

## 2009 - BeNeLux Plus (2 WEEKS)

### GENERAL ITINERARY

17-Jul	Day 0	Friday	fly out of JFK
18-Jul	Day 1	Saturday	arrive to Amsterdam & day in Amsterdam
19-Jul	Day 2	Sunday	Amsterdam
20-Jul	Day 3	Monday	Amsterdam
21-Jul	Day 4	Tuesday	Amsterdam
22-Jul	Day 5	Wednesday	Amsterdam
23-Jul	Day 6	Thursday	train Amsterdam - Brussels & day in Brussels
24-Jul	Day 7	Friday	Brussels
25-Jul	Day 8	Saturday	day trip to Ghent and Brugge
26-Jul	Day 9	Sunday	day trip to Luxembourg
27-Jul	Day 10	Monday	fly from Brussels to Rhodes, Greece & day at Rhodes
28-Jul	Day 11	Tuesday	Rhodes
29-Jul	Day 12	Wednesday	Rhodes
30-Jul	Day 13	Thursday	Rhodes and trip to Symi
31-Jul	Day 14	Friday	Rhodes
1-Aug	Day 15	Saturday	Rhodes
2-Aug	Day 16	Sunday	fly back to JFK with layover in Amsterdam

\* Detailed Itinerary is done from my memory, trip notes, and my pictures. Some sights could be in slightly different order

\*\* Many restaurants, bars, gelaterias, food stands where I dined are not mentioned in the itinerary

\*\*\* Many hotels, motels, bed and breakfast... are also not mentioned

### DETAILED ITINERARY

17-Jul	Day 0	Friday	fly out of JFK to Amsterdam
18-Jul	Day 1	Saturday	arrive to Amsterdam airport
			- train from airport to Amsterdam Centraal Station
			- check into Park Plaza Victoria Amsterdam hotel
			- Red Light District at daytime - walk around
			- Hash Marihuana Museum
			- Oude Kerk (Old Church)
			- Dam Square
			- National Monument
			- try Patat (frites)
			- Amsterdam Bridges and Canals
			- Red Light District at night

19-Jul	Day 2	Sunday	Amsterdam:
			- Magere Brug (Skinny Bridge)
			- Rijksmuseum
			- Van Gogh Museum
			- Vondelpark
			- Basilica of St Nicholas
			- Red Light District at night
			- Coffeshops
			- sex show at Casa Rosso
20-Jul	Day 3	Monday	Amsterdam:
			- Rembrandt house museum
			- Begijnhof (garden)
			- Amsterdam Canal boat tour
			- walk around Jordaan (hip area)
			- Anne Frank House
			- Dutch West India Company Building
			- more bridges and canals
			- walk around Amsterdam
			- coffeeshops
21-Jul	Day 4	Tuesday	Amsterdam:
			- 3 hrs bike ride to Amsterdam Countryside with Yellow Bike Ride
			- Heineken Building
			- Sex Museum
			- try FEBO snacks
			- Westerkerk (Dutch Protestant Church)
			- Nueve Kerk (15th Century Church)
			- Zuiderkerk (17th Century Protestant Church)
			- Red Light District at night
			- Coffeshops
22-Jul	Day 5	Wednesday	Amsterdam:
			- torture museum
			- Da Waag (Nieumarkt)
			- Flower market
			- Narrowest House on Singel
			- walk around Amsterdam
23-Jul	Day 6	Thursday	train Amsterdam - Brussels & day in Brussels:
			- check into Metropole Hotel
			- Grand Place and Guilt Houses
			- Brussels Town Hall
			- St Michael and St Gudula Cathedral
			- Manneken Pis
			- taste chocolates
			- Galleries Royales Saint-Hubert (Mall)

			- seafood dinner
			- Janneken Pis
			- Grand Place at night (light show)
24-Jul	Day 7	Friday	Brussels:
			- Don Quichote Statue
			- Comics Museum
			- Royal Museum of Fine Arts
			- European Parliament and nearby
			- Cinquantenaire (Jubel Park)
			- Royal Palace and Royal Park
			- Basilique de Koekelberg
			- Brussels Stock Exchange
			- Palais de Justice with best panoramas over Brussels
			- walk around Brussels; taste beers
			- Grand Place at night
25-Jul	Day 8	Saturday	day trip to Ghent and Brugge
			- in the evening go to Atomium
			- outside concert near Atomium
26-Jul	Day 9	Sunday	day trip to Luxembourg
27-Jul	Day 10	Monday	fly from Brussels to Rhodes, Greece & day at Rhodes
			- arrive to Rhodes and check into Amathus Beach Hotel
			- walk around lalisou street (Ixia town)
			- dinner on lalisou street
28-Jul	Day 11	Tuesday	Rhodes:
			- day at the Hotel, pool, beach
			- evening: walking around beach area
29-Jul	Day 12	Wednesday	Rhodes:
			- go to Rhodes Old Town
			- Rhodes Old Town:
			a. medieval buildings, mosques, fountains, Byzantine and Gothic churches; ancient streets
			b. Medieval walls
			c. Seven Gates
			d. Acropolis of the Knights
			e. Palace of the Grand Masters
			f. Hora (commoners residences)
			g. Jewish Quarter
			h. Street of Knights
			i. Orffeos Street
			j. Suleiman Mosque
			k. Ippokratous Square
			- Rhodes New Town
			a. Mandraki harbor
			b. Statues of male and female deer (Elafos and Elafina) on columns in the mouth of the harbor entrance

			c. area where Colossus of Rhodes once stood (marked by Elafo and Elafo)
			d. Tower of St Nicholas
			e. Theater, Courts, Post Office, City Hall
			f. Rodini Park (deers, peacocks and others)
			- take bus to Monte Smith (St Stephen's Hill)
			a. Acropolis of Rhodes
			b. stadium
			c. theatre
			d. Temple of Pythian Apollo (remains)
			- walk back to Ixia with spectacular views along the way
			- evening and dinner in Ixia
30-Jul	Day 13	Thursday	Rhodes and trip to Symi:
			- boat trip to Symi and St Michaels Church
			- evening at hotel and Ixia
31-Jul	Day 14	Friday	Rhodes
			- trip to Lindos
			a. Acropolis of Lindos
			b. St Paul's Bay
			c. tomb of Kleoboulos
			d. Lindos Old Town
			e. Athena Temple
			f. beach in Lindos
			- evening at the Paradiso Club - best and biggest open air club on Rhodes (near Kalithea beach)
1-Aug	Day 15	Saturday	Rhodes:
			- day in Ixia (by the pool; walk around town)
2-Aug	Day 16	Sunday	fly back to NY with layover in Amsterdam