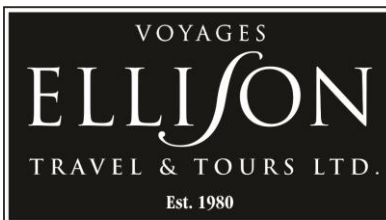


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RED DEER ROYALS

13 DAY PERFORMING TOUR TO HOLLAND, GERMANY & BELGIUM FEATURING THE 17TH KERKRADE WMC FESTIVAL JULY 20 – AUGUST 1, 2017

Revised Itinerary – June 9, 2017

*Note: It is the responsibility of all participants to be in possession of the correct documentation to travel out of the country. Failure to do so will result in participants being denied entry/boarding and returned home at the expense of the individual. **Canadian Citizens require a valid passport** (authorities at your destination require that passports are valid for **3 months** beyond your return date). Ellison Travel & Tours recommends passports are valid for 6 months beyond your return date. **Groups are advised to obtain witnessed letters of consent for persons under 18 years of age.** Non-Canadians must check entry and transit requirements. Please notify the group leader at time of booking if you will be traveling with a passport from another country so we can check requirements and advise you accordingly.*

Day 1 – Thursday July 20, 2017 – IN FLIGHT

- Arrive **Edmonton International Airport** and check in the group (*international groups must check-in at least 3 hours prior to departure*)
- 6:25pm - Depart on **Iceland Air # 692** from **Edmonton International Airport to Reykjavik, Keflavik International Airport, Iceland** (*Flying Time: 6 hours, 15 minutes*)
- Food for purchase on Iceland Air flights (bring your own food or purchase food at the airport – slush fund provided by Red Deer Royals)

Day 2 – Friday July 21, 2017 – ARRIVE KERKRADE, NETHERLANDS

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- 6:40am - Arrive **Reykjavik, Keflavik International Airport, Iceland** and proceed to your connecting gate (set your watches to local time)
- 7:40am - Depart on **Ireland Air # 500** from **Reykjavik, Keflavik International Airport to Amsterdam** (*Flying Time: 3 hours*)
- 12:40pm - Arrive **Amsterdam, Schiphol Airport**, clear customs and collect your luggage and equipment (set your watches to local time)
- 1:30pm - Meet your **local tour manager, Marieke van Duijn** outside the luggage claim area in the Arrivals Hall who will take you to your **2 coaches (2- 60 seat coaches) and 1 cube truck**
- Board coaches and depart for **Kerkrade, Netherlands** (approximately 3 hour drive)
- Brief stop en-route for break and to purchase food
- 5:00pm - Arrive **Kerkrade WMC Festival at the Intake Housing** and formally register the band and receive further instructions (*you will be assigned a guide that will be available for your group during your time at the festival and accompany your band to the Intake Contest venue and/or to your rehearsal venue*)
- You will receive participant ID for all musicians (wristbands) which will allow entrance to the contest venue, field cards and further information and instructions for your stay in Kerkrade

and your contest participation (additional 10 free entrance tickets for chaperones/staff will be send in advance to Red Deer Royals)

- Check into your **festival accommodation at the Rolduc Abbey for a 3 night stay** (*requested set of 2 towels per person to be provided*)
- **Dinner** at the festival

Day 3 – Saturday July 22, 2017 – KERKRADE FESTIVAL

B/L/D

- 8:00am - **Buffet breakfast** included by the festival
- 9:30am - Meet your **coach** and transfer to the practice field
- 10:00am - Morning **rehearsal (3 hour rehearsal) on the practice field in Kerkrade**
 - Group will enjoy the **Kerkrade WMC Festival** (Festival schedule/program details to be advised)
 - Watch other Marching bands perform in the Parkstad Limburg Stadion Kerkrade
 - Possible afternoon visit to **Adams Factory** (waiting confirmation from the festival)
 - **Lunch and dinner** provided as part of the festival
 - **Evening standing performance by Red Deer Royals Marching Show Band in the town market square**
 - Following your performance board coach and return to your accommodation

Day 4 – Sunday July 23, 2017 – KERKRADE FESTIVAL (Competition Day)

B/L/D

- **Buffet breakfast** included by the festival
- Group will participate in the **Kerkrade WMC Festival** (schedule/performance details to be advised)
- This morning you will have time to prepare for your competition
- 11:30am - Arrive at the competition site (a representative must report to the Intake Office main entrance of the stadium at least 1 ½ hours prior to your performance to register and you will receive final information and instructions for your contest participation)
- 1:43pm - **Red Deer Royals Marching and Show Contest at Parkstad Limburg Stadion** (*Marching, Marching Parade & Show Contest*) – change rooms available before and after the performance on site upon presentation of wrist band (no food or drink allowed in the area)
 - Following your performance you will have time to watch other bands compete
 - Participate in the parade for all contest participants
 - **Lunch and dinner** provided as part of the festival (box lunch requested with the festival)

Day 5 – Monday July 24, 2017 – TO COLOGNE, GERMANY

B/D

- 7:00am - **Buffet breakfast** included by the festival followed by check out
- 8:00am - Coaches arrive to load luggage
- 8:30am - Depart for **Cologne**, on the river Rhine
- 11:00am - Arrive Cologne, a 2,000 year old city along the Rhine River in Western Germany
 - Purchase lunch (slush fund pre-collected and arranged by the group)
 - Visit the **Gothic Cathedral**, a landmark of the city with its beautiful stained glass windows
- 12:30pm - Meet your coach/cube truck to unload instruments and prepare for your performance
- 1:00pm - Afternoon **performance, on the square next to the central station of Cologne and the Cologne Cathedral - standing still performance by the Red Deer Royals Marching Band (30 minute performance)**
- 1:30pm - Performance ends, and load your equipment onto the coaches/cube truck
- 2:00pm - Board coaches and transfer to your hotel
- 2:30pm - **Check into the Ibis Koln Messe in Cologne for a 2 night stay**
- 3:30pm - Board coaches and transfer into Cologne
- 4:00pm - Arrive Cologne with free time to explore before meeting for dinner
- 6:15pm - Meet your tour manager at a pre-determined location and walk to a local restaurant
- 6:30pm - **Dinner** in the Old Town of Cologne at **Fruh am Dom Restaurant**
- 8:00pm - Walk as a group to meet your coaches
- 8:30pm - Depart for your accommodation

9:00pm - Arrive at your hotel

Day 6 – Tuesday July 25, 2017 – COLOGNE

B/D

- 7:30am - **Buffet breakfast** included at the hotel (breakfast served 6:30am to 10:00am)
- 9:00am - Board coaches and depart for **Phantasialand** (located close to Cologne)
- 10:00am - Arrive at Phantasialand for a full day to explore the amusement park and fantastic shows
 - Purchase lunch at the park (slush fund for lunch pre-collected and arranged by the group)
- 5:00pm - Meet your tour manager
- 5:30pm - Board coaches and return to your accommodation in Cologne
- 7:00pm - **Dinner** at your accommodation

Day 7 – Wednesday July 26, 2017 – to GHENT, BELGIUM

B/D

- 6:30am - **Buffet breakfast** included at the hotel followed by check out
- 7:30am - Coaches arrive to load luggage
- 8:00am - Depart for **Maastricht**, a university city on the southern tip of the Netherlands; its cobblestone old town is known for the Romanesque Basilica of St. Servatius and the Gothic style church Sint Janskerk
- 10:00am - Arrive Maastricht with free time to explore; you may wish to see the Stokstraat quarter, The Our Beloved Lady Church, the old city walls and more...
- 11:45am - Purchase lunch (slush fund pre-collected and arranged by the group)
- 1:30pm - Meet at the pier to board your boat
- 2:00pm - Depart on your **boat cruise on the River Maas** that will bring you to the entrance of the **caves of the St. Pieterberg**, which is one of the historical treasures of the region. You will witness here a tremendous labyrinth of more than 20,000 passages. On the walls of the St. Pietersberg Caves you will find several interesting inscriptions.
- 5:00pm - Cruise ends
- 5:30pm - Board coaches and continue on to Ghent
- 8:00pm - Arrive **Ghent**, it is the spiritual citadel of Flanders, a university town, the second-ranking Belgian port and a great industrial center. It is crisscrossed by canals and waterways, built as it is on numerous islets at the confluence of the River Leie and Scheldt.
 - **Check into the Holiday Inn Express Gent for a 3 night stay**
- 8:30pm - **Dinner** at your accommodation

Day 8 – Thursday July 27, 2017 – GHENT - DAY TRIP TO BRUGES

B/D

- 7:30am - **Buffet breakfast** included at the hotel (breakfast served from 6:00am to 10:00am)
- 8:30am - Board coaches and depart for **Bruges, Belgium**, the Pearl of Belgium – Venice of the North! A town with beautiful decorated houses, cobblestone streets, and lovely flower boxes line the canals, old guildhalls and churches. Bruges is famous for its fine Belgian lace and chocolate.
- 10:30am - Meet your **guides** for a **walking tour of Bruges**; you will see such sights as the Beguinage, the Church of Our Lady with Michelangelo's *Virgin and Child*, and the Market Square. During your tour you will stop at a chocolate store to purchase a treat!
 - Following your walking tour you will divide into smaller groups and visit the **Chocolate Museum**
 - Attend a **Belgium Chocolate Demonstration and tasting** (*how to make chocolate pralines*)
 - Purchase lunch in Bruges (slush fund provided by the Red Deer Royals)
- 3:15pm - Walk to your performance venue and meet your coaches/truck to unload instruments (coaches can unload equipment in the market square but are not allowed to park)
- 4:00pm - **Performance by Red Deer Royals in the market square in Bruges (still standing performance)**
- 5:00pm - Meet your coaches / truck to load equipment
- 5:30pm - Board coaches and depart for Ghent
- 7:30pm - **Dinner** at your accommodation

Day 9 – Friday July 28, 2017 – GHENT – DAY TRIP TO YPRES

B/D

- 8:00am - **Buffet breakfast** included at the hotel
- 9:00am - Board coaches and depart for **Ypres**, one of the most powerful and flourishing Flemish towns in

the 13th century. The rebuilt Lakenhalle (Cloth Hall) which was destroyed during WW1, is situated at the market square, surrounded by narrow streets.

- 11:30am - Arrive Ypres with time to purchase lunch (slush fund pre-collected and arranged by the group)
- 1:30pm - Meet your **guides** for a **tour of some of the significant sights along the Ypres Salient**.
- Visit the **St. Julien Memorial**, an 11 metre tall brooding soldier commemorating the famous battle that took place between April 22nd and April 24th, 1915...it was here that Canadians achieved fame for their bravery while enduring the first gas attack in modern warfare
- Visit the **Tyne Cot Cemetery and Memorial**. The Tyne Cot Cemetery is the burial ground for the Allied soldiers who perished on the Ypres Salient. It is the largest Commonwealth cemetery in the world containing the graves of 11,953 soldiers of various nationalities, including Canadians.
- Visit the **Essex Farm Commonwealth War Cemetery at Boezinge**, for a brief stop to visit the **John McCrae Memorial** – John McCrae was a native of Guelph, Ontario who served as a medical officer with the Canadian Army during World War 1 – In 1915 he composed the famous poem “In Flanders Fields” during a break in the fighting in Ypres.
- Your tour will end late afternoon in Ypres
- 5:30pm - **Dinner** at restaurant in Ypres
- 7:30pm - Followed dinner you will walk to the **Menin Gate**...this ceremony takes place every night, rain or shine, in honour of the thousands of soldiers who went to the front, never to return. The gate is inscribed with the names of 54,896 Commonwealth soldiers who perished during World War I and have no known final resting place (you are invited to lay a commemorative wreath in their honour during tonight’s ceremony)
- 8:00pm - **Performance by the Red Deer Royals – still standing performance**
- 8:30pm - Board coaches and return to your accommodation in Ghent
- 10:30pm - Arrive at your accommodation in Ghent

Day 10 – Saturday July 29, 2017 – TO THE HAGUE

B/D

- 7:30am - **Buffet breakfast** included at the hotel followed by check out
- 8:30am - Coaches arrive to load luggage
- 9:00am - Depart for St. Bravo’s Cathedral in Ghent
- Visit the **St. Bravo’s Cathedral**, with the Polyptych of the Adoration of the Mystic Lamb to admire the paintings of the brothers “van Eijck” (cathedral opens at 9:00am and Painting of Lam’s God is open at 9:30am)
- Following your visit free time to further explore Ghent in chaperone groups
- 10:30am - Board coaches and depart for Kinderdijk
- 1:00pm - Arrive **Kinderdijk**; around 1740 there were 19 or more sturdy mills built and they have been well preserved to the present day. You will see the windmills along the canals and amidst meadows and **visit a working windmill**
- Purchase lunch during your visit (slush fund provided by the Red Deer Royals)
- 3:00pm - Board coaches and continue on to **Scheveningen**
- 4:15pm - Arrive Scheveningen and prepare for your performance
- 5:00pm - **Red Deer Royals marching performance along the Boulevard of Scheveningen** (waiting re-confirmation of timing)
- 5:30pm - Load coaches and transfer to The Hague
- 6:30pm - Arrive **The Hague and check into the Stayokay Den Haag Youth Hostel for a 3 night stay** (centrally located hostel)
- 7:30pm - **Dinner** at the Hostel

Day 11 – Sunday July 30, 2017 – DAY TRIP TO AMSTERDAM

B/D

- 7:30am - **Buffet breakfast** included at the hostel (breakfast served from 6:30am – 10:30am)
- Meet in the lobby of the hostel
- 9:00am - Board coaches and depart for Amsterdam
- 10:15am - Arrive Amsterdam to prepare for your performance
- 11:15am - **Marching performance by the Red Deer Royals Marching Band at the Vondelpark in**

Amsterdam – parade from the Museum Square, bordered by the Concertgebouw, Van Gogh and Municipal Museum and Rijksmuseum or standing performance at the music pavilion in the Vondelpark where locals and tourist go to relax.

- Purchase lunch (slush fund pre-collected and arranged by the group)
- Afternoon free to explore Amsterdam in chaperone groups (your tour manager will give you suggestions for your free time today)
- 6:00pm - **Dinner at Dubbel Eten & Drinken and In de Buurt Restaurant** in Amsterdam (group will divide into 2 restaurants located next to each other)
- 8:00pm - Following dinner walk to meet your coaches
- 8:30pm - Board coaches and return to your accommodation
- 9:45pm - Arrive at your accommodation
- This evening you may wish to explore on foot in the area of your hostel

Day 12 – Monday July 31, 2017 – DAY TRIP TO AMSTERDAM

B/D

- 7:30am - **Buffet breakfast** included at the hostel
- 9:00am - Board coaches and depart for **Amsterdam**
- 10:30am - Morning **canal boat cruise**; Amsterdam is best seen from the water side; you will see the canal hours and many bridges (90 minutes)
- 12:00pm - Purchase lunch in Amsterdam (slush fund pre-collected and arranged by the group)
- 1:00pm - Meet your tour manager at a pre-determined location
- 1:30pm - Board coaches and depart North of Amsterdam to the **Open Air Museum**
- 2:00pm - Visit the Open Air Museum, **The Zaanse Schans** where you will see how wooden shoes are made, also cheese tasting is possible and you can visit one of the windmills
- 4:30pm - Board coaches and depart for Scheveningen
- 6:00pm - **Farewell dinner at Crazy Pianos restaurant in Scheveningen**
- 8:30pm - Board coach and depart for The Hague
- 9:00pm - Arrive at your accommodation

Day 13 – Tuesday August 1, 2017 – HOME

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- 8:30am - **Buffet breakfast** included at the hostel followed by check out
- 9:30am - Coaches arrive to load luggage and equipment
- 10:00am - Depart for the **Amsterdam Schiphol Airport**
- 11:00am - Arrive at the Amsterdam Schiphol Airport and check in the group (say good-bye to your tour manager)
- 2:00pm - Depart on **Iceland Air # 501 from Amsterdam, Schiphol Airport to Reykjavik, Iceland** (*Flying Time: 3 hours, 10 minutes*)
- 3:10pm - Arrive Reykjavik, Keflavik International Airport and proceed to your connecting gate (set your watches to local time)
 - Food for purchase available on Iceland Air flights (bring your own food or purchase food at the airport – slush fund provided by Red Deer Royals)
- 4:45pm - Depart on **Iceland Air # 693 from Reykjavik, Keflavik International Airport to Edmonton** (*Flying Time: 6 hours, 40 minutes*)
- 5:25pm - Arrive Edmonton International Airport, clear customs and collect your luggage and instruments (set your watches to local time)
- **Welcome Home**

**B - Breakfast / L – Lunch / pL – Packed Lunch / D - Dinner /
M – Airline Meal / S – Snack - denote meals included in tour cost**

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