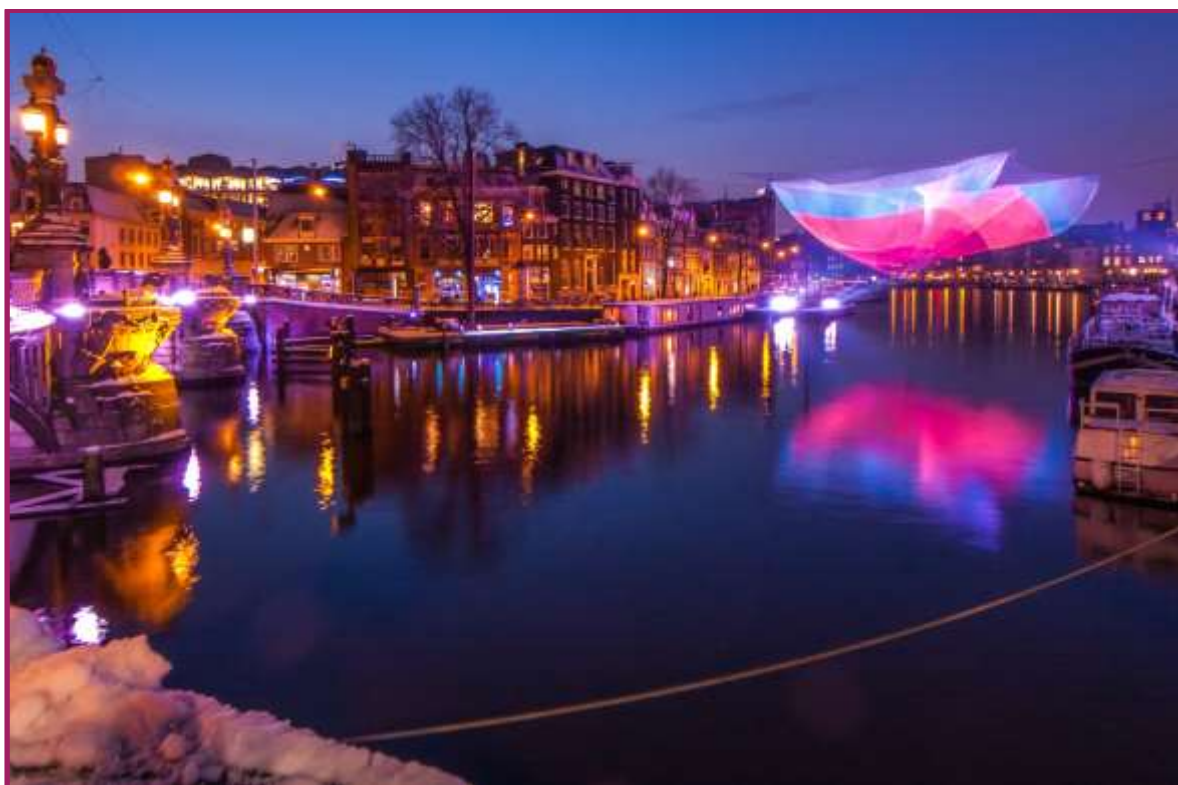


# Magical Amsterdam & Christmas Lights

8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020



## Bruges, Amsterdam & Christmas Markets

*Our tour starts where there can't be many settings more beautiful at Christmas time than Bruges. With its cobbled streets, historic buildings and horse drawn carriages plodding by. Beautiful medieval squares lit with colourful lights, pleasant shopping in the magically decorated streets, skating on the ice rink on the Grote Markt, or just enjoy the atmosphere in many of the restaurants and cafes with good food and hot chocolate – and this is just the start.*

*In Amsterdam, you will have a "Travel Card" to help move around the capital with ease. In the dark winter months, Amsterdam is transformed into a beautiful open light museum as part of the Amsterdam Light Festival. Modern artists from all over the world make spectacular light artworks that can be found in the city centre and can be seen via a walking and a canal route, and we will have time to take in both options, firstly with a Private Canal Cruise with a Guide and later whilst making our way to dinner in the Historic 1488 City Gates. Also, you will have time to visit a number of the Christmas Markets, Museums, take a coffee and soak-up the wonderful atmosphere of this time of year.*

## 7 Nights

### Day One – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

We meet at our first campsite on the outskirts of Bruges, Belgium. This evening we take a short 5min walk to a local restaurant for a “Welcome Dinner”.

### Day Two – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Time to visit Bruges at your own pace, in the late afternoon the Christmas Market and the towns illuminations start to light up the night.

### Day Three – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

We travel to the outskirts of Amsterdam today. **165 miles**

### Day Four – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Relaxing start to the day and then we then meet-up for a “Dutch Breakfast” in the campsite restaurant. This afternoon we travel by the local Tram into Amsterdam to board our Private Canal Cruise with our local guide. The boat is heated so that you won’t get cold. This is a great way to experience the Festival of Lights, while enjoying a delicious buffet with drinks. Along the route you will see multiple works of art by various artists, designers, and architects that were created especially for the festival.



### Day Five – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Free day to explore Amsterdam. Museumplein is one place to head for where there is plenty to explore with the main feature being the ice skating rink, there is a little wooden bridge raised over it and you can enjoy the amazing view of the Rijksmuseum in all its festive glory. On both sides of the rink, you will find plenty of Christmas Market stalls.

Surrounding the Dam Square area, walk past the Bijenkorf luxury mall to enjoy the grand window displays or hop in for a quick tour of the premises, there are many beautiful toys and displays inside the store.

Check out the Scheltema bookstore and the Magna Plaza mall.

Most museums will be open, if the Van Gogh or Anne Frank museums are on your “to do” list then these are best booked via the internet well in advance.



### Day Six – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Returning into Amsterdam we will complete part of the Festival of Light walking route and then enjoy dinner in St. Anthony's Gate, a magnificent historical building originally built in 1488 and illuminated by 300 candles.

### Day Seven – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

We make our way back to a campsite near Calais. This evening we have dinner in the campsite restaurant.

**230 miles**

### Day Eight – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

The tour ends this morning, Calais is a short drive away for those who would like to do some last-minute shopping. Those on the optional package drive to Calais for the early afternoon sailing back to the UK. **20**

**miles**

## PRICE

## TOUR DEPOSIT £200

Motorhome with 2 people = £599.00 per person

Motorhome with 1 person = £749.00

## INCLUDED IN PRICE

- 7 Campsite nights with electric hook-ups
- Dinner in a local Bruges restaurant including drinks
- Two Bruges bus tickets
- Dutch Breakfast in the Campsite Restaurant
- Amsterdam Travel Card for 72 hours on Tram/Metro and Bus
- Light Festival Private Canal Cruise
- Buffet and drinks
- Dinner in St. Anthony's Gate Restaurant including drinks
- Tasting presentation of an old traditional Dutch drink
- Farewell Dinner with Drinks
- Tour information pack with suggested routes & GPS co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome

This tour starts in Belgium, but if you would like to travel at the same time as the Tour Directors on the outward journey, please book the optional tour package so that everything can be arranged on your behalf

## OPTIONAL PACKAGE

- Return Dover/Calais Ferry with 60-day Flexible Ticket + Club Class Lounge
- One additional campsite night with electric on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December
- Mulled Wine and maybe a Mince Pie!
- Tour information pack with suggested routes & GPS co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome

## OPTIONAL PACKAGE PRICE

Motorhome with 2 people @ £129 per person

Motorhome with 1 person @ £229