

# LOYOLA SUMMER SESSION IN BELGIUM JULY 12 – AUGUST 9, 2012

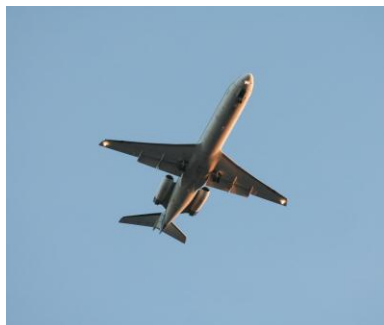


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# Getting There...

Please purchase your plane tickets as soon as possible. The following itinerary indicates the flight plans of Dr. David Moore & Fr. Robert Gerlich, S.J. Use this itinerary as a model for your own.

As of 4-25-2012

AIRLINE	FLIGHT#	DATE	FROM	TO	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
UA	6076	7/ 12 Thurs	New Orleans (MSY)	Washington DC (IAD)	12:30 PM	4:10 PM
UA	950	7/ 12 Thurs	Washington DC (IAD)	Brussels (BRU)	5:49 PM	7:15 AM 7/13 Friday
UA	951	8/ 9 Thurs	Brussels (BRU)	Washington DC (IAD)	12:00 PM	2:12 PM
UA	5977	8/ 9 Thurs	Washington DC (IAD)	New Orleans (MSY)	5:06 PM	6:41 PM

If you are **NOT TRAVELING WITH THE GROUP**, take the train from the Brussels airport to Leuven (Fr: Louvain, not Louvain-la-Neuve which is another town). The airport train station is located below the terminal (basement level-1). The train to Leuven runs twice an hour from the airport. Take the train to Leuven. It is about a 15 minute train ride and costs \$11. When you get to the train station in Leuven, take a taxi and tell the driver you want to go to “Nachbahr Huis at 80 Schapenstraat.”



[www.brusselsairport.be/en/passngr/to from brussels airport/train/](http://www.brusselsairport.be/en/passngr/to_from_brussels_airport/train/)

# Getting in Touch ...

## YOUR MAILING ADDRESS IN BELGIUM:

Loyola International Nachbahr Huis  
Schapenstraat 80/1  
3000 Leuven  
Belgium

## FLOOR PHONES:

### Ground Floor Students

1) 011-32-16-32.94.23

### First Floor Students (American Second Floor)

1) 011-32-16-32.94.24

### **Important Note:**

**Please Remember That Leuven is 7 Hours Ahead of  
New Orleans (CST).**

**(i.e. 7:00 p.m. in Leuven is 12:00 noon in New Orleans)**

## DIRECTORS' PHONES AND EMAILS:

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Dr. Bernard Cook      [cook@loyno.edu](mailto:cook@loyno.edu)

**Calling from Belgium** The United States: Dial 00-1-(area code)-phone number. When calling a Belgian number within Belgium always dial (0) + city code + number.

### **Calling Belgium from the US**

Dial 011 + Country Code 32 + City Code for Brussels 2 +number

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INTERNET ACCESS: WiFi was installed in January.

SKYPE: Make internet calls for free with Skype.

MOBILE PHONES: Can be purchased when you arrive.

# JUST IN CASE ...

## **Important Phone Numbers**

### ONLY FOR EMERGENCY:

Fr. Robert Gerlich, S.J.

1-504-722-2408

### PROGRAM CELL PHONE:

- 1) Belgium  
496-28-0441
- 2) Elsewhere in Europe  
032-32-496-28-0441
- 3) Calling from the United States  
011-32-496-28-04-41



# *Before you leave ...*



**PASSPORTS:** Get one as far in advance as possible.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ID CARDS (ISIC)**– Discount cards are \$22 available through STA travel.

**INSURANCE:** All students on Loyola programs will have health insurance through the Lewer Agency. Information is available on the CIE web site. A card and an information sheet will be distributed upon arrival Friday morning (7/13).

**READ!** Read as much as you can about Belgium and the surrounding European countries before you leave.

Follow the newspapers and magazines on political and social developments. Read some thumbnail histories and books or articles about art and architecture. The more you know, the more you'll appreciate this wonderful experience.

**COURSE BOOKS:** The following books can be purchased in the History Department Office BO 428. \$10.00 each

Dr. Moore – The American Character

Dr. Cook – The History of Belgium

**BAGGAGE REGULATIONS:** United Airlines baggage and fee information as of January 10, 2012:

**CARRY-ON:** One carry-on item & one personal item such as a shoulder bag, backpack, laptop bag or an item of similar size.

**CHECKED LUGGAGE:** One bag weighing no more than 50 lbs. (22.68 Kilos). You can check one additional bag for a fee of **\$70**.

**PACKING ADVICE:** Veteran travelers travel light. We won't have porters, so don't take any more than you can comfortably carry. We'll probably have some cool weather and some warm weather so you might want to bring shorts and a sweater or light jacket. Jeans are universal in Europe. Europe is much less formal than 10 years ago.

**OTHER ITEMS TO CONSIDER:**

Toiletries – comparably priced, but selection varies

Take comfy shoes – we walk a lot

A small umbrella

A small dictionary

An alarm clock (battery powered)

A notebook

**WEATHER:** Bring lightweight, comfortable clothing, and a sweater or a jacket for the evening. Temperature can vary from the 50s to the lower 80s (°F). Recently we've had mostly cool weather averaging in the 60s (°F).

**ELECTRICITY:** U.S. and Belgium/Europe have different systems. Power transformers are less reliable for hair dryers and curling irons so such items are best purchased at a discount store in Leuven such as HEMA. All U.S. plug-in devices, including computers and electric shavers (which do not require transformers) will require U.S. to Belgium plug adapters.

**SOME USEFUL WEBSITES:**

[www.visitbelgium.com](http://www.visitbelgium.com)

[www.statravel.com](http://www.statravel.com)

**WEEKLY MAGAZINE:** *The Bulletin*, one of the most useful weekly magazines, it is published every Thursday and is filled with Belgian news, articles, information on special events, restaurants reviews and useful addresses.

# Loyola New Orleans: Tentative Belgium

## Schedule 2012

**Get to your departure airport on your own on July 12.**

- 1) **Thursday, July 12**, Departure from the US. Get to the airport on your own. Fr. Gerlich and Dr. Moore will be on the flight from New Orleans to DC and DC to Brussels. At DC board the flight to Brussels.
- 2) **Friday, July 13**, arrival. Those flying on the United flight from Dulles will be met by Dr. Cook. As you exit Customs with your luggage, look and go to the right when you enter the arrival hall. We take a bus from the airport to Loyola International House. We meet in the courtyard at Loyola House at **10:30** for on-site orientation and introductory walk around Leuven. This Friday night and every Friday night in July there is a music festival in Leuven in the major squares.
- 3) **Saturday, July 14**, meet in courtyard at 1 pm for walk to the Begijnhof (Beguinage) and Arenberg castle.
- 4) **Sunday, July 15**, Brussels tour. Gather in courtyard at 11:00. Get something to eat before we go, and/or bring a snack. We will not stop for food until around 2:30 PM. You will need around 6 euro for the train ticket. The train station accepts VISA cards. You will be on your own in Brussels after the completion of the tour. You may return to Leuven when you wish. The last train from the Central Station to Leuven leaves at approximately 11:45 pm. CHECK the schedule! Return to Leuven not Louvain. **Not all trains going to Liege stop in Leuven. Make sure the train stops in Leuven.**
- 5) **Monday, July 16**, class. American Character, 09:00-10:20 AM; World War I, 10:30-11:50 AM; History of Belgium 12:00-01:20 PM. The class schedule is subject to change.
- 6) **Tuesday, July 17**, Loyola House to Ghent and Brugge (Bruges) and back. Be at the bus park near Dijle Molens by 8 AM. THE TRIPS ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE. ANY MISSED TRIP WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF A GRADE IN ALL CLASSES.
- 7) **Wednesday, July 18**, class.
- 8) **Thursday, July 19**, Loyola House to Amsterdam, Netherlands and back. Be at the bus park near Dijle Molens by 7:30 AM.
- 9) **Friday, July 20**, class.
- 10) **Saturday and Sunday, July 21 and 22** - SHORT WEEKEND. You travel at your own risk and you make the arrangements. You may stay at Loyola House if you wish. You must tell Fr. Gerlich where you will be and with whom you will travel. Students may leave after class on Friday, July 20 and MUST be



back by midnight on Sunday. If you are in the History of Belgium class, do not make a reservation to leave Leuven before around 2:30 PM or you will have to miss your reservation. **DO NOT ASK FOR EXCEPTIONS. And remember Fr. Gerlich is the on-site director and any exceptions (which will not be granted) or special permissions have to be approved by him.** Class takes precedence: Remember, though we appreciate the value of travel, THIS IS A STUDY PROGRAM.

- 11) **Monday, July 23**, class.
- 12) **Tuesday, July 24**, class.
- 13) **Wednesday, July 25**, Loyola House to and from Breendonk and Ypres (leper) and back. Be at the bus park at Dijle Molens by 8:45 AM.
- 14) **Thursday, July 26**, class.
- 15) **Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 27, 28, and 29** - LONG WEEKEND. You travel at your own risk and you make the arrangements. You may stay at Loyola House if you wish. You must tell Fr. Gerlich where you will be and with whom you will travel. Students may leave after class on Thursday, July 26 and **MUST** be back by midnight on Sunday. If you are in the History of Belgium class, do not make a reservation to leave Leuven before around 2:30 PM or you will have to miss your reservation.
- 16) **Monday, July 30**, class.
- 17) **Tuesday, July 31**, Loyola House to Aachen and Cologne, Germany and back. Bus leaves at 7:30.
- 18) **Wednesday, August 1**, class.
- 19) **Thursday, August 2**, class.
- 20) **Friday, August 3** - Loyola House to Verdun, France (the city, the Ossuary, Ft. Douaumont) via E411 (it should take about 3 hours from Leuven); a stop on the return at Bouillon; then back to Leuven. Be at the bus park at Dijle Molens by 7:30 AM. Music festival in Leuven.
- 21) **Saturday, August 4**. Free. You may take a day-trip if you desire, but you must return to Loyola House in the evening.
- 22) **Sunday, August 5**. Beer and Food Festival in Leuven. You may take a day-trip if you desire, but you must return to Loyola House in the evening.
- 23) **Monday, August 6**, class.
- 24) **Tuesday, August 7**, class.
- 25) **Wednesday, August 8**, class.
- 26) **Thursday, August 9**. To airport. Be at the entrance to Loyola House with your luggage promptly at the time announced by Fr. Gerlich. The truck will come to Loyola House. After you load your luggage go to the bus park at Dijle Molens. Even if you are not returning with the program flight, you must empty your room and leave Loyola House with the group. Rooms will be locked at this time. Remember you will be financially responsible for any missing keys or tableware etc.

# *While in Belgium ...*

## **Study and Reflect ... The Courses**

### ***HIST Q294, Religion and Society during the Great War RELS O294, Religion and Society during the Great War***

This course focuses upon the impact of the Great War on Western society and culture as a whole. It covers the political and military events of the First World War in broad strokes, while examining the roles of religion and culture in interpreting the experience of war. Students will examine the attitude of the Christian churches and their relationship to the war effort. Literature, art, poetry, and sermons will all be used to highlight the struggle of Western society as it reexamined its beliefs and suppositions during this age of unrelenting horror and loss.

### ***HIST G364, History of Belgium***

An exploration of Belgian history, society, and institutions enhanced by visits to important historical and cultural sites in Belgium.

### ***HIST Q270, The American Character***

From our perspective in Europe, as well as our own experiences there, we will read and reflect on the observations of both Americans and visitors to America made from the time of the Revolution to the end of the 20th century as they grappled with the idea of there being an identifiable American Character.

## **Ordinary Class Schedule**

9:00-10:20 A.M.	American Character
10:30 A.M.-11:50 P.M.	Religion and Society during the Great War
12:00-1:20 P.M.	History of Belgium (Additional Field Trips/ TBA)

# **WHAT'S GOING ON IN BELGIUM:**

## **BRUSSELS**

### **Royal Museum of the Armed Forces & of Military History**

Located in Brussels, the Brussels Military Museum is a great day trip for any military history enthusiast. One can spend hours exploring the many exhibits that display numerous military artifacts from the Napoleonic Era, World War I, and World War II. Free admission. *Metro: Merode or Schuman Train Station (Line 1)/Train: Merode or Schuman Train Station/Bus: 20, 28, 36, 67, 80/Tram: 81)*

### **Royal Museums of the Fine Arts of Belgium**

There are a total of four museums located in Brussels dedicated to the Fine Arts in Belgium. The Museum of Ancient Art and the Museum of Modern Art are located in the main building in the downtown area on the Coudenberg. The other two museums are located a small distance away from the center of Brussels. Visitors can expect to enjoy over 20,000 fine pieces of art.

### **Atomium**

This iconic structure was built for the World Exposition of 1958. One cannot help but see its magnificence from multiple points in Brussels. The top sphere offers a spectacular view of the city. It is open daily from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. Please note that one must have purchased his or her ticket by 5:30 P.M. *Take Metro line 6 direction Roi Baudouin-Koning Boudewijn and get off at Heysel-Heizel - approximately 5 mins easy walk from the station*

### **Mini-Europe**

This attraction in Brussels offers visitors a taste of many different iconic structures from across Europe. (scaled models) Tickets are approximately 13 Euro.

### **European Parliament**

Brussels is the seat of the European Union; therefore, there are many iconic structures of the EU to explore. The European Parliament offers free guided tours, but be sure to bring your student identification.

# LEUVEN

## **Music Festivals**

Every Friday night in July there is a music festival in Leuven in the major squares.

## **Leuven Town Hall (Stadhuis)**

The Leuven town hall is the iconic structure that one can view on any of the posters that advertise our Study Abroad in Belgium program. It is a building of great historic significance that is but a few minutes away from the Loyola International House. There are guided tours on every work day at 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. and on weekends at 3:00 P.M.

## **St. Peter's Church**

St. Peter's Church is the oldest Church in Leuven and is located directly across from the Town Hall. It is a monumental structure that contains beautiful pieces of art and an underground crypt. It is a must see attraction for your first days in Leuven.

## **Botanical Garden (Kruidtuin)**

The Botanical Garden is a wonderful place to study, walk, or experience nature in an urban environment. It is free and open to the public.

## **Great Beguinage (Groot Begijnhof)**

The Great Beguinage was recognized as a World Heritage Site at the turn of the century. It was originally built to house a female religious order. Today, it exists as housing for university staff and students. It is a free attraction that allows the visitor to explore a "small city" from an earlier time.

## **OTHER BELGIUM CITIES**

Follow this link below to learn more about the Belgium train system in order to easily access the other wondrous sites throughout Belgium.

<http://www.b-rail.be/nat/E/timetables/>

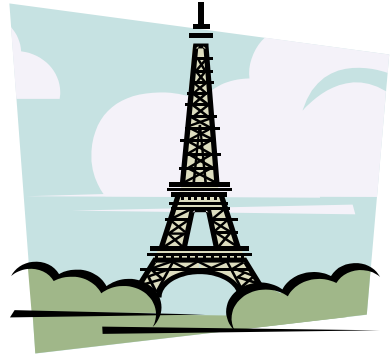
**-Antwerp**

**-Ostend**

**-Mons**

**-Or go back to Ghent or Brugge**

# Beyond Belgium ...



London and Paris are easily accessible from Brussels via a high speed train. It is a great idea to speak with the helpful travel agent in Leuven about these destinations. The travel agency, *Universitas*, is adjacent to Delhaize, the supermarket that most students use to purchase food products.

## TRAVEL AGENCY:

Follow this link to learn more about *Universitas*:

[http://www.universitas-travel.be/Holidays/travelagents/universitas/index\\_d.cfm](http://www.universitas-travel.be/Holidays/travelagents/universitas/index_d.cfm)  
(You may need to use an internet browser translator.)

## TRAIN:

The Eurostar (to London) and the Thalys (to Paris) are the easiest and fastest methods of transportation to these two cities.

<http://www.eurostar.com/dynamic/index.jsp>  
<http://www.raileurope.com>

## AIR TRAVEL:

Ryan Air offers cheap flights to students traveling throughout Europe.

<http://www.ryanair.com/en>

## HOSTELS:

The link for the St. Christopher Inns in London, Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin, Bruges, and Prague is

[www.st-christophers.co.uk](http://www.st-christophers.co.uk)  
[www.bookbeds.com](http://www.bookbeds.com)

The link for Dublin is

[www.famoushostels.com](http://www.famoushostels.com)



## Words to the Wise ...

- 1) Be sure to bring your passport. Have a xeroxed copy of your passport with you. Do not keep it in the same place as your passport. Leave a xeroxed copy of your passport with someone at home. Make sure that your parents have your credit card numbers in case the cards are stolen or lost.
- 2) Have a prescription for any necessary medicines. Bring medicines in a prescription bottle. BRING ANY MEDICATIONS THAT YOU NEED REGULARLY OR OCCASIONALLY (in sufficient quantity for our stay). Carry them with you, don't pack in checked luggage.
- 3) Bring a robe.
- 4) Bring comfortable shoes, e.g. tennis shoes or walking-shoes, not just flip-flops.
- 5) Bring a sweater (sweatshirt), a couple of long sleeve shirts, and jeans. It is sometimes chilly in Belgium in the summer.
- 6) Bring an umbrella or raincoat. We walk rain or shine.
- 7) Bring an alarm clock (battery). You must often arise early for class and the bus trips.
- 8) Be aware that U.S. electrical appliances will not work on European current. See page 7 about electricity.
- 9) To withdraw money with a credit card, a pin number is necessary.
- 10) Get appropriate syllabi and books, and do required work in advance. That will make your trip more pleasurable and your class performance more successful. This is a STUDY program.
- 11) You may travel on your long and short weekends but you **cannot** miss a single class or come back later than midnight on Sunday. Paris and London are interesting and feasible cities to reach.

12) Pack lightly. You have to carry your own luggage and some of you will be on the third floor (there is no elevator). Check the airline's web site for its current checked and carry-on luggage policy. There is an extra charge for over-weight luggage. Make sure that you can lift each bag. There are token-operated washing machines at Loyola House, so you can wash clothes in Leuven.

13) You will be representatives of America. Notice how Europeans behave while walking on the street, while eating in cafes, while enjoying themselves in bars or coffee houses. Enjoy yourselves but notice that most Europeans do not walk down the street shouting. Pay attention to the level of voices when you are eating and/or drinking. Have fun but respect local customs.

14) Realize that you are guests in a foreign country. You will have a broadening experience if you try to realize how the behavior and tastes of Europeans differ from those of Americans. Do not expect people to act like Americans or for everything to be like America. If that is what one wants, one should not travel. Be open and broad-minded. It would be rude and small minded to criticize or make fun of the way other people live, behave, appear, or dress in their own country.

15) I think you will have a wonderful, enjoyable, and broadening experience. Make the most of it by being open to the differences, which you will experience.

16) You will undoubtedly meet some very nice and interesting people at Loyola House and in Leuven. Our students have enjoyed socializing with Belgian and other European students. However, especially when traveling and when you are in a strange place, never go off alone with a person whom you have just met, no matter how neat he/she might seem. Bad things sometimes happen to good people who do stupid things.

17) Students have had difficulty with U.S. pre-paid phone cards. Reliable phone cards can be purchased in Belgium.

18) Skype works.

19) Courtesy requires that you be considerate about noise in Loyola House after 11 pm. Try to be quiet as you return to the building in the evening. Do not slam doors or yell. Do not play music with your doors open in the evening. A list of house rules will be on your desk when you arrive in your room.

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