

Global Sports Academy

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Christopher Newport University Men's Basketball Tour Belgium, France & Holland



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Itinerary

Day 1

Gather at US Airport and board your trans-Atlantic flight to Brussels. Enjoy meals and snacks in route and arrive the next morning with a grand time of sightseeing, touring, fun and activities ahead.

Day 2

Welcome to **Belgium!** Upon arrival in Brussels you will be met by your tour guide before transferring to **Mechelen, Belgium**. You will be taken on a quick tour of the city of Mechelen. After your tour you will then proceed to your sleeping accommodations for the rest of the day to relax, get settled and explore the surrounding area. Light training session from 6:00 - 7:30pm at Gym Winketkaai and then followed by a "Welcome Party" at VIP Room Club Pitzemburg.



Day 3

After a few days, you get to sleep in and in the late morning you will travel to **Antwerp**, another day for sightseeing and leisure in the town centers for shopping and recreation. **Antwerp** is a major destination of Belgium in the region of Flanders. The overwhelming friendliness of the people of Antwerp and their innate penchant for good food and good living, combined with their low stress lifestyle, makes it a desirable and relaxing place to visit. Renowned for being the "world's leading diamond city", more than 70% of all diamonds are traded in Antwerp. The Diamond Market is the hub of the economic section in Belgium.



Day 4

After breakfast we will travel to **Amsterdam**, the capital of the Netherlands. Amsterdam is colloquially known as Venice of the North, because of its lovely canals that criss-cross the city, its impressive architecture and more than 1,500 bridges. Once in Amsterdam and included in the tour is a river cruise along its picture-book canals - it's something not to be missed! The cruise takes you along several canals and past the city's most spectacular spots. As you glide through the historic city centre you'll see elegant merchants' residences, churches and warehouses, dating from the Golden Age and steeped in history. There is something for every traveler's taste here, whether you prefer culture and history or just the relaxing charm of an old European city.



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Day 5

After a long day in Amsterdam, you get to sleep in a little before breakfast and a day in **Ghent** is a city in Flanders, the northern part of Belgium. Ghent is a city with a population of a quarter of a million. Its size and position allow the inhabitants to enjoy a city with an interesting crossover between open cosmopolitanism and the quiet atmosphere of a provincial town. During the middle ages, it was one of the richest and most powerful cities in Europe. It was once considered the second largest city north of the alps, after Paris. The impact of this rich past can be clearly seen when viewing the imposing architecture of churches and the houses of rich traders. Lunch is on your own.



Game One vs. Pitzemburg (Team and Coaches will be given dinner after the game)

Day 6

After breakfast we will travel to Breendonk Concentration Camp. Fort Breendonk is used during World War II, as a transit and concentration camp during the Nazi occupation of Belgium. After the tour, we are off to sightseeing and shopping in the capitol of Belgium. We will visit Old Town and the Grand Place which was built for the 1954 World's Fair, Palais (The Royal Palace) and the famous Manneken Pis Statue. Brussels is quickly gaining a reputation as one of Europe's must-see destinations, with its small town charm, trendy bars and restaurants, fabulous food, great nightlife, fantastic shopping, numerous museums, and other attractions including the diverse and interesting exhibitions and festivals organized there every year.



Game Two vs. Basics Melsele B (Team and Coaches will be given dinner after the game)

Day 7

After breakfast we will depart for sightseeing and shopping in **Brussels**, the capitol of Belgium. We will visit Old Town and the Grand Place which was built for the 1954 World's Fair, Palais (The Royal Palace) and the famous Manneken Pis Statue. Brussels is quickly gaining a reputation as one of Europe's must-see destinations, with its small town charm, trendy bars and restaurants, fabulous food, great nightlife, fantastic shopping, numerous museums, and other attractions including the diverse and interesting exhibitions and festivals organized there every year. The streets of Brussels feature art and architecture created from an unmistakably Belgian point of view that cannot be replicated. This beautiful city is a center for fashion, art, and Belgian culture.



Game Three vs. St Truiden (Team and Coaches will be given dinner after the game)

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Day 8

After breakfast, we will spend the day in **Paris, France**. Paris has the reputation of being the most beautiful and romantic of all cities, brimming with historic associations and remaining vastly influential in the realms of culture, art, fashion, food and design. Dubbed the City of Light (la Ville Lumière) and Capital of Fashion, Paris contains numerous iconic landmarks, such as the world's most visited tourist site the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Louvre Museum, and the Moulin Rouge, making it the most popular tourist destination in the world. **Lunch and dinner will be on your own** and we will return back to Belgium in the late evening.



Day 9

This morning you will be transported to the airport for your flight home. All good things must come to an end! At the airport you will board your trans-Atlantic jet returning you to the U.S.A. Arrive later this afternoon with many unforgettable memories.

Hotel Information:

Novotel Mechelen Centrum
Van Beethovenstraat 1
2800 Mechelen Belgium
Phone Tel. (+32)15/404950
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The Novotel Mechelen Centrum is a 4-star hotel located in the heart of Mechelen, in the trendy and lively Marché aux Poissons district just a stone's throw from the river Dyle. It has 122 spacious and comfortable rooms, a bar-brasserie and 5 conference rooms. Free Wifi is available in the entire hotel.



<http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-3154-novotel-mechelen-centrum/index.shtml>

The itinerary and tour is not intended to be a scripted event but rather a time for the student athlete to explore and experience a different culture in their own way and time.

About Global Sports Academy

Global Sports Academy is an organization created to arrange athletic competition between equally matched teams at all levels. To "Promote International Goodwill" and a better understanding between nations through sports is our major goal. With Global Sports Academy you will experience the thrill of international sports competition, attend cultural events and see the historical sites of the world.

Global Sports Academy ("GSA") has been participating in domestic and international competition since 1991. It was initially established to provide athletes overseas playing opportunities in Ice Hockey and it has grown to support a total of 12 different sports that compete in 25 different countries.

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"Education, Good Will and Sportsmanship through Sports"

Tour Package Includes the Following:

- Round trip airfare: US Airport – Brussels – US Airport
- Luggage: Each person is allowed 1 suitcase and one 1 carry-on (backpack)
- All taxes (airline/road/hotel) and gratuities (see "Exclusions" below)
- Accommodations in 3 or 4 star hotels in twin bedded rooms; (single room, additional charge)
- 9 Days and 7 Nights
- Meal plan: Buffet breakfast included daily
1st night "Welcome Party"
Team and Coaches only will be given dinner after every game
- English speaking tour guide for entire stay
- Breendonk Concentration Camp.
- Amsterdam River Cruise
- Ground transportation as "a group" for entire tour while in Europe
- 3 games vs. local teams (with number of games to be agreed upon prior to leaving)

Exclusions:

- Lunches and beverages (soda) with meals
- Dinners on all non-games days
- Gratuities for motor coach driver and tour escort
- Admission to all attractions not specified in above inclusions