

# Belgium & Holland – 10-Day Luxury Itinerary

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Base in Brussels (6 nights) with day trips to Antwerp, Bruges, and Ghent, then 3 nights in Amsterdam (day trip to Rotterdam). Curated fine dining, private transfers, and VIP access where possible.

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## Full Day-to-Day Itinerary

### Day 1 – Arrival & Settle in Brussels

- Arrive at Brussels Airport (BRU) and private transfer to your hotel. Luxury suggestions: Hotel Amigo (near Grand Place) or Steigenberger Wiltcher's (Avenue Louise).
  - Afternoon: Walk to Grand Place, admire guild halls and the Town Hall.
  - Lunch: Le Bistro (as listed) — classic Belgian bistro fare.
  - Afternoon: Chocolate browsing (visit Elisabeth chocolates).
  - Dinner: Noordzee — Mer du Nord (seafood stand/experience; try oysters and fresh catch).
  - Evening: Private cocktail at the hotel bar or a nighttime stroll in the Sablon antiques district.
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### Day 2 – Brussels: Museums & Sablon District

- Morning: Visit Royal Museums of Fine Arts and Magritte Museum.
  - Stroll the Sablon (antiques, chocolatiers, fine galleries).
  - Lunch: Elegant café in Sablon or revisit Le Bistro favorites.
  - Afternoon: Private guided tour of Atomium or a boutique shopping appointment along Avenue Louise.
  - Dinner: Michelin or chef-driven tasting menu at a top Brussels restaurant (reserve in advance).
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### Day 3 – Day Trip: Antwerp (luxury highlights)

- Private chauffeured transfer or train to Antwerp (≈40–50 min).
  - Explore Grote Markt, Cathedral of Our Lady (Rubens), and diamond district.
  - Lunch: Fiskebar or a high-end seafood restaurant in Antwerp (as you listed Fiskebar — include if in Antwerp scene).
  - Afternoon: Fashion district (ModeNatie) and private boutique viewings.
  - Return to Brussels in the evening.
  - Dinner: Return to Brussels for a relaxed evening meal (hotel recommendation dining).
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### Day 4 – Day Trip: Bruges (medieval charm)

- Private transfer or high-speed train to Bruges (≈1 hr).
  - Explore Markt Square, Belfry tower, Basilica of the Holy Blood, and canal boat ride.
  - Lunch: Local gourmet bistro by the canals; sample Flemish specialties.
  - Afternoon: Chocolate & lace shops, optional private horse-carriage tour.
  - Return to Brussels for evening.
  - Dinner: Light dinner or enjoy Noordzee seafood second night (if desired).
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### Day 5 – Day Trip: Ghent & Local Flavours

- Morning private drive to Ghent (≈40 min). Explore Gravensteen Castle, St. Bavo's Cathedral, and waterways.
  - Lunch: Sample local gastronomy — chic riverside bistro.
  - Afternoon: Art museum or private boat tour of Ghent canals.
  - Return to Brussels.
  - Dinner: Enjoy an intimate tasting menu in Brussels or a late-night bistro.
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### Day 6 – Brussels Leisure & Markets

- Morning: Visit Les Marolles market and Bozar art center.
- Lunch: Try local specialties or revisit your favorites (Le Bistro).
- Afternoon: Free time — spa at hotel or private atelier visit (chocolate-making class at Elisabeth chocolates).

- Dinner: Elegant farewell dinner in Brussels — consider a chef’s table or private dining room.
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### **Day 7 – Transfer to Amsterdam**

- Check out and private transfer or Thalys train to Amsterdam (≈1.5–2 hr by train).
  - Check in to luxury hotel: Conservatorium Hotel, Hotel de L’Europe, or The Dylan (in the canal belt).
  - Afternoon: Stroll the canals, Dam Square, and the Nine Streets (De Negen Straatjes).
  - Lunch: The Seafood Bar (as listed) — renowned for fresh seafood and oysters.
  - Dinner: Michelin or chef-driven dinner in Amsterdam (reserve in advance).
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### **Day 8 – Amsterdam: Museums & Canals**

- Morning: Visit Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh Museum (private guided tours possible).
  - Lunch: Canal-side café or revisit The Seafood Bar for another tasting.
  - Afternoon: Private canal cruise (champagne onboard) with VIP boarding.
  - Dinner: Trendy Amsterdam chef’s table or classic Dutch fine dining.
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### **Day 9 – Day Trip: Rotterdam or Leisure in Amsterdam**

- Option A: Private transfer to Rotterdam (≈40 min) — modern architecture, Markthal, and fine seafood scene (day trip as you listed).
  - Option B: Stay in Amsterdam for a curated shopping and gallery day, or a private bike tour to Amsterdam’s countryside (Haarlem or Zaanse Schans).
  - Lunch: In Rotterdam try The Seafood Bar variant or a modern brasserie; in Amsterdam choose a luxe canal restaurant.
  - Dinner: Final Amsterdam celebratory dinner (book a top table).
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### **Day 10 – Departure (Amsterdam)**

- Morning: Leisurely breakfast, last canal-side stroll, or quick souvenir pickup.
  - Check out and private transfer to Schiphol Airport (AMS) for departure.
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### **Practical Travel Info**

- Main Stations / Travel Hubs: Brussels Midi/Zuid (Thalys/Eurostar), Brussels Central, Amsterdam Centraal, Rotterdam Centraal.
- Airports: Brussels (BRU), Brussels Charleroi (CRL) for budget options; Amsterdam Schiphol (AMS).

- Transport: Thalys/Eurostar for fast rail; private chauffeurs for day trips create a luxury, door-to-door experience.
  - Currency: Euro (€). Cards widely accepted; carry small cash for markets.
  - Power / Plugs: Type C/F (230V).
  - Hotels (luxury suggestions): Brussels — Hotel Amigo, Steigenberger Wiltcher's; Amsterdam — Conservatorium, Hotel de L'Europe, The Dylan.
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### **Travel Tips & Essentials**

- Dining reservations: Book Noordzee, Fiskebar, The Seafood Bar, and top Michelin tables weeks in advance.
- Local specialties: Try moules-frites, Belgian chocolates (Elisabeth chocolates), and Flemish stews.
- Walking & weather: Cobblestones in Bruges/Ghent; bring waterproof layers in variable weather.
- Market tips: Les Marolles/Bozar in Brussels and Markthal in Rotterdam are best early morning.
- Tipping: Service often included in Belgium/Netherlands; small extra tip for exceptional service appreciated.

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