

Art of Northern Europe Tour 2010

3-18 June 2010

Please Note: As of April 29, 2010 this tour has been postponed to October, 2010.

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Following my lectures on the art Northern Europe from the 15th to the 17th century in April and May in Sackville we will offer a two week tour of the Netherlands, Belgium and France to see much of the art that was covered in my lectures. We will go to museums, churches, town halls and other sites in the three countries to see this art. Of course, there will be time to do other things with me such as beer tasting (we will be Belgium); wine tasting (France, need I say more) and in general eat well. Art, food and wine and I am sure that we can find a little music in the evenings to make it all perfect. The pace of the tour will be **relaxed**. After all we aren't getting any younger and what's the hurry.

We will depart Halifax Thursday evening 3 June for Amsterdam via Icelandic Airlines arrival on the of morning of 4 June. We shall be met at the airport by our own small bus that will take us our hotel. We will spend one week in the Netherlands and Belgium and one week in France. All travel will be on our own small bus. Don't worry I won't be doing the driving

We will spend three nights in Amsterdam and visit museums and other sites. In addition to Amsterdam, we will visit Rotterdam, Haarlem, The Hague and Delft.

In Belgium we will spend two nights in Antwerp and two nights in Bruges, and we will visit Brussels, Ghent and Leuven.

In France we will divide the week between Reims, Colmar, Dijon and Beaune. There will be an optional extra cost three day tour of Paris for those who are interested. The flight back to Halifax will depart from Paris also with Icelandic Airlines.

The cost of this splendid little adventure is approximately \$5000 plus airfare that, at present, is just under \$1000. This will include hotels, breakfasts, ground transportation, museum entries, some additional meals in France and some other costs. I am still working on final details with the tour operator, but should have it all figured out in the next week or two. Currently the limit will be for 13 people plus myself. The final cost will be determined by how many people we have for the tour. We can take more, but the next bus size up is for forty plus people. The \$5000 figure is based on a double rate. Single rate would cost extra.

Virgil Hammock, 18 March 2010.