

ERL'S MOSELLE TOUR

10TH TO 17TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Via Anee, nr Namur in Belgium & then north Luxembourg
Homeward via Ypres Belgium, for the WW1 Menin Gate Ceremony



Traben-Trarbach on the River Moselle, Germany – our base for Five Nights

- A Seven Night Tour, rendezvousing for the first night at Anhee, near Namur in Belgium
- 5 nights at the beautiful 4*Luxe Romantik Group *Hotel Bellevue* in the wine village of Traben Trarbach
 - Visits on days out to various places: o Cochem with its huge castle and typical town square o Via St Goa to The Loreley on the River Rhine o Local wine tastings o Moselle boat trip
- Meals, with wines, on 5 evenings during the Tour
- 2 evenings free for you to enjoy the hotels a la carte or an outside restaurant
- The 7th night will be in West Belgium at the beautifully restored town of Ypres, where there is the option to attend the Famous Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony

Ferries are not included on the Tour, as some may wish to travel from either Hull to Rotterdam, Harwich to The Hook of Holland, Dover to Calais or via the Tunnel from Folkestone to Calais. (eurotunnel.com)

The distances to the first Hotel at Anhee, south of Namur from the Hook of Holland, or Rotterdam is 165 miles, (3.5 motorway hrs). For those using the Tunnel it is too far in one day, so I suggest you join me on Monday 10th on the 15.20 Shuttle departure, arriving 16.55 local, and then spend a night at Chateau Tilques, 30 minutes from Calais. The next day to Anhee is then 150 miles. **Let me know on the Booking Form, & I will book you the half board room you require, you pay the Hotel direct on departure.**



Cochem



The River Moselle and its vineyards



St Goar on the Rhine (and a car ferry!)

THE MOSELLE AND OUR 5 NIGHT HOTEL, THE 4* LUXE HOTEL BELLEVUE, 11TH TO 15TH SEPT. NIGHTS

Wending between vertiginous vine-covered slopes, the Moselle (Mosel in German) is narrower than its neighbour, the Rhine, and has a more intimate charm. The German section of the river, which rises in France then traverses Luxembourg, flows for 195km from Trier to Koblenz on a slow, winding course, with entrancing scenery around every hairpin bend, colourful half-timbered medieval villages, crumbling hilltop castles, elegant Jugendstil (art nouveau) villas, and ancient wine warehouses.



The Art Nouveau Hotel main building and boat stop



Reception and main stairs



The main Restaurant

Dating from 1903, this 4-star Superior, Art-Nouveau hotel, with 68 rooms, offers attractive rooms and is right on the banks of the Moselle. It has an in-house pool and spa facilities. The elegant rooms are located in the main building of the **Romantik Jugendstilhotel Bellevue** and some feature antique furnishings. Other rooms and suites are situated in the annex, 80 metres away

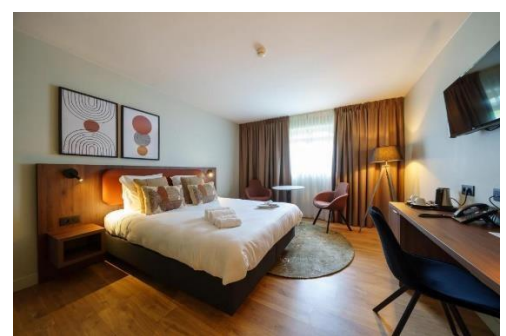
THE BELGAN OVERNIGHT HOTEL OUTWARD, THE 4* LES JARDINS DE LA MOLIGNEE, ANHEE, TUE 10TH



Hotel Les Jardins de la Molignee



The Hotel's associated Pub



Bedroom in the modern part of the Hotel

This picturesque and idyllic hotel, with 51 rooms, offers elegant accommodation between Namur and Dinant, the gateway to the Belgian Ardennes. Located right next to the Meuse River and the charming village centre of Anhee, Les Jardins De La Molignée offers a peaceful setting and incredible natural beauty. A full size pool, beautiful gardens, plus its own independently run pub, support the two main buildings, one old, one new. Here the group will rendezvous, before driving the 135 miles to Traben-Trarbach.

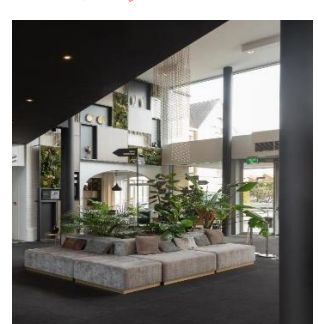
THE BELGAN OVERNIGHT HOTEL HOMEWARD, THE 4* ARIANE IN CENTRAL IPRES, MONDAY 16TH



The Ariane Hotel, Ypres



Main Square, Ipres, with the magnificently restored buildings



Ariane's Two story Reception

The Ariane is a family-run, 62 room, hotel offering modern rooms including a buffet-style breakfast, a 7-minute walk from Ypres' historical centre with the Menin Gate and the *In Flanders Fields* Museum. A very popular Hotel with a 9.8 rating. This hotel is surrounded by gardens with a pond, a secluded terrace and a petanque square. It is planned to have Dinner at 6pm, so we can then walk to the Menin Gate for the 8pm Last Post Ceremony. After which the many Bars in the square will beckon us for a relaxed Last Tour Evening.

Today's mileage of 245 miles will be split between Autoroutes and ordinary roads, making the driving about 6 hours in total..

TUESDAY 17TH – HOMEWARD BOUND

For those travelling via Calais for the Tunnel or Ferry and onward in England, it is a 70 mile drive, taking about 80 minutes. So catching a Shuttle at about 11.20am will see you arriving in England at about 10.55 for the homeward drive. Or about 11.45 if on a ferry. For those returning to the overnight ferry from either Rotterdam or The Hook of Holland it is about 160 miles to drive today.

THE MENIN GATE LAST POST CEREMONY

The daily act of remembrance

THE SALUTE TO THE FALLEN

The Last Post, the traditional final salute to the fallen, is played by the buglers of the Last Post Association in honour of the memory of the soldiers of the former British Empire and its allies, who died in the Ypres Salient during the First World War (1914-1918). It is the intention of the Last Post Association to maintain this daily act of homage in perpetuity.

Every evening at exactly 8 o'clock, the police halts the traffic passing under the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing in the Belgian city of Ieper to allow the buglers to play their simple but moving tribute. It has been performed every evening, since 1928, except when the Germans were in control of Ypres in the Second World War.

Everyone can attend this Last Post Ceremony free of charge, without the need for prior reservation, unless you wish to actively participate. It lasts about 15 minutes, is free and optional.



The Last Post Ceremony



The Menin Gate

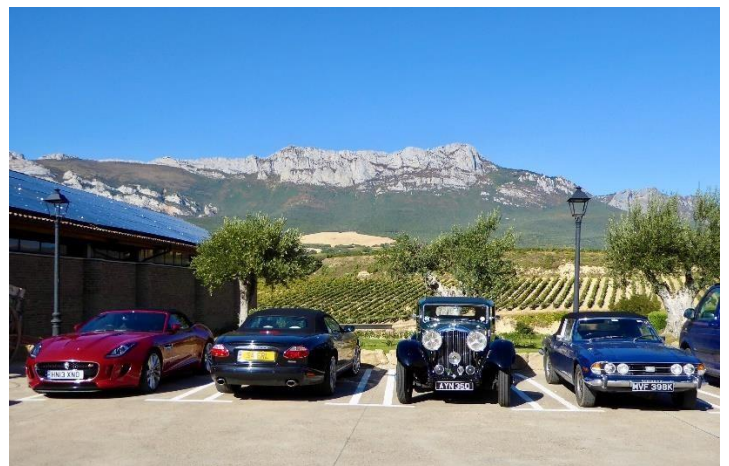
PRICE FOR THE 7 NIGHT TOUR FROM £2395.00PP

Price includes:

Five Dinners ALL WITH LOCAL WINES
Seven nights Four Star Hotels with ensuite B&B accommodation
Hotel local taxes and Parking charges where applicable
Creation and supplying of Route Book from Namur and eventually back to Ypres, and Rally Plates Moselle
River boat trip and Wine Tasting Session in the Moselle.
and the services of a Tour Director.

Not included:

Ferry or Tunnel costs
Fuel and Autoroute charges
Insurance – and you must have at least personal and the minimum car insurance Any
items of a personal nature – drinks other than as stated above, tips, laundry etc.



Cars, and drivers, of all ages are welcome