

Hampshire Federation of WIs

Valkenburg, Maastricht and the Eifel Mountains

26 April 2021 5 days, four nights. £435 based on 40 travelling

Price includes:

- ABTA Protection
- 5 days coach hire from Hampshire to Valkenburg.
- Return Dover-Calais ferry crossing
- 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the Walram Hotel, Valkenburg
- Entrance to the Gemeentegrot Caves.
- Maastricht sightseeing river cruise
- Guided tour of Maastricht
- Guided tour of Aachen

Monday 26th April 2021: Depart the UK. Meet the coach at your designated pick up location, in time for Dover-Calais crossing (Time TBC). Upon arrival in Calais, the journey to Valkenburg begins which is approximately 3 ½ hours. Once you have arrived at the Walram Hotel in Valkenburg, settle in to your room and make your way down to the restaurant for the evening meal.

Tuesday 27th April 2021: Valkenburg & the Gemeentegrot Caves. After breakfast, spend some free time exploring Valkenburg. Sometimes called 'Marlstone Town' because of the lime found in the soil and the soft yellow marlstone which has been quarried as building material since Roman times. As a result, there is now a network of over 150 miles of underground corridors beneath the town. Then, discover the oldest marl cave in the Netherlands and immerse yourself in a new, spectacular world. Afterwards, there is plenty to keep you occupied above ground, such as the castle ruins and many shops, bars, cafés and restaurants. Then, return to the hotel for your dinner.

Wednesday 28th April 2021: Maastricht Today, there is a full day excursion to Maastricht, also known as the 'Paris of the Benelux'. A guided tour of the city or you can enjoy at your leisure, visiting the Stokstraat Quarter, the Basilica of Our Lady, the Ramparts and much more. In the afternoon, enjoy a 1 hour sightseeing cruise passing the city centre, the Bonnefantenmuseum, the provincial government building and the slopes of the Sint Pieters hill up to the Belgium border, where the boat turns back to the centre.

Thursday 29th April 2021: Three Countries, Aachen and the Eifel Mountains. Why not take the opportunity to see three countries in one day by crossing the border into Germany and visiting the town of Aachen. A guided tour of the town or enjoy some free time exploring the great old town and its Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A journey over the Belgian border could bring you through the stunning scenery of the Eifel Mountains to the picturesque village of Monschau, famous for its half-timbered buildings overlooked by a medieval castle. Afterwards return back to Valkenburg, for dinner at the hotel.

Friday 30th April 2021: Return to the UK Unfortunately, it is time to say goodbye to the Netherlands, after breakfast, board your coach, travel to Calais and the ferry home.