

TRAVEL GROUP members are available every WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY from 11:00 – 13:00 in the FOYER of the SHAPE LIBRARY (Bldg 307).



## UPCOMING TRIPS: Spring, 2013



### Belgian Cooking Class

Thur., Feb. 7, 2013

Price: 55€

Pack your favorite apron and paring knife and join us for a unique cooking experience. Veronique Roisin is dedicated to using the best of local ingredients, seeking out artisans like herself and preparing food in a thoughtful way, respectful of the ingredients and where they come from. She will explain the recipes she has chosen and then we will work in groups to prepare them. We will then sit down and consume the fruit of our labors, enjoying some good fellowship as well. Provide your own transportation to this event – only 15 min. from SHAPE.



### 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!



### Creativa (near Brussels)

Thur, Mar. 7, 2013

Price: 25 €(incl. ent. fee & trans)

Are you into Crafts? Then Creativa is for you!!!! Creativa is the fair for creative leisure. The fair has over 200 exhibitors displaying and selling everything you need for scrapbooking, jewellery making, patchwork quilting, card making, mosaics, cake decorating etc etc. Come with us and stock up on supplies for your existing crafts, or find ideas for new hobbies!



## Reims & Champagne Tasting

Tues., Apr. 16, 2013

Price: 42 €

Come join us for a day of beautiful sights and tastes! Enjoy the wondrous city of Reims where two UNESCO world heritage sites are available for you to view (The Notre-Dame Cathedral where almost every King of France was crowned and the Palais du Tau which was the former palace of the bishops of France) as well as numerous shops and fabulous places to eat. You can also visit the Basilica and Abbey of Saint-Remi, the Museum of the Surrender or the Roman-built Mars gate. After spending four hours here, we are off to taste some of the wonderful champagne this region has to offer at the Mercier Champagne House. The visit begins with a film and then we board an elevator with panoramic views that will take us to the cellars 30m below ground. We will then board a train which will travel through part of the 18km of tunnels before returning to ground level. There we will partake of the Bulles d'Or tasting which consists of three different champagnes: Mercier Brut, Brut Rosé and Brut Millésimé before heading back to SHAPE for an early evening arrival.



## Delft & Keukenhof

Tues., Apr. 23, 2013

Price: 55€ plus options

Join us on a wonderful trip to Delft, renowned for beautiful hand painted blue porcelain and for the painter Johannes Vermeer. This trip includes a tour to the Royal Delft Factory as well as three hours in the town of Delft where you can explore the canals, restaurants, shop or tour the other two delft pottery factories or for an additional cost you can stay at the factory and enjoy lunch and dessert as well as paint your own tile or plate. Then we are off to Keukenhof to view the gardens of tulips and hundreds of other flowers. You will have three hours to visit, get something to eat or enjoy an optional guided boat tour.

### **Option A: Royal Delft Exclusive (50 Euro)**

For our enthusiastic visitors we have the Royal Delft Exclusive package, which offers an extensive guided tour, two cups of coffee/tea with apple tart and a small gift, and a delicious lunch of course. To allow you to experience the craftsmanship of the Royal Delft painters for yourself, you can then try your hand at painting in the Delft Blue tile workshop.

### **Option B: Whisperboat Tour at Keukenhof (7.50 Euro)**

This year there is a new attraction at Keukenhof, the so-called 'whisper boats'. These boats are driven by electric engines, are environmentally friendly and are almost silent as they sail through the beautiful surrounding bulb landscape. The boats that are used are perfectly suitable for sailing through the often shallow water. They are, in fact, old boats that used to be used by gardeners, growers and farmers for all types of work. The boat trip lasts about 1 hour and guarantees you the best photographs.



## Windsor Castle

Tues., May 7, 2013

Price: 65 €

Join us on a day trip to WINDSOR CASTLE, the home of the British Royal family for nearly 1000 years. See the splendor of the state rooms, decorated with fine art and beautiful furniture. Take a stroll through the grounds. Your entry is included in the price. The castle is poised above the village of Windsor which is particularly well served when it comes to shops, with a wide selection of gift and fashion shops, restaurants and a department store (Daniel's) known for its selection of toys. There is also the famous Windsor Royal Shopping Mall in a Grade II listed Victorian Railway Station.

The famous Eton College can be reached via a foot bridge (about 20 minutes walk) across the Thames River.



## Giverny: Monet's House and Gardens & Impressionist Museum

Thur., May 23, 2013

Price: 60 € (incl. all entrances & trans.)

Impressionist painter Claude Monet spent 40 years painting scenes of water lilies from his self-planted Japanese Gardens and produced many masterpieces of art admired all over the world. Join us for a tour of the beautiful gardens he created. The day will begin at the Musée des Impressionismes in Giverny. You will find about 30 of Monet's art works and art work from Monet's friends. Those art works are borrowed from the Musée du Quai d'Orsay and from other private and public collections. After the museum you will have time to explore the town or enjoy a meal at a local restaurant or a picnic in the park and stroll along the Seine. In the afternoon, join us for a self-guided tour of the home and gardens where art-lovers, gardeners and botanists alike are sure to find enjoyment. There is a gift shop on the property, housed in the actual sky-lighted studio where Monet painted. You will have time to shop before we depart.



Paris

Thur, June 6, 2013

Price: 35€

Spend the day in Paris and take in the sights! SHAPE Travel Group provides you worry-free transportation to and from Paris. You will have 9 hours to enjoy on your own. Possibilities include the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Arc de Triumphe, or Notre Dame Cathedral. Your day is yours to make!

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