

## 8 Day Pilgrimage to Belgium & Holland visiting Brussels, Louvain, Banneux, Beauraing, Tournai, Bruges & Amsterdam

April 13 – 20, 2009

**Mon, April 13<sup>th</sup>:** Newark/Brussels - Depart Newark Airport on your overnight flight to Brussels. Dinner served in flight.

**Tue, April 14<sup>th</sup>:** Brussels - Morning arrival in **Brussels** and transfer to your hotel. After time to rest, we have a panorama of the city. We begin our walking tour at the famous Grand Place, the world famous Market Square in the heart of Medieval Brussels. Our guide will tell us about the history of the remarkable City Hall and quaint Guild Houses. Next we board our motorcoach to see beautiful St. Michael's Cathedral, the Congress Column, the stately Royal Square, the Royal Palace and the Houses of Parliament. Remainder of the day is free. (B,D)

**Wed, April 15<sup>th</sup>:** Brussels - After breakfast we depart to **Louvain** to visit the St. Anotnius Chapel and the tomb of Father Damien. Father Damien is known for his ministering to people with leprosy who had been placed under a government-sanctioned medical quarantine, on the island of Molokai in the Kingdom of Hawaii. He eventually contracted the disease himself, and is widely considered a "martyr of charity". Father Damien died on April 15, 1889. On June 4, 1995, Pope John Paul II beatified Father Damien. In 2005, Fr. Damien was honored with the title of De Grootste Belg, The Greatest Belgian in Belgian history. We return to Brussels for a free afternoon on our own. "Don't forget the Belgium Chocolate." (B,D)

**Thu, April 16<sup>th</sup>:** Banneux/Beauraing - This morning we travel to **Banneux** to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Banneux where 8 apparitions took place in 1933. The message of Our Lady at Banneux, while given through a single child, is a message for all her children. "I come to relieve suffering." As Our Lady drew Mariette to the water of a healing spring, she draws us all to the living water - Christ Jesus. By declaring herself the Virgin of the Poor, she reminds us of her love and concern for all of mankind. After Mass and our visit, we continue to **Beauraing**. In 1932 on November 29<sup>th</sup> Albert Voisin, along with four other children, saw the Mother of God in **Beauraing**. Our Blessed Mother's messages included, "Always be good." On December 29<sup>th</sup> just before leaving, Our Lady opened her arms, her hands had been folded before then she revealed her Immaculate Heart. The children saw a Heart of gold with rays emanating from it. On December 30<sup>th</sup> Our Blessed Mother's message was, "Pray. Pray very much." (B,D)

**Fri, April 17<sup>th</sup>:** Bruges - Morning departure to Bruges. Upon arrival in **Bruges**, we visit to the Basilica of the Holy Blood. The **Basilica of the Holy Blood** houses a venerated relic of Christ whose origin is a mystery. Since 1149, the Basilica has housed a fragment of cloth stained with what is said to be the coagulated blood of Christ, wiped from His body after the crucifixion by Joseph of Arimathea. Legend says the holy cloth was brought to Bruges at the time of the Second Crusade by the Count of Flanders, Diederik van de Elzas, who received it from the Patriarch of Jerusalem. The relic is embedded in a rock-crystal vial, which itself is inside a small glass cylinder adorned with a golden crown at each end. Normally the relic is kept in a magnificent tabernacle, on which is an image of the "lamb of Christ," on a side altar in the upper chapel. The sacred relic is brought out daily so that the faithful can venerate it. Each year on the Feast of the Ascension the bishop of Bruges carries the relic through the streets, accompanied by costumed residents acting out biblical scenes. We will have Mass and the opportunity to venerate the relic. After our visit we will have free time in this beautiful city. Bruges is one of the most perfectly preserved medieval cities in Europe. **UNESCO has designated the entire historic center as a World Heritage Site. In your free time**, cruise on the canal or just walk around this wonderful city. (B,D)

**Sat, April 18<sup>th</sup>:**Antwerp/Amsterdam – Morning departure to **Amsterdam**. En route we stop in **Antwerp**. Antwerp is famous as the "Diamond Center of the World" but it is much more than diamonds: it is a stylish European city filled with the monuments of a wealthy medieval and Renaissance period. Antwerp boasts a magnificent cathedral, the towering **Cathedral of Our Lady** which is a masterpiece of Gothic architecture. It is the largest church in the Low Countries. Antwerp Cathedral also houses four magnificent Rubens altarpieces. We will visit the Cathedral and small museum with the works of Rubens. After our visit, we will have some free time to visit the Grote Markt before we continue to Amsterdam. Upon arrival in Amsterdam we visit the Chapel of Our Lady of All Nations. On March 25, 1945, the Feast of the Annunciation, Our Lady appeared to a simple woman, Ida Peerdeman who lived with her sisters in Amsterdam. This was the first of 56 apparitions. Remainder of the day is free. (B,D)

Sun, April 19<sup>th</sup>: Amsterdam - This morning we have a tour of Amsterdam including a visit to Anne Frank's House and the Begijnhof. The Begijnhof is an enclosed courtyard dating from the early 14<sup>th</sup> Century. Nothing survived the earliest dwellings, but the Begijnhof, which is cut off from Amsterdam's traffic still retains a sanctified atmosphere. The Begijnhof was originally built as a sanctuary for the Begiintjes, a Catholic sisterhood who lived like nuns, although they took no monastic vows. The beautiful houses overlook the well-kept green gardens. After our tour we have free time to enjoy Amsterdam on our own. (B,D)

Mon, April 20<sup>th</sup>: Amsterdam/USA - Morning departure to Amsterdam Airport for your return flight to the USA. (B)

**Pilgrimage Price: \$ 2,799.00 per person Double or Triple \$ 650.00 Single Supplement**

**Due to the recent increase in Fuel it may become necessary to increase our rate by the Fuel Surcharge.**

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Air Fare from Newark, Hotel, 1<sup>st</sup> Class hotels, Deluxe Motorcoach, Sightseeing as per itinerary, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily in Fatima, Breakfast & Dinner in Lisbon, Daily Mass and Rosary, Porterage (one piece of luggage) at hotels, Taxes & Service Charges.

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