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presents...

Netherlands, Belgium & Paris

featuring historic Bruges & Floriade 2012

August 13 - 23, 2012

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11 Days • 13 Meals: 9 Breakfasts • 4 Dinners



COLLETTE
VACATIONS



Netherlands, Belgium & Paris featuring historic Bruges & Floriade 2012

Highlights... Amsterdam • Candlelight Cruise • Floriade • Hortus Botanicus • Brussels
Bruges • Paris • Giverny • Eiffel Tower Dinner • Seine River Cruise

Per Person Rates: Double \$3,999; Single \$4,999; Triple \$3,969 * (see terms)

Included in Price:

Round Trip Air from Ottawa and Hotel Transfers

Not included in price:

Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$140 (subject to increase until paid in full), Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$300 per person

Day 1: Monday, August 13, 2012

Overnight Flight

On this special tour you will enjoy immersion in the culture of the Benelux region. Cruise the canals of Amsterdam by candlelight, stroll through the colorful displays of the Floriade, explore historic Bruges and stroll the boulevards of Paris, France. Your journey begins with an overnight flight to Amsterdam, "Venice of the North."

Day 2: Tuesday, August 14, 2012

Amsterdam, Netherlands - Tour Begins

Your tour begins today in Amsterdam, the 800-year-old thriving capital of Holland. **Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a delicious welcome dinner in a local restaurant, followed by a candlelight canal cruise.** *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Wednesday, August 15, 2012

Amsterdam

A comprehensive sightseeing tour highlights Amsterdam's historic city center, the Royal Palace, and a visit to one of Amsterdam's famous diamond-cutting artisan workshops. Afterwards, visit the Hortus Botanicus Amsterdam, one of the oldest botanical gardens in the world. Originally founded in 1638 as a medicinal herb garden, today it boasts more than 4,000 plant species in gardens and greenhouses protected from the

bustle of the city behind the 300-year-old gates. The remainder of your day is at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Thursday, August 16, 2012

Amsterdam - Floriade - Amsterdam

Spend the day captivated by the beauty of nature and awed by scientists' efforts to understand it at the world-famous Floriade horticultural exhibition. Held just once every 10 years, Floriade is the ultimate global cultural event, featuring flora from around the world, as well as more than 300 cultural and green-tech presentations across a 60-acre park in Venlo, Netherlands. Also on display are living cultural exhibitions representing more than 30 countries from around the world. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Friday, August 17, 2012

Amsterdam - Brussels, Belgium

After breakfast, travel to Brussels, the capital of Belgium and home of the EU Parliament. Upon arrival in Brussels, enjoy a panoramic tour of the city including the Royal Gardens and castle, Atomium, Arch of Triumph, the Art Nouveau houses, and of course, the world-famous Grand Palace. The balance of your day in Brussels is free. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 6: Saturday, August 18, 2012

Brussels - Bruges - Brussels

Travel to the imperial city of Bruges. Lined with typical patrician houses, Bruges, a World Heritage site, conveys the splendor of by-gone days. **Allow yourself to journey back into medieval times with a leisurely-paced walking tour, guided by a local resident, of one of Europe's most perfectly preserved medieval cities.** Then, spend time at leisure independently exploring Bruges. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 7: Sunday, August 19, 2012

Brussels

Today is yours to explore Brussels on your own, or you may choose to join an optional excursion to the Belgian and French countryside for an artisanal afternoon visiting various local farms and food producers. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 8: Monday, August 20, 2012

Brussels - Paris, France

Today you travel through the Ardennes forest and French countryside to the "City of Lights." Upon arrival in Paris, you will have free time to relax or explore the city independently. You may also join your fellow travelers for an optional dinner and cabaret show in the city. *Today breakfast will be included.*



Day 9: Tuesday, August 21, 2012

Paris - Giverny - Paris

Your day begins with a panoramic tour of Paris. See the breathtaking architecture of the Arc de Triomphe, the Gothic cathedral of Notre Dame with its lovely rose windows dating to the 13th century, the historic Place de la Concorde and its commanding obelisk from the tomb of Ramses II in Egypt, Place Vendome, and the Champs-Élysées, the famed promenade that is known around the world for its people-watching. **Next, Claude Monet's famous painting "Water Lilies"**

comes to life with a visit to the artist's lovely home and palatial gardens in Giverny. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 10: Wednesday, August 22, 2012

Paris

Today is free for you to explore Paris on your own and perhaps take an optional excursion to the world-famous Louvre Museum or Louis XIV's magnificent Palace of Versailles, or sit in a café on the Champs-Élysées and watch the world go by Parisian-style – it's Paris your way! **Cap off an incredible trip with a fabulous dinner in**

the world-famous Eiffel Tower. Savor delicious cuisine and sip wine while enjoying the majestic Parisian skyline. Afterwards, relax and soak up the atmosphere of the city while on a romantic Seine River cruise. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 11: Thursday, August 23, 2012

Paris - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today in Paris. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Experience It!

FLORIADÉ!

Floriade is the World Horticultural Expo held only once every ten years in the Netherlands. "Floriade 2012" presents visitors with the opportunity to enjoy the world's most exquisite and exceptional flowers, plants, trees, fruits, and vegetables in a 165 acre country setting along the German border. The daily cultural program includes musical shows, dances representing countries around the world, theatre and sustainable architectural designs that have never been seen before. Floriade is truly a pioneering event in the areas of horticulture, sustainability and cultural exchange that offer countless opportunities for visitors to learn about the world. There are various restaurants serving regional cuisines and welcoming European cafes offer visitors the chance to savour delicious local and international cuisine, naturally prepared with organic and locally grown ingredients. Afterwards, you can lounge in the green parks surrounded by flowers and trees on the banks of the water and watch the cultural parades go by. Floriade 2012 is about people from all over the world coming together and experiencing nature, and about humankind's relationship with its environment. Using the senses of sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell, you can experience first-hand the influence horticulture has on the quality of our daily lives.

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day	1	Overnight Flight
Day	2 - 4	Convent Hotel, Amsterdam
Day	5 - 7	Crowne Plaza, Brussels
Day	8 - 10	Les Jardins du Marais, Paris
<i>On some dates alternate hotels may be used.</i>		

Please Note:

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

"Leisure Stays" are tours in which the itineraries are designed to allow for multiple-night stays in two or more cities. This allows you a more leisurely pace and more time to explore the destinations on your own.

***Early Booking Savings is valid on Collette Vacations air inclusive group bookings for departures May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013 and will expire February 14, 2012, your groups' deposit due date.**

Please note that single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

After your seat reduction date of February 14, 2012 has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained

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IDENTIFICATION

Obtaining the proper proof of citizenship for entry to destination countries is the responsibility of each client. Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside Canada.

NOTE: Passports must be valid for up to eight months beyond the travel date to their destination country(ies). Some countries require a visa in addition to a passport. Please check with the appropriate consulate for specific information on passport/visa and entry requirements. Visit www.voyage.gc.ca for the latest details.

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When travelling outside of Canada, health insurance is required. Contact your booking agent for more information.

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