

2023 IIMC Study Abroad Program and Symposium – Belgium and The Netherlands
September 16 – September 22, 2023 (Symposium September 21 and 22)

FOUR CMC Education or FOUR MMC Advanced Education points for participants attending the Study Abroad/Symposium Program.

The 2023 IIMC Study Abroad Program and Symposium offers IIMC members an opportunity to explore iconic cities and two countries – Bruges, Belgium and Amsterdam, The Netherlands and to network with IIMC's international community. The Symposium, titled "*Broadening your Horizons – The Challenges of Crossing Borders,*" features renowned international speakers and education sessions with a variety of topics. It will be held in Amsterdam and sponsored by IIMC affiliate the VVG.

The attached brochure provides a synopsis of the Program. The tour will begin in Bruges, Belgium, and conclude at the two-day Symposium in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Education Points

*The Symposium has been approved by the IIMC Education Department for **FOUR CMC Education or FOUR MMC Advanced Education** points with the completion of the required learning assessment.*

*****NOTE***** Study Abroad Program and Symposium participants will need to make their own travel arrangements to Belgium and (see options) return trip home. **Study Abroad Participants' registration includes the 2023 Symposium.**

Study Program/Symposium Five-Day Schedule

Study Abroad Travel Information
Attached brochure provides an overview of the daily schedule

We look forward to your joining the 2023 Study Abroad Tour and Symposium/Conference in the Netherlands which starts on September 16 in Bruges, Belgium and concludes on Friday September 22 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

1. Attached is a brochure detailing the exciting program. Some minor details still must be finalized but, in essence, not much will change.
2. The cost for the tour for IIMC members, including attendance at the Symposium is \$3,000US per person (excluding airfare). Guest/partner cost is \$3,500US. **Deposit of \$2,000US is due on March 31, 2023**
 - a. All accommodation and taxes are included.
 - b. Meals included other than lunches on Sunday 17th and Wednesday 20th, and dinners on Tuesday 19th and Friday 22nd.
 - c. Transport included between Bruges and Amsterdam and on excursions.
3. Plan to arrive no later than 3:00 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Bruges on Saturday 16th. Here is a link to the hotel's website:

- a. https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/brugge/ostbe/hoteldetail?fromRedirect=true&qSrt=sBR&qSIH=ostbe&setPMCookies=true&qSHBr=CP&qDest=Burg+10%2C+Brugge%2C+BE&srb_u=1
- b. Rooms will be available from 3:00 pm.
- c. We will meet for a briefing and introductions at 6:00 pm followed by a drink and dinner in the hotel.

TRAVEL OPTIONS: In planning your trip, keep the following options in mind:

OPTION #1

Fly to and return from Brussels (Brussels International Airport - BRU), Belgium

- i. Take the train to Bruges – there are 3 trains an hour and the journey takes about 55 minutes. Cost around €30.
 - 1. <https://www.thetrainline.com/book/results?journeySearchType=single&origin=2ad64abef8050cb225759459c688d23f&destination=a386fb1bfee70306b245279ebd006265&outwardDate=2022-11-12T14%3A00%3A00&outwardDateType=departAfter&selectedTab=train&selectExactTime=true&lang=en&dpiCookieId=I93QWBHABYFIM4T4RYEZOH60&selectedOutward=ZbxrL2YKSI%3D%3ABEya33pSvXM%3D%3AStandard>
- ii. Take a taxi to Bruges – cost about €200.
 - 1. <https://mydaytrip.com/configurator?adults=2&children=0¤cy=0&departureAt=1670058000000&isOtherDirection=true&luggage=2&passengers=2&routeId=8a704c2b-45a5-42d0-ac9a-77effbd87ad0&vehicles=0>

OPTION #2

Fly to and return from Amsterdam (Schiphol Airport), the Netherlands

- iii. Take a train to Bruges which will take about 3.5 to 4.5 hours with 1 or 2 change overs. Cost about €100
 - 1. <https://www.raileurope.com/en/journey/amsterdam-bruges-mtzfmv?outbound=83825d-9de6d9-be78c0&leg=outbound>
- iv. Take a taxi to Bruges – cost around €450
 - 1. https://airportstaxitransfers.com/transportation/taxibookings/Transfer-from-Schiphol-Airport-Evert-van-de-Beekstraat-Schiphol-Netherlands-to-Bruges-Belgium?loc1_name=Schiphol+Airport%2C+Evert+van+de+Beekstraat%2C+Schiphol%2C+Netherlands&loc2_name=Bruges%2C+Belgium&pax1=1&date1=11%2F02%2F2023&date2=12%2F11%2F2022&loc1=ChIJj0GtOCjhxCrRXSwObEbLcsE&loc2=ChIJDUlewdBQw0cR902DyFrzoho&loc1_additional=0&loc2_additional=0&time1=12%3A00&time2=13%3A00&single=1"e=1

If you require more information or would like to discuss anything, please feel free to contact IIMC Executive Director Chris Shalby at chriss@iimc.com. Please register your interest as soon as possible as numbers will be limited due to hotel room availability.

Reservations will only be accepted upon payment of a deposit of \$2,000.00US