

# **Loyola New Orleans in Leuven, Belgium**

## **Living and Learning Abroad Summer Study**

**11 July to 08 August 2013**

## Political Map of Europe



# Belgium

## in the Heart of Europe



**Light Green -- Dutch**  
**Red -- French**  
**Blue -- German**



**Belgium has three official language. But English is widely understood in the Dutch speaking areas. Leuven, as a university town, is particularly attuned to English, as many courses at the university are offered in English for foreigners who seldom learn Dutch.**









Leuven is a university town located 20 km to the east of Brussels. The first references to the town may go back to the 9th century, but it was not until the 12th century that Leuven started to flourish as an important trading center for cloth. Later, during the 15th century (i.e. in 1425) the University of Leuven was founded.





**Quasomodo: Naamsestraat 2**



# Life in Market Square







Bikes are a very popular form of student transportation. In the summer, one can rent a bike for a very nominal fee.









# Het Groot Begijnhof

**The Beguinage (Dutch: 'Begijnhof'), was founded in the 13th century outside the town wall of the time.** The oldest houses date from the 16th century when the original houses were replaced by brick structures. The 72 houses are generally named after a saint or a Biblical event. The church, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, is early Gothic. The date of construction, 1305, is carved into the right buttress of the north portal.

**Approximately 300 'Begijns' lived in the 'Begijnhof' in the 17th century.** The beguines (Dutch: 'Begijnen') were women who lived a religious life but kept their own property and supported themselves. They did not make perpetual vows. The movement was very strong throughout the Low Countries.

The 'Groot Begijnhof' is now a University residential quarter for students, professors, and employees of the University.

















# Leuven's Old Walled City



Loyola International Nachbahr Huis  
Schapenstraat 80/1  
B-3000 Leuven  
Belgium

Location of Nachbar Huis

The residence is located about  
10 minutes from the city hall at the center  
of the Leuven



## Some views of Loyola International House -- our summer residence --

**Loyola International Nachbahr Huis** is a residence for students of different nationalities. The building is located in the center of Leuven, in a 17th century convent. One wing of the Black Nun's Convent was restored in 1991-1992 by Loyola College in Baltimore, a Jesuit university. During the academic year, a group of around 30 students from Loyola Baltimore live here while studying at the K.U. Leuven. Most of the students will have departed by the time we arrive, but a few foreign students normally share the building with us while working on their own academic projects.





# **FORMER CHAPEL OF THE “BLACK SISTERS” CONVENT**

**(ATTACHED TO OUR  
RESIDENCE)**





## **Zwartzustersstraat near the Great Beguinage**

The scene feels very "19th century" and the Zwartzustersstraat has wonderful views where it crosses the Dyle river, as well. There is also a side entrance to the Great Beguinage itself.

The steeple of the Nachbar Huis chapel is clearly evident at the top of the photo. At the bottom of the photo is the place where we catch the bus for all our trips.



## **The Courtyard of Loyola International House**

**Entrance facing the inner courtyard**



# Central Computer and Reading Room



## Classroom and TV room Loyola House



Television and videos  
are available outside  
of class time



## Example of one of the bedrooms



Rooms are set up for two or three occupants. You will be provided with sheets, a pillow, a comforter, and towels.  
Rooms have Wi-Fi access.

## One of the Kitchens

- You will have use of plates and pots and a variety of cooking utensils.
- You will have access to refrigerator space, microwave and stove



Students can purchase food from a local grocery and prepare their own meals. It is a good way to “stretch” the dollar.





## **Courtyard of Loyola House**

- There are picnic tables
- Access to a barbecue grill
- A coin-operated laundry



# **Arrival Day in Belgium**

We meet you with a bus at the Brussels airport and take you to Loyola International House.

After getting settled and having a snack, we take an orientation walk around the town.

We will show you the heart of the old city, and point out a grocery store, where ATMs can be accessed and the main dining areas

After the walk and lunch on your own, there will be an optional scavenger hunt with great prizes.

We advise a short rest in the afternoon, because on the evening of your arrival there is a music festival with stages in the squares.



# Music Festivals







Beleuvenissen on the Old Market is held every Friday evening in July.



**Saturday we take a walk  
to the Arenberg Castle in Heverlee**





- On this walk we will point out the large supermarket.
- There will be refreshments at the end of the walk.





## **Sunday**

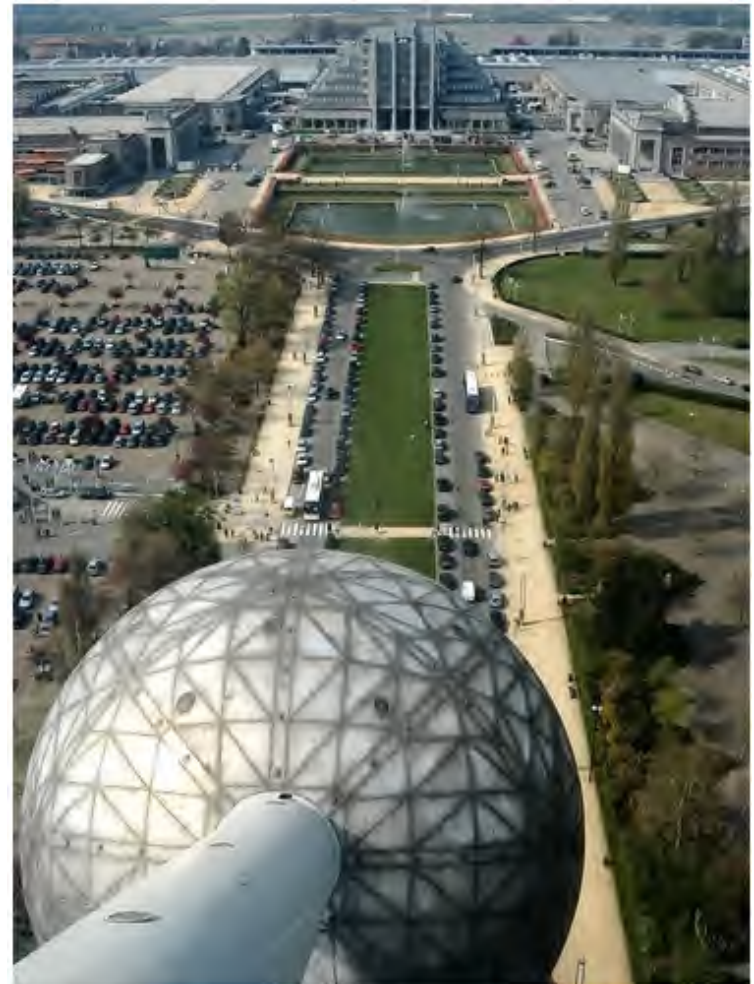
- We walk to the Leuven train station.
- We show you how to purchase a train ticket (approximately \$6), read the time tables and use trains in Europe.
- We travel together to Brussels. About 25 minutes away.
- We take a walk to interesting sites in the heart of the city. Then you will be free to explore the city, have something to eat, and return to Leuven as you wish.

# Leuven Train Station





# BRUSSELS











## Day Trips by Bus

- Ghent and Bruges
- Amsterdam
- Ypres and Breendonk
- Aachen and Cologne
- Verdun







Famous Ghent Altar Piece of the Adoration of the Mystic Lamb, 1432



**GRAVENSTEEN**

**CASTLE OF THE  
DUKES OF FLANDERS**

**GHENT, BELGIUM**



## Bruges: The Venice of the North



















## **Amsterdam, Netherlands**

We will take you to the Rijksmuseum.  
You will then have the option of going to either:

*Anne Frank House*

*Van Gogh Museum*



## Fort Breendonk: Nazi Holding Camp









**We visit the medieval town of Ypres (nowadays called by its Flemish name Ieper), where some of the most bitter fighting during the First World War took place. It's museum in the famed Cloth Hall recalls this destructive period in the city's history**





**AACHEN, GERMANY**



**CATHEDRAL IN AACHEN**



# AACHEN CATHEDRAL MUSEUM



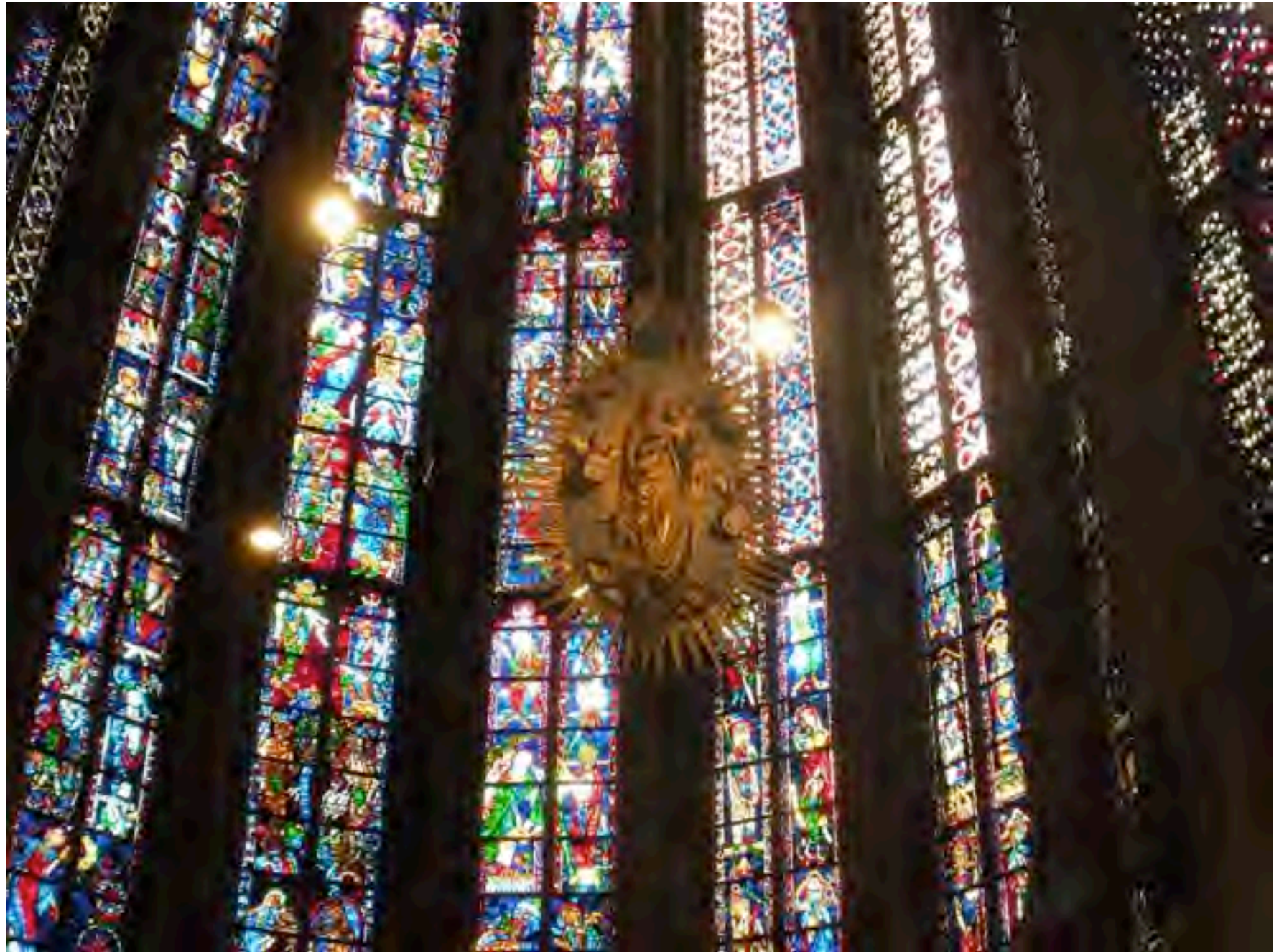
Charlemagne  
in the  
Cathedral  
Treasury  
in  
Aachen







# **Throne of the Emperor Charlemagne**







**COLOGNE CATHEDRAL**

## View of Cologne from the Cathedral Bell Tower



**COLOGNE, GERMANY**



## Verdun, France









# CITY OF BOUILLON, BELGIUM









## **Bouillon Castle**

**Godfried of Bouillon**, is a national figure in Belgium history. He left his castle in Bouillon to lead the First Crusade and become the First Latin Christian King of Jerusalem.

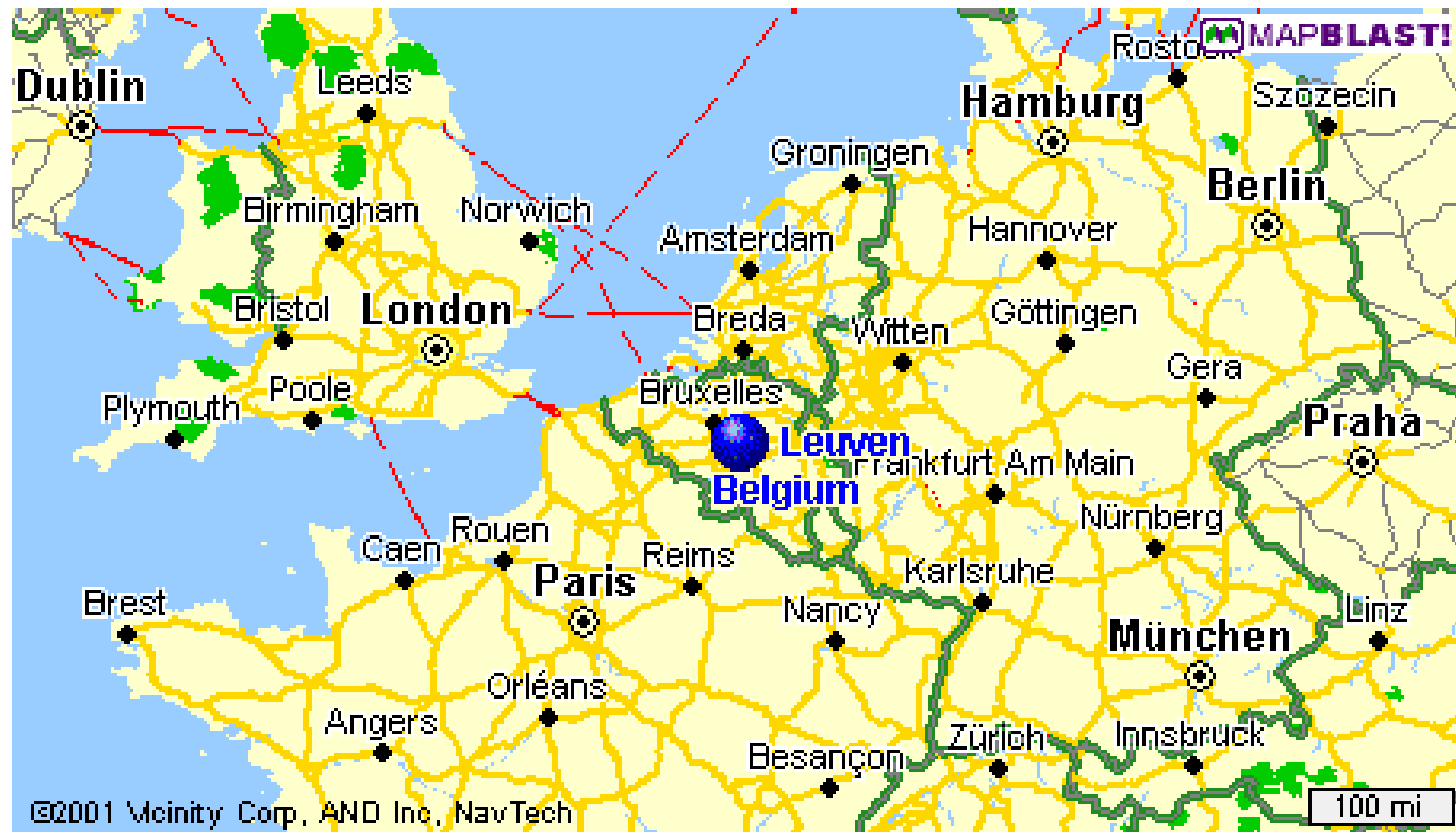




## Two Weekends for Optional Travel

- (Thursday after class), Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
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# Excellent Transportation



**Transport:** Leuven is a rather small town in which one can easily walk; a lot of students cycle around, and bikes can be rented cheaply. From Leuven, one can easily reach the main Belgian cities (e.g., Brussels, Antwerp, Ghent, Bruges, and Liège) and the national airport by train. Traveling to Paris, London, and Amsterdam via Brussels is also very easy.





- Paris is one hour and twenty minutes from Brussels.
- London is two and a half hours from Brussels.
- There are budget fares from Brussels to many cities in Europe. Students have, for example, flown to Venice, Dublin and Prague for their long weekend.

# Travel by Road, Plane and Rail





# **Cost of Program**

**\$3,975**

**Students are responsible for their own round-trip air flight ticket**

Students who travel on the same flight as the group, will be able to take a bus from the airport provided by the program. Those students arriving too late to take the bus will be responsible for getting to the Loyola House by either taxi or train.

## **Cost of \$3,975 includes:**

- Tuition for two Loyola courses
- Room
- 200 Euro will be distributed in four installments of 50 euro to help defray the cost of food
- Insurance
- Museum entries
- Group bus trips