



Bringing Music to Life

PROGRAMME FOR BISHOP WORDSWORTH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL TOUR TO GHENT, BELGIUM
Departing 09 Feb 2017 Returning 13 Feb 2017

Thursday 09 Feb 2017	
	Please see travel details.
17:15 TBC	Arrive at DE DRAECKE YOUTH HOSTEL, St. Widostraat 11, 9000 Ghent, BELGIUM T: +32 9 233 7050, http://www.jeugdherbergen.be/en/youth-hostels/city Please note that your coach will not be available for the rest of the day due to EU coach driving regulations.
	Access and parking notes: Coach can drop off at accommodation but then will have to park at the designated coach parking space in Ghent, approx. 10-15 min walking distance. Coach companies/drivers should account for possible taxi costs to/from the parking space. Liestraat is the best place to drop off instruments and luggage. It is not advised for the coach to pull up in front of the hostel.
	Time to check in. A damage deposit of €500.00 for the group in cash/ by credit card will be requested on arrival. Should there be no damage during your stay, this will be refunded when checking out.
	On arrival, a local tour manager will meet you at your accommodation to help you check in, to discuss your programme and to answer any queries you may have. Please confirm any dietary requirements with them and ensure kitchen staff are aware of any specific requirements for food preparation.
	About the accommodation: This hostel is situated right in the heart of the old town-centre, only 100 metres away from the Castle of the Counts of Flanders. All places of interest in the city are within walking distance. The hostel offers multi-bedded rooms and all the rooms have private facilities. There are smaller rooms for the teachers/drivers with facilities. The hostel offers storage rooms for instruments but rehearsing is only possible after breakfast [8pm noise curfew]. Needs to be requested in advance. The hostel does not provide towels. Thursdays are vegetarian days.
18:30 - 19:30	Evening meal at accommodation (first meal included).
	Enjoy the evening relaxing in your accommodation or exploring the town of Ghent by night.

Friday 10 Feb 2017	
08:00	Breakfast at accommodation.
09:00	Depart on foot to visit Gravensteen.
09:15	Enjoy your un-guided visit of the castle with great photos opportunities from the towers.
	Gravensteen (Castle of the Counts): to book? Built in 1180 by Philip of Alsace, the Count of Flanders, this castle has taken on many transformations in its long life. Once the Mint, Council of Flanders and High Court of Justice (including torture chambers), it went into private ownership and became a cotton spinning mill and workers' house. It has now been restored to public ownership and houses an exhibition of life in Ghent as well as torture instruments. Location: Sint Veerleplein, Ghent

Tel:	+32 9 225 93 06
Website:	http://gravensteen.stad.gent/en
Advance booking:	Necessary
Length of visit:	1 hour
Opening times:	Nov – Mar: 09:00 - 17:00 [16:00 last admission]
Prices:	Students under 19 free / 19-25 yrs: €6.00 / €7.50 adults. Tour manager goes free
<i>Please provide a list of pupils and teachers names on school-headed paper for free entrance</i>	
10:30	Approximate end of your visit. Enjoy your visit of Ghent on foot. Ghent, the capital of Flanders, was once the most powerful medieval city in Europe after Paris. As such it offers some wonderful historical buildings including the famous Guild Halls in Graslei, the boatmen's guild at the Korenlei, as well as numerous abbeys, churches and religious houses. Don't miss Werregarenstraat where the town has allowed the local graffiti artists to express their creativity. Stroll around the city centre.
Please allow time to make your own arrangements for lunch.	
Take time to change to your concert dress and walk to the venue.	
14:00	Arrive to concert venue and set up.
1) CONCERT at ST. BAAFSKATHEDRAAL ST BAVO'S CATHEDRAL	
Address	Sint-Baafsplein, Hoofdkerkstraat 1, B - 9000 Ghent
Parking	The official coach drop off / pick up is at the FRANCOIS LAURENTPLEIN (located just behind the Cathedral). Coaches can drop off /pick up their passengers at St. Jacobs' church and this without any penalties from the police. 550m walk to the venue. The official coach parking is at the DAMPOORT.
Contact	Venue T: +32 92692045 / +32 9 225 16 26/ Mr Bart Maton, T: / +32 (0) 9 269 20 45/ +32 (0) 496 20 82 64
Rehearsal	Time to warm up and set up on arrival.
15:00	Concert begins.
Notes	There is only 1 toilet in the venue, please use the public ones across the square near the tourist office. The Cathedral has changing facilities. Number of the cathedral is +32 9 225 49 85. Please note that respect is asked for in the sacred areas side of the Cathedral : silence besides rehearsal and performance, no eating or drinking etc.
Changing	yes, where canons dress can be used
Toilets	1
15:45-16:00	Concert ends. Pack up.
16:30	Depart.
Would you be interested by a guided tour of the city or another organised activity?	
18:30	Evening meal at accommodation. Enjoy the evening relaxing in your accommodation or exploring the town of Ghent by night.
Alternatively, would you be interested to go bowling?	

Overpoort Bowling: to book?

Location: Overpoort, Ghent Overpoortstraat 38, 9000 Ghent
 Tel: +32 9 224 24 18
 Website: www.overpoortbowl.be
 Opening times: 12:00-22:30
 2016 Prices: Mon-Fri €4.25, includes shoes
 2nd game for €3.00.
 Parking: Drop off only
 To be paid locally
 Note: ** lanes have been booked for your group. Please organise your teams in advance.
 The bowling alley has 7 lanes

Saturday 11 Feb 2017

08:00 Breakfast at accommodation.

09:00 Depart by coach for Ypres.

11:00 Approximate arrival in Ypres.
 Rich in history, Ypres was completely destroyed during World War I. After the war the town was rebuilt using money paid by Germany in reparations, with the main square (including the Cloth Hall and town hall) being rebuilt as close to the original designs as possible (the rest of the rebuilt town is more modern in appearance). The Cloth Hall today is home to the In Flanders Fields Museum, dedicated to Ypres's role in the First World War.
 Today, Ypres is a small city in the very western part of Belgium. Ypres these days has the title of "city of peace" and maintains a close friendship with another town on which war had a profound impact: Hiroshima. Both towns witnessed warfare at its worst.
 Stroll around the city and visit The Belfry, The Townhall Nieuwerck and Saint Martin's Cathedral.

Enjoy your guided visit with your two guide.

Ypres Battlefields and Flanders Field Museum reservation

Location: Ypres Tourist Office
 Cloth Hall, Grote Markt 34, B - 8900 Ypres
 Meeting point: Pick up guides at Tourist Office, Cloth Hall
 Tel: +32 57 239 220
 Website: www.tourismeieper.be
 Length of visit: 3h minimum
 2017 prices: 2 x £90 3hr
 Payment: **Per invoice via Club Europe - Present your voucher**
 Note: Guided tour by coach of the battlefields. The guides will jump on your coach and direct the drivers to the Battlefields and cemeteries.
 You should be visiting Essex Farm Cemetery, Tyne Cot and Langemark cemetery.

Essex Farm cemetery:

The land south of Essex Farm was used as a dressing station cemetery from April 1915 to August 1917. The burials were made without definite plans and some of the divisions which occupied this sector may be traced in almost every part of the cemetery, but the 49th (West Riding) Division buried their dead of 1915 in Plot I, and the 38th (Welsh)

Division used Plot III in the autumn of 1916.
 There are 1,200 servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery. 103 of the burials are unidentified but special memorials commemorate 19 casualties known or believed to be buried among them.
 It was in Essex Farm Cemetery that Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae of the Canadian Army Medical Corps wrote the poem 'In Flanders Fields' in May 1915.
Location: East side of the N369 Ypres - Boezinge road, about 1.5 kilometres north of Ieper (Ypres).
Website: <http://www.greatwar.co.uk/ypres-salient/cemetery-essex-farm.htm>
Parking: Next to the cemetery and off the main carriageway

Tyne Cot cemetery:

Tyne Cot Cemetery is the resting place of 11,954 soldiers from the Commonwealth Forces. This was the largest number of burials contained in any Commonwealth cemetery of either the First or Second World War. It is the largest Commonwealth military cemetery in the world.
Location: Vijfwegenstraat, 8980 Zonnebeke
Website: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tyne_Cot
Drivers: Note the road leading to the cemetery's car park has a sharp corner turn.

Langemark cemetery:

German cemetery containing the bodies of more than 40,000 German troops, half of whom lie in a mass grave.
Location: Klerkenstraat, Langemark
Coach: There is a car park at the north end of the cemetery, away from the main road. It is suitable for coaches. Access to the cemetery can be made safely from this car park along a flat path following the northern and eastern hedged boundary of the cemetery to the main entrance.

To be invoiced separately.

Please allow time to make your own arrangements for lunch.

TBC	Set up at the Church.
2) CONCERT	at SAINT GEORGE'S MEMORIAL CHURCH
Address	Elverdingsestraat 1, 8900 Ypres
Parking	Unload/upload : rear side of the Cloth Hall, along the side gable of the restaurants Klein Stadhuis and Den Anker. Parking: In front of St Martin's Church on the Vandenpeereboomplein, also called "Leet" [6 places for coaches] for limited time OR along the Oudstrijderslaan, South-west of the town centre [near train station] OR on the Minneplein near the prison.
Contact	Venue T: +32 (0) 57 21 56 85/ Mr Peter & Patricia Hawkins, T: / /
Rehearsal	Time to warm up and set up on arrival Concert begins.
Notes	
Changing	
Toilets	0

Concert ends.

17:30

Enjoy your meal.

T'Ganzeke: to book?

Cosy restaurant with a view of the Cloth Hall and the cathedral. Hearty and affordable menu.

Location: A.Vandepereboomplein 5, 8900 YPRES

Tel: +32(0)57 200 009

2016 Prices: 2 course meal: No supplement, included – 2017 price TBC
3 course meal: £4.00 supplement

Payment: **Via Club Europe - Present voucher**

Note: **Please call the restaurant in advance to give the exact numbers for each course or email it to Club Europe 2 weeks in advance.**

Choice of Menu:

One glass of wine per adult, one Coke per child and tap water on the tables.

Please pick 2 starters, main and dessert options from list below, for the reservation:

Starter, choice between: - pick 2 choices for the list below

- One shrimp croquette
- One cheese croquette
- Salad with mozzarella
- Quiche with ham and leeks
- Salad with smoked salmon

Main course, choice between: - pick 2 choices for the list below

- Flemish stew with chips
- Half a chicken with chips
- Cordon bleu of turkey with chips
- Spaghetti bolognaise
- Turkey schnitzel with chips

Dessert, choice between: - pick 2 choices for the list below

- Doughnut
- Boule de Berlin
- Plate with little pastries
- Ice cream
- Chocolate mousse

For the vegetarians, the restaurant can offer vegetarian spaghetti or veggie burgers.

For the gluten free, the restaurant can offer gluten free Flemish stew, gluten free spaghetti bolognaise, gluten free meatballs in tomato sauce.

The restaurant can provide nut free pastries to allergy sufferers.

A dairy free meal is available on request: starter: Salad with smoked salmon, main Cordon bleu of turkey with chips, dessert: a fruit salad.

To be invoiced separately.

19:15	Set up for the ceremony.
CEREMONY LAST POST	
Address	Menin Gate, B8900 Ypres
Parking	Drop off by Menin Gate (Grote Markt) and you can usually park there. Unloading of instruments on footpath possible. Parking on Hoomwerk in evenings only.
Contact	Venue T: +32 475 53 42 84 (mob Jacky) / Ian Connelly,
20:00	Ceremony begins.
Notes	Pieces approved: For the Fallen – Elgar Abide With Me – Monk It is discouraged to play the UK National Anthem. If you feel strongly about it, please check with the contact on the day. Ian Connelly & Jacky Platteeuw are the contacts on the day: +32 475 53 42 84. Note there is no electricity and no chairs at the venue. Maximum 50 people to perform in the limited space.
Changing	No
Toilets	0
20:30	Ceremony ends.
21:00	Meet with your coach and depart for the accommodation.
23:00	Approximate arrival at accommodation.

Sunday 12 Feb 2017	
08:00	Breakfast at accommodation.
09:00	Depart by coach for Bruges.
10:00	Approximate arrival in Bruges. Bruges is one of Europe's loveliest cities and is listed as a UNESCO world heritage site. You can stroll around this open-air museum of churches, elegant houses, famous canals and ports. There are plenty of activities to appeal to the younger tourist. Most museums are free of charge for school groups, except the Belfry tower. Note to the drivers: Coaches are allowed to drop off and pick up the passengers at the Bargeweg (near the Minnewater), a 15 minute walk to the centre. See pack for more information.
	Your group will be divided in two as the chocolate shop can only hold 40 people maximum per visit. Waiting to hear back from the canal cruise companies to see if they will be exceptionally open at this time of year.
GROUP A	
10:30	Enjoy your guided visit. Sukerbuyc Chocolaterie: to book? A unique opportunity to take a behind-the-scenes tour of this exclusive chocolate manufacturer, one of the few that continues to make handmade chocolates. Location: Katelijnestraat 5, Bruges Tel: +32 50 33 08 87

Website:	www.sukerbuyc.be
Advance booking:	Essential: minimum of 1 -2 weeks in advance
Opening times:	Shop itself: daily 08:00 – 18:30 Tours: mornings only 09:00-12:00
Length of visit:	30-45 mins
Prices:	Free of charge
<i>Note:</i> Group of 40 maximum, any larger your group will be split into smaller groups.	
Punctuality is essential!	
The visit is free and you are encouraged to buy chocolate following your visit. The shop can keep your purchases in labelled bags until time of departure from Bruges. Just ask the manager on the day.	
11:45	Approximate end of your visit.
GROUP B	
11:30	Enjoy your guided visit. Sukerbuyc Chocolaterie: The visit is free and you are encouraged to buy chocolate following your visit. The shop can keep your purchases in labelled bags until time of departure from Bruges. Just ask the manager on the day.
12:15	Approximate end of your visit. Please allow time to make your own arrangements for lunch.
14:00	Arrive and set up at the cathedral.
4) CONCERT at SINT SALVATOR CATHEDRAL	
Address	Sint-Salvatorskoostraat 8, 8000 Bruges
Parking	Drop off and pick up only. For parking, see the advice for parking in Bruges. Present your authorisation to drop off/pick up the equipment at the venue.
Contact	Venue T: +32 50 33 68 41/ Dean Jan Tilleman, T: / +32 50 33 68 41/
Rehearsal	Time to warm up and set up on arrival.
15:00	Concert begins.
Notes	Bruges' oldest parish church (12th-15th century). Worth seeing are the goblins, mausoleums in the choir, rood-loft with organ (1619-1717), choir stalls and numerous fine paintings. Cathedral's treasury: Paintings by, among others, Dirk Bouts, Hugo van der Goes, manuscripts, copper memorial plaques and silver and gold artefacts. Contact on the day is: Dirk Desmet +32 499 42 27 93
Changing	Yes
Toilets	2
15:45-16:00	Concert ends.
16:30	Pack up and depart. Enjoy free time to visit Bruges. Would you like more suggestions of places to visit?
18:00	Meet with your coach and depart for the accomodaiton.
19:30	Evening meal at accommodation. Enjoy your last evening in Ghent. Spend the evening relaxing in your accommodation or exploring the town of Ghent by



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night.
Alternatively, we can book the conference room at the accommodation for an award ceremony or quiz night.

Monday 13 Feb 2017	
08:00-09:30	Breakfast at accommodation (last meal included). Please note that your coach will not be available until departure.
10:00 latest	Time to check out.
11:30 TBC	Return to the UK. Please see travel details.

PLEASE NOTE
<i>Please bear in mind the EU coach driving regulations and discuss any changes to the programme with your drivers.</i>
<i>Your tour manager, , will meet you at . Please note your tour manager is not a guide.</i>
<i>Your hotel is booked on a full board basis.</i>
<i>Towels are not provided in youth centres.</i>
<i>Entrance fees, guided tours and meals en route are not included in the tour cost.</i>
<i>In order to obtain group rates, reductions and free places, it is essential to carry with you a list of the pupils' names and dates of birth on school headed paper.</i>
<i>Excursions marked with an asterisk have been booked. To avoid cancellation fees telephone numbers are provided to enable you to change or cancel the excursions that have been booked (conditions apply).</i>
<u>Coach drivers:</u> <i>For detailed parking information please check the separate document attached.</i>

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