar and Tea/Coffee Making Facilities.



4 DAYS

27th - 30th March £ 273
Single Room Supplement £ 45.00 Insurance £ 19.50

ITINERARY

Friday

Departing in the morning we drive south along the motorways to Dover for the midday ferry to Calais, arriving in France we cross the Belgian border and arrive in Mechelen early evening.

Saturday

During the morning we shall have a guided Van Beethoven tour followed by wine tasting, after which the rest of the day will be free for you to explore this interesting and historic Flemish city.

Sunday

Today we visit Belgium's capital Brussels where we shall have an easy walking tour followed by a visit and sampling at the Duval Chocolate Factory, before returning to our Hotel.

Monday

Leaving after breakfast we will travel across Belgium to visit the famous city of Bruges, "Venice of the North", where we shall spend some time before driving to Calais and our ferry to England. Leaving Dover we continue to Shropshire arriving home during the evening.

Look What's Included!

- 3 Nights Dinner Bed & Breakfast Accommodation.
- Welcome Drink and Porterage.
- Glass of Wine and Flemish Beers at Dinner.
- Guided Van Beethoven Tour of Mechelen and Wine Tasting.
- Walking Tour of Brussels and a Visit to Duval Chocolate.
- Excursions to Brussels and Bruges.
- Return Channel Crossing.