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July 5 thru July 19, 2017

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**NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE
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LUXEMBOURG TO HOLLAND**

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Discover

THE NETHERLANDS

In the year 1998, Eurotrail organized its first bike tour for Northwestern College alumni. This ninth tour will take us on a beautiful rails-to-trails cycle path from the country of Luxembourg through the Ardennes mountains in Belgium to Germany and the North Sea in The Netherlands. It knows almost no steep gradients (maximum 2% grade), with the trail more downhill than up. We will see historic cities like Monschau, Aachen, Maastricht, 's Hertogenbosch, Gouda, Delft and The Hague. We will bike through beautiful nature areas, mostly on quiet country roads and separate biking paths, pausing at castles and nature areas, historical cities and quaint villages. Many evenings have activities as well: lectures on Dutch history or a concert. In this all-inclusive tour, you will be spoiled with gourmet food, excursions and cultural experiences.

COMMENTS FROM PARTICIPANTS ON OTHER TOURS:

- ♦ "Twelve days of joy, education, variety, fun, friendship and excellent, caring leadership make this the tour of a lifetime!"
- ♦ "It has been an outstanding tour!! We have had a marvelous time and have learned so much! Every day was packed with great things!"
- ♦ "Thank you for a totally awesome time! Every day was a delight! We were treated like Royalty!"
- ♦ "It is a five-star tour and we recommend it to anyone."

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Payment

The deposit of \$300 per person is due with the reservation form. The second and third payment of \$1200 each are due on March 1, 2017 and June 1, 2017. You will receive an invoice for every payment.

Cancellation and Refunds

Notice of cancellation must be received by Eurotrail in writing. Those who cancel after booking and before 50 days prior to departure will receive a full refund minus a \$75 handling fee per person. Cancellation between 50 days prior to departure and 10 days prior to departure will result in a 70% refund. Those who cancel after 10 days prior to departure or interrupt the tour after it has begun, pay 100% of the tour price and will receive no refund. Eurotrail reserves the right to cancel the tour at any time and in such case a full refund of the tour price will constitute full settlement and conclusion to the participant.

Health, Passport and Insurance

Tour participants are completely responsible for their own well-being and fitness prior and during the tour and should receive their physician's approval to engage in the tour. Participants must be in the possession of a valid passport. Eurotrail recommends travelers to purchase short-term traveler's insurance that covers baggage, accidents and sickness, trip interruption and trip cancellation insurance. We also recommend that you take your own bicycle helmet along.

Extension of vacation

If you wish to spend more time in the Netherlands or another country before or after the biking tour, let us know, and we will try to assist you in any way we can.

Tour Price

We reserve the right to change prices without notice if the currency exchange rate varies significantly between the time of booking and departure. You will then get an opportunity to cancel the tour for a full refund. Participants can lock in the tour price by paying sooner; the tour price is guaranteed once final payment is received.

Release and Assumption of Risk

Due to unforeseen circumstances Eurotrail might alter accommodations, routes or sights from those mentioned in the itinerary. Participants must recognize that during the tour accidents and illnesses may occur and that forces of nature or transportation modes may cause inconveniences, delays and/or cancellations. Eurotrail will not be liable for any personal injury, property loss or property damage to any tour participant. The tour operator, while taking every precaution with the participant's property, is not liable for any loss, damage or inconvenience in the handling of that property. The participants assumes all of the above risks and will hold operators harmless from all liability, and any and all action or demand which they now have or which may arise, in connection with the tour or any other activity arranged for the client by the tour operator and their agents. These terms are considered as accepted when the participant makes payment for his or her tour, and that acceptance also serves as a release and assumption of risk from the participant's heirs, executors and administrators, and for all members of the participant's family.

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DAILY ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

Departure from the U.S. airport of choice.

THURSDAY, JULY 6

Arrival in the morning at Schiphol airport. Opportunity to get cash at an ATM machine. A coach will depart around 9:00 AM to the flower auction in Aalsmeer. The coach will return around 11:30 AM to pick up other passengers and then drive us to our hotel in Amsterdam, where we will have an opportunity to take a nap. Afterwards, we will visit the Van Gogh Museum and enjoy a canal tour.

FRIDAY, JULY 7

A coach will pick us up from our hotel in Amsterdam, go via Schiphol airport and bring us to Luxembourg, where we will visit a castle and stay in a hotel in Clervaux.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

After taking the train from Clervaux, we start the bike tour in Troisvierges, where the rails-to-trails Vennbahn or Fen-Rail begins. We will visit the castle Burg Reuland and will stay overnight in St. Vith in Belgium (20 miles).

SUNDAY, JULY 9

After a time of worship and prayer we will bike along the Fen-Rail through the area in Belgium where the Battle of the Bulge was fought in 1944 to the picturesque German village of Monschau, where we stay overnight (28 miles).

MONDAY, JULY 10

From Monschau we will bike through dense forests and small to Aachen, the former capital of the Holy Roman Empire, where we admire the Dom Church and swim in the Roman baths of Carolus Thermen, where Charlemagne bathed (30 miles).

TUESDAY, JULY 11

We will bike through the rolling countryside in the south of the Netherlands, visit the imposing American military cemetery of Margraten and bike over to the beautiful town of Maastricht, where we will stay two nights (26 miles).

TOUR LEADERS:

James Kennedy is a NWC alumnus and dean of Utrecht University College. He also taught eight years in the U.S. at Northwestern College, Valparaiso University and Hope College. He has published books on modern Dutch history: the sixties, euthanasia and secularization. His wife, Simone Kennedy, is a local politician and candidate for parliament.

HOTELS:

All of our hotels are located in nature areas or quiet streets and have private facilities.

FOOD:

Breakfast buffet, lunch, snacks and refreshments are included in the price. Each night we will savor an excellent multi-course dinner, prepared by superb chefs.

NIGHTS:

After dinner, we will often enjoy city walks or lectures on Dutch history

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

We will spend the day in the Roman town of Maastricht, visiting impressive churches and the caves that were dug in the limestone of Saint Peter's Mount some 1,000 years ago. These cave also gave protection to inhabitants during World War II. The country's best food can be found in Maastricht.

THURSDAY, JULY 13

We will bike up the Maas river to Elsloo Castle and the Belgian town of Maaseik, staying overnight in the ancient abbey town of Thorn, with its characteristic white houses (31 miles).

FRIDAY, JULY 14

We will bike over extensive heathlands and forest to Nuenen to see Vincent van Gogh's town of residence, where we will spend the night. (39 miles).

SATURDAY, JULY 15

We will bike to the town of 's Hertogenbosch with the most majestic church of the Netherlands (34 miles). A stop along the way includes notorious Concentration Camp Vught.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

After a church service (optional), we will bike via the beautiful medieval river town of Zaltbommel and watch artisan glassmakers in Leerdam before staying overnight in Vianen (42 miles).

MONDAY, JULY 17

Via winding roads along beautiful rivers we cycle to Oudewater, where we will be weighed to see if we are witches, move on (if found innocent) to the cheese capital of Gouda, where we will stay overnight (25 miles).

TUESDAY, JULY 18

We will bike to the old town of Delft, to visit the museum where William of Orange was killed. We will end our tour at the beaches of Scheveningen and stay overnight in The Hague, where we will see the buildings of Parliament (36 miles).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

You can take the train to Schiphol airport. Trains depart from 4 AM onward.

PRICE:

\$ 2,700 per person

This includes:

- Hotels (*Double occupancy. Additional \$275 for single supplement*)
- All meals, beverages and snacks.
- Entrees to all sights, museums, castles, boats and ferries
- Bike rental
- Transportation to and from the airport
- Tour leaders
- Baggage transfer

*Minimum of 10 participants,
maximum of 25.*

RESERVATION FORM

This reservation form is for one or two people. Please send this form with your deposit of \$300 p.p. to:

**EUROTRAIL, attn.: Cheryl Wyma
213 Richards SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

What room accommodations do you prefer:

- ☐ single accommodations (\$ 250 single supplement)
- ☐ twin beds: share room with: _____
- ☐ twin beds (please find a roommate for me)
- ☐ double beds (if available)

Would you like information on group flights from your preferred airport?

- ☐ yes, I prefer to fly from: _____
- ☐ no

Dietary preferences: _____

Questions/comments/suggestions for the itinerary:

I have read and agreed to the terms and conditions on the other side of this reservation form.

Signature/date

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