



Fall Break in Belgium and the Netherlands

October 2 - 11, 2015

Upcoming opportunities from The Center for Gifted Studies



SUPER SATURDAYS

FALL: October 31, November 7, 14, & 21, 2015
WINTER: January 30, February 6, 13, & 20, 2016



THE SUMMER CAMP FOR ACADEMICALLY TALENTED MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (SCATS)

June 12 - 24, 2016



TRAVEL IN FRANCE April 1 - 10, 2016



THE SUMMER PROGRAM FOR VERBALLY AND MATHEMATICALLY PRECOCIOUS YOUTH (VAMPY)

June 26 - July 16, 2016



*A Travel/Study Program to
Selected Points of Interest in Belgium
and the Netherlands for
Eighth Grade and High School Honors
Students as well as Interested Adults*

Sponsored by:
The Center for
Gifted Studies
at WKU



FALL BREAK IN BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS

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This program is an opportunity for eighth grade and high school honors students as well as interested adults to spend eight days learning about the history, culture, and people of Belgium and the Netherlands. This program, sponsored by The Center for Gifted Studies at Western Kentucky University, is designed to provide participants with a carefully structured experience. Twenty-five qualified participants will be accompanied by the program director.



PROGRAM COST

The program cost is \$3,500.00. Included in this cost are:

- Roundtrip airfare from Nashville, TN.
- Hotel accommodations in double rooms in Brussels, Bruges, and Amsterdam. An adult may request a single room for an additional charge.
- Breakfast each day at the hotel.
- Admission to historic sites, museums, and other points of interest listed on the itinerary.
- Travel by motor coach for excursions.

This cost is subject to increase should there be changes in airfares, monetary exchange rates, or service costs that are not now anticipated.

All travelers must be able to participate in normal physical activities. In addition, student applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Enrollment in the eighth grade, freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year in high school;
2. Involvement in high school honors or gifted services; and
3. Two signatures from teachers, counselors, principals, and/or G/T coordinators recommending participation.

APPLICATION

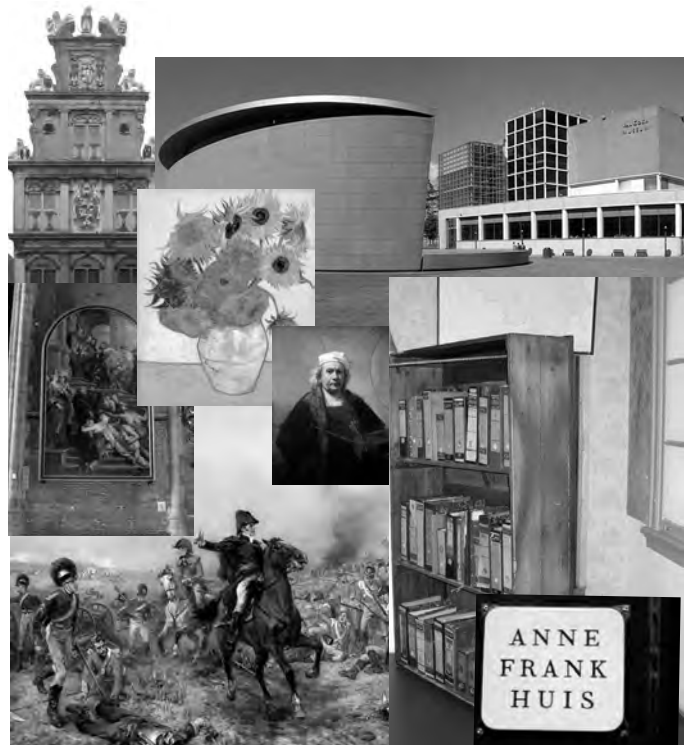
A passport-size photograph and a nonrefundable deposit of \$300 are due with the application. Eligible participants will be admitted to the program in the order in which applications are received. The deposit will be returned if the study tour has reached its capacity.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$300 deposit and a passport-size photograph are due with application
- \$1,600.00 payment due: August 15, 2015
- \$1,600.00 payment due: September 15, 2015

Applications and requests for further information should be sent to:

The Center for Gifted Studies
Western Kentucky University
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Bowling Green, KY 42101-1031
Telephone: 270.745.5991 or 270.745.6323
Fax: 270.745.6279
Email: gifted@wku.edu
Web: www.wku.edu/gifted



PROGRAM ITINERARY

- October 2** Depart USA for Brussels, Belgium.
Friday
- October 3** Arrive in Brussels and meet our guide. Travel by private motor coach to Waterloo to visit the battlefield, museum, and monument. 2015 marks the bicentennial of the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo. In the afternoon, go to Brussels, taking a bus tour of the city before checking in at the hotel.
Saturday
- October 4** Spend the day visiting the sights in Brussels, including the Grand Place and the Ancient Art and Fin de Siecle Museums. Spend the night in Brussels.
Sunday
- October 5** Depart Brussels for Bruges. Visit the Church of Our Lady to see the statue of the Madonna and Child by Michelangelo. Take a walking tour of the historic Gothic town. Spend the night in Bruges.
Monday
- October 6** Depart Bruges for Ypres. The area around this small town was the site of five major battles during the First World War. Visit the In Flanders Fields Museum which focuses on the lives of ordinary soldiers who fought and died on the Belgian front. Leave Ypres for Ghent. Enroute, stop to visit the Tyne Cot British Cemetery and the German cemetery at Langemark. In Ghent, visit the Cathedral of St. Bavo to see the Van Eyck altarpiece, The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb and Reuben's Entrance of St. Bavo into the Monastery of Ghent. Leave Ghent for Amsterdam, arriving at the hotel in the early evening.
Tuesday
- October 7** Spend the morning visiting the Aalsmeer Flower Auction which is held in what is claimed to be the largest commercial building in the world. About half of all the flowers exported from Holland are auctioned off here in four large auditoriums. In the afternoon visit the Van Gogh Museum which houses 200 paintings owned by Van Gogh's brother, Theo. In the early evening take a canal boat tour of Amsterdam.
Wednesday
- October 8** In the morning, visit the Rijksmuseum. This recently renovated museum houses the best collections of the Dutch Masters in the world. In the afternoon visit the Anne Frank House where, for two years, eight Amsterdam Jews hid from Nazi persecution during World War II. Their story was made famous in *The Diary of Anne Frank*.
Thursday
- October 9** Take a full day excursion to visit the open-air museum of Enkhuizen Zuiderzee. Depart Amsterdam by train for the village of Hoorn, then take the steam train from Hoorn to Medemblik and board a boat for a ride along the coast to reach the museum. In the late afternoon, return to Amsterdam by modern train.
Friday
- October 10** In the morning, visit Rembrandt's house. The afternoon will provide one last chance to explore points of interest in Amsterdam.
Saturday
- October 11** Depart Amsterdam for the USA.
Sunday

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APPLICATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Full Name _____ Preferred First Name _____
(as it appears on your passport)

Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth _____ Passport # _____ Exp. Date _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Applicant's Cell Phone (_____) _____

Email Address _____

Home Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Guardian
(if applicant is a student)

THIS SECTION SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT APPLICANTS.

School Attending _____ Grade in 2015-16 _____

Father's Name _____

Father's Address _____
(if different from applicant)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Father's Occupation _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

Mother's Name _____

Mother's Address _____
(if different from applicant)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mother's Occupation _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

TWO RECOMMENDATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR STUDENT APPLICANTS.

My signature verifies that the applicant is recommended for participation in the Travel in Belgium and the Netherlands program.

Teacher, Counselor, Principal, or G/T Coordinator Position Date

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BE SURE YOU HAVE ENCLOSED THE \$300 DEPOSIT AND A PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THIS APPLICATION.