

# Holland & Belgium – 9-Day Luxury Escape

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A journey through Amsterdam, The Hague, and Rotterdam — blending art, design, and canal elegance — before crossing into Belgium for the medieval charm of Bruges and cosmopolitan Brussels. Expect private transfers, hand-picked dining, and bespoke cultural access.

## Full Day-to-Day Itinerary

### Day 1 – Arrival in Amsterdam

- Arrive at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (AMS). Private transfer to your hotel: The Dylan, De L'Europe, or Conservatorium.
- Afternoon: Canal stroll and boutique shopping in the Nine Streets (De Negen Straatjes).
- Lunch: The Seafood Bar (fresh oysters & seafood platters).
- Evening: Private canal cruise with champagne and hors d'oeuvres.
- Dinner: Fine dining at Rijks or a Michelin chef's table experience.
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### Day 2 – Amsterdam: Art, History & Leisure

- Morning: Visit Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh Museum with skip-the-line access.
- Lunch: Museumplein café or canal-view terrace.
- Afternoon: Jordaan district for galleries, concept stores, and local ateliers.
- Dinner: Dutch modern tasting menu at Daalder or Bridges.
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### Day 3 – Amsterdam Day Trip: Haarlem

- Morning: Private car or train to Haarlem (20 min). Visit Grote Markt and Frans Hals Museum.
- Lunch: French bistro in Haarlem's old town.
- Afternoon: Return to Amsterdam for leisure — optional spa at Conservatorium or a boutique visit.
- Dinner: Return to your favorite Amsterdam restaurant or try De Kas (greenhouse dining).
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### Day 4 – Transfer to The Hague (Den Haag)

- Check out and private transfer (≈1 hr). Check in: Hotel Des Indes or Paleis Hotel.
- Morning: Mauritshuis Museum (Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring).
- Lunch: Sea-view restaurant in Scheveningen.
- Afternoon: Explore Noordeinde Palace and Peace Palace.

- Dinner: Michelin-style seafood at Catch by Simonis.
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#### **Day 5 – Day Trip: Delft & Leiden**

- Private transfer to Delft (30 min). Explore Markt Square, Vermeer Centre, and canals.
- Lunch: Boutique restaurant in Delft.
- Afternoon: Continue to Leiden (20 min), visit botanical gardens and Rembrandt heritage sites.
- Return to The Hague for dinner and evening leisure.
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#### **Day 6 – Transfer to Rotterdam**

- Check out and private transfer (≈30 min). Stay at Mainport Hotel or Room Mate Bruno.
- Morning: Visit Markthal, Cube Houses, and Erasmus Bridge.
- Lunch: The Fish Market or chic urban bistro.
- Afternoon: Private architectural tour or boat cruise through the port.
- Dinner: Michelin dining — FG Food Labs or Joelia.
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#### **Day 7 – Transfer to Belgium – Bruges**

- Private car or train to Bruges (≈2.5 hrs). Check in at Hotel Dukes' Palace or The Heritage.
- Afternoon: Canal walk and Markt Square visit.
- Lunch: Local Flemish café or fine bistro.
- Evening: Romantic horse-carriage ride and dinner at Den Gouden Harynck.
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#### **Day 8 – Bruges to Brussels**

- Morning: Breakfast and final stroll through Bruges.
- Private transfer to Brussels (≈1 hr).
- Afternoon: Explore Grand Place, Magritte Museum, and Sablon district.
- Lunch: Le Bistro (Belgian classic).
- Dinner: Fine dining farewell at Bozar or a top Brussels restaurant.
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#### **Day 9 – Departure**

- Leisurely morning in Brussels.
- Private transfer to Brussels Airport (BRU) for your onward flight.



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### **Practical Travel Info**

- Main Hubs: Amsterdam Centraal, The Hague HS, Rotterdam Centraal, Brussels Midi.
- Airports: AMS (Amsterdam), BRU (Brussels).
- Transfers: Thalys or private chauffeured car.
- Currency: Euro (€).
- Hotels (Luxury Picks):
  - Amsterdam: The Dylan, Conservatorium, Hotel de L'Europe
  - The Hague: Hotel Des Indes
  - Rotterdam: Mainport Hotel
  - Bruges: Dukes' Palace

### **Travel Tips & Essentials**

- Dining: Reserve De Kas, Rijks, and Michelin tables well in advance.
- Local experiences: Bike along canals in The Hague or enjoy a champagne cruise in Amsterdam.
- Shopping: Rotterdam's Lijnbaan for modern brands, Sablon in Brussels for antiques and chocolates.
- Weather: Carry layers — coastal cities can be breezy.
- Tipping: Not required but appreciated (round up bills).

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