

UPCOMING TRIPS: January & February, 2013

Maasmechelen Outlets

Tues., Jan. 15, 2013

Price: 25€

This January come and join us for our sales trip to Maasmechelen Village (in Belgium, north of Maastricht). It is home to more than 100 boutiques selling leading local and international brands for example: Nike, Geox, Calvin Klein, Le Creuset, Barbour, Samsonite, Villery & Boch, and many more. In the January sale outlet prices are dropped even more. Shopping is a real pleasure in this 21st century village-style setting that lends itself to a relaxed and stress-free atmosphere. Take a break! The Outlet Centre offers a selection of cafes and restaurants with fine food and drink whether it is a light lunch or a three-course meal. Discover the Outlet Shopping Centre to find leading designer labels at exceptional prices.



TROCing in France & Belgium

Thur., Nov. 24, 2013

Price: 45€ (includes lunch)

If you haven't gone TROCing yet or just can't get enough of it, come join us to explore these second-hand consignment shops. From the very old to the very unusual, there's something here for every taste. Merchandise is quite fluid, so if you've gone before and didn't find anything, you may get lucky this visit! Starting in France at a Lille Troc, we will then proceed to Wasquehal, followed by a lunch stop at La Taverne du Petit Wasquehal nearby. They have prepared a lovely menu for us which you will select at the time of your booking. [ENTRÉE: A1) cheese quiche w/marolles cheese OR B1) raw vegetable plate; PLAT: A2) beef carbonnade (a beef stew) OR B2) salmon with spinach in pastry, both served with french fries; Dessert is sugar cake along with coffee or tea.] After lunch we press on to a troc in Tournai before returning to SHAPE in time for dinner, with your new treasures.



Maastricht Carnival

Sun., Feb. 10, 2013

Price: 18€

Discover Carnival in Maastricht, Netherlands! We will attend the first day of a three-day celebration. The "Prince of fools" (aka Prince Carnival) and his entourage will lead the city celebrations according to their own protocol. Watch the colourful costumes and floats of the grand Carnival parade (Boonte Störrem). The city is decorated in traditional carnival colours of red, yellow, and green. The Carnival is officially launched at 1211 with 11 shots from the Momus cannon and the Mooswief (giant doll that replicates a typical Maastricht market-woman who is the patroness of the Carnival) is raised on a high pole at Vrijthof Square. The Grand Carnival parade begins at 1333 through the city centre. The families & children's parade begins at 1411 in the Hoogbrugstraat in Wyck through the city centre, while the Zate Hermenieesconours (brass band competitions) begin at Vrijthof Square. While most cafes/restaurants will be open, expect shops and museums to be closed. Costumes highly recommended, as hardly anyone will be in regular clothes!



Antique Diva

Thur., Feb. 21, 2013

Price: 80€

Spend a Day with The Antiques Diva® & Co in Belgium at the WORLD'S LARGEST "To The Trade Source" where you cut out the middle man and buy your antiques direct from a dealer who specializes in selling exclusively to the trade before heading over to one of the most significant decorative antiques dealers in Belgium. On this day tour you'll have the opportunity to shop whole sale prices on antiques in a mansion in the Belgian countryside before visiting 4 giant warehouses filled to overflowing with antiques! These aren't "flea market" vintage pieces – but real antiques, high quality, higher end pieces perfect for the serious shoppers and an opportunity exclusively for The Antiques Diva & Co clientele! We'll visit a store not normally open to the public as well as help you develop your taste buds for divine diva décor at other

Belgium sources! As time allows we'll finish the day with additional visits to antique warehouses along the route home. Visit The Antiques Diva™ blog at www.antiquesdiva.com for more mouth-watering details on where to stop, shop and roll out the dough on your travels through Europe! Each guest will be given a hand out with written information of places visited and diva-worthy suggestions as well as a high-quality take-home shopping tote to carry all their purchases and a mini bottle of champagne!

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