



# Europe for Europe



Thionville, June 24, 2008

Dear European,

Congratulations for being a participant to the journey from Italy to Belgium with stops-over in Germany, France, Luxemburg and the Netherlands from July 7 till 25. The countdown to the start of the trip has started and it's time to get ready for it.

The six Rotary Clubs, involved in this operation, have prepared programs of activities, which, I am sure, you will find interesting. They are summed up here-under and detailed "by the hour" programs will be handed to you on site. Please keep in mind that they could be slightly modified.

## ITALY – Monday July 7 – Thursday July 10

Please refer to the detailed program attached to this letter.

**Monday** will be devoted to welcoming participants with a debriefing session in the evening. You will be staying at the famous Garden School (Scuola floro-vivaistica) of the **Minoprio Foundation**.

**Tuesday** morning - reception by the **Lombardian Region Council** members and visit of this institution. In the afternoon, walk on **Piazza della Scala**, the historic heart of Milan up to **Palazzo Marino**, the City Hall, where you will be welcomed by members of the City Council who will show you this historical place. They will also briefly explain to you the organization of the 2015 World Exhibition.

**Wednesday** morning, you will go by bus to **Lenno**, by the **Como Lake** and board a small boat to **Villa Balbianello**, a magnificent mansion. In the afternoon, you will visit the **Villa Carlotta**, another famous one. In the evening, you will meet members of the Meda e delle Brughiere Rotary Club and its Rotary District Governor at the **Villa Antona Traversi** in **Meda**. It will be a European feast with everybody having to say a few words in his/her own language.

**Thursday** - bus departure to **Strasburg**, France with stopover in **Basel**, Switzerland where the two escorting Rotarians will step out and be replaced by a German Rotarian of the Bruchsal Rotary Club.

## GERMANY – Thursday July 10 – Sunday July 13

**Thursday** - arrival in **Strasburg** in the afternoon, visit of the city and its European Institutions. Staying overnight in a **youth hostel "2 rives"** (pronounce "dow reeve").

**Friday**: Bus trip to **Rust**, 60 km from Strasburg, in Baden-Württemberg, Germany, not far from Freiburg and the famous Black Forest. Visit there of the **"Europa Park"** and its famous entertainments. Arrival in **Bruchsal** (130 km) in the evening and attending a guitar concert in the beautiful baroque **Bruchsal Castle**. Staying at the **"Naturfreundehaus"**, house of friends of nature.

**Saturday** morning – Visit of the **Bruchsal Castle** and viewing of a musical puppet show. In the afternoon, bus trip to **Heidelberg** (40 km) and visit of the city. Staying overnight in a Heidelberg Youth Hostel (Jugendherberge).

**Sunday** morning – Departure to **Thionville** (270 km) via **Saarbrücken** (180 km), where two members of the Thionville Porte de France Rotary Club will take over at the railway station.



## FRANCE – Sunday July 13 – Wednesday July 16

**Sunday** – Arrival from Germany late in the afternoon and checking in at the Young Workers' Hostel (**Foyer des Jeunes Travailleurs**). In the evening, joining the street festivities of **Bastille Day**, dancing in the streets and watching the fireworks.

**Monday** morning – Bus trip to **Verdun** (90 km) where major WW1 battles took place. Visit of the World Centre for Peace and a photo exhibition titled "From war to peace". In the afternoon, you will follow a conference on the "**Role of Verdun in the construction of peace in Europe**". After this, there will be a short visit of part of the battlefields and of an underground fort. Return to Thionville in the evening.

**Tuesday** – Bus trip to **Neufchef** (15 km) and visit of the old iron mine (not in operation) and its interesting museum. In the afternoon, journey to **Scy-Chazelle** (40 km) via Metz where you will visit the house of Robert Schuman, one of the main founders of the European Union. In the evening, you will meet members of the Thionville Porte de France Rotary Club at "**Les Etangs**" restaurant.

**Wednesday** – Bus trip to **Manderen** (40 km) and visit of the old **Malbrouck (Marlborough) Castle**. Lunch there and then off to **Bascharage**, Luxemburg (60 km) in the company of two Rotarians from the Thionville Porte de France Club.

## LUXEMBURG – Wednesday July 16 – Saturday July 19

**Wednesday** – Arrival at the "Threeland" restaurant in **Bascharage** in the afternoon. You meet a guide at the "Gëlle Fra" (Golden Lady) war memorial and visit **Luxemburg city** and its Parliament. In the evening, they lodge at a **Youth Hostel**.

**Thursday** – In the morning, visit of the **new Luxemburg Airport** and its CargoLux installations. Lunch at LuxAir. In the afternoon, continuation of the visit of **Luxemburg city**, its fortress and museum. Dinner at Pizza Hut on the "Place d'Armes" and return to the Youth Hostel after a short stroll in the city center.

**Friday** – In the morning, visit of **Belval industrial site** and short conference on its development project. In the afternoon, bus trip to **Schengen** (40 km) where the famous agreement abolishing border controls was signed. After proceeding to **Remich** (10 km), there you will board a boat for a short **cruise on the Moselle River** to **Ehnen** (15 km). Then, the bus will take you to a barbecue in **Berchem** (50 km). Return to the Youth Hostel late in the evening.

**Saturday** – In the morning, visit of the **Kirchberg** plateau, a suburb of Luxemburg city, where various EU institutions are located, including the EU Court of Justice, parts of the EU Commission, the Secretariat of the EU Parliament, the EU Investment Bank, as well as corporate offices, international banks, an Auchan shopping mall and the **LuxExpo** exhibition centre. Kirchberg is also home of the **Philharmonic** Luxembourg, the national concert hall and **Mudam**, a museum of modern art designed by Ieoh Ming Pei. On the same site is the reconstructed **Fort Thüngen**, formerly a part of Luxembourg's fortifications.

Lunch there and then off to **Landgraaf**, Netherlands (200 km) in the company of two Rotarians from the Bascharage-Kordall Club.

## NETHERLANDS – Saturday July 19 – Tuesday July 22

**Saturday** – Arrival in **Landgraaf** late in the afternoon and check-in at **Max Heerlen Hotel**. Short bus trip to **Kerkrade** (10 km). Visit of the old **Abbey of Rolduc**. Meeting with Hans Bosch, a member of the City Council and dinner there. Return to the hotel late in the evening.

**Sunday** – Bus trip to **Aachen** (Aix la Chapelle), on the German side of the border (30 km). City tour and visit of the **Cathedral** which is the final resting place of Charlemagne. Return to Landgraaf and dinner at the **Overste Hof restaurant**.

**Monday** – Visit of the city of **Maastricht** (40 km) where D'Artagnan died in 1673 and in the afternoon, visit of **Chateau Neercanne**, where the famous Maastricht Treaty was signed in 1992. Return to Landgraaf and dinner at "**Snow World**", the largest artificial snow slope in Europe.

**Tuesday** morning: *program not finalized*. In the afternoon, bus trip to **Charleroi**, Belgium (160 km) in the company of two Rotarians from the Landgraaf Club.



## **BELGIUM – Tuesday July 22 – Friday July 25**

**Tuesday** late afternoon – Arrival by bus of the group at **Gilly Sart-Allet** railway station (3 km from Charleroi), meeting point, where they are each introduced to and dine with their **hosting families** which whom they will stay.

**Wednesday** – From the Gilly Sart-Allet station meeting point, the bus takes the group to **Strépy** (40 km) where they will visit the famous **boat lift**. With a height difference of 73 meters (240 feet) between the upstream and downstream reaches, it is the tallest boat lift in the world. Return in the after noon to **Gilly station**, where they will meet with members of the Rotary Club of Charleroi Porte de France.

**Thursday** - From the Gilly Sart-Allet station meeting point, the bus takes the group to **Brussels** (60 km) where they will see the **European Parliament**, then stroll on the **Grand Place** and in the City Center passing by the famous "**Manneken Pis**".

In the afternoon, visit of the **Atomium**, a monument built for the 1958 World's Fair. It is 102-metre (335-feet) tall, with nine steel spheres connected so that the whole forms the shape of a unit cell of an iron crystal magnified 165 billion times. The top sphere provides a panoramic view of Brussels. Next to the Atomium is **Mini-Europe**, an exhibition-park of the reproductions of the most attractive monuments in the EU at a scale of 1:25. Roughly 80 cities and 350 buildings are represented. Return to **Charleroi** late in the afternoon and farewell dinner.

**Friday** – Very early in the morning, bus journey to **Brussels Airport, Brussels bus and train stations**, except for the one leaving from **Charleroi Airport** and for those who will be picked up by parents or relatives. They will meet them at **Gilly Sart-Allet railway station**, unless other arrangements are made in the meantime.



### **Final instructions**

- ✓ Do not forget to take your **passport** or your **identity card**, if your country has signed the Schengen Treaty.
- ✓ Whether you are a minor or not, anyway take a **copy of your Europe for Europe Application Form** signed by your father or an **authorization to leave** your country, if you are a minor.
- ✓ Do not forget to take your **European Health Card** or a copy of the **Health Insurance Certificate** that you have taken. Anyone arriving in Milan not covered by a health insurance will have to take such insurance on the spot and its cost will be deducted from the 100 EUR deposit.
- ✓ **Light baggage** is recommended, as you will unpack every three days. However, weather might be or will be hot. Make sure you have enough light clothes.
- ✓ Make sure you bring six **banners from your sponsoring Rotary Club**, as you will exchange them with hosting Rotary Clubs. Possibly, take also a **small flag of your country** with you.
- ✓ Using your computer, **print a large sized Rotary wheel logo and your first name** underneath it on an A4 size sheet of paper. You will exhibit at the Airport so you can be spotted quicker. Your portrait photo has been widely distributed among involved Rotarians.
- ✓ Remember, the Dutch hosts would like you to have a **battery lamp** to be used during a special visit.
- ✓ It would be appreciated if you could have a **portable phone**. If so, please email your number to [roberto.mancina@alice.it](mailto:roberto.mancina@alice.it), [c\\_meroni@tin.it](mailto:c_meroni@tin.it), [adveco@tin.it](mailto:adveco@tin.it), [cdecr@tin.it](mailto:cdecr@tin.it), [massimo@gommagomma.com](mailto:massimo@gommagomma.com), [antonio.colleoni@gmail.com](mailto:antonio.colleoni@gmail.com), [giorgio.pasqual@ogilvy.com](mailto:giorgio.pasqual@ogilvy.com).
- ✓ Should you have any problem upon your arrival in Milan, please note these phone numbers: **Roberto Mancina +393356205582, Massimo Baserga +393482257113, Carlo Meroni +393357304419.**

Have a good trip and see you soon.

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*final program prepared by the R C Meda*

*28 June 08*

### Monday, 07 07

All day	pickup at the arrival point ( airport or train station ) escorting to the College [ at the "Scuola Florovivaistica della Fondazione Minoprio" ] emergency calls : Roberto Mancina : cellphone +39 335 620 5582 Franco Motta : cellphone +39 335 604 3398 for those arriving on Saturday or Sunday ( 2 youngsters ) our hospitality will start on Sunday afternoon; they will join the Lariano Trekking Camp ( 11 youngsters ) hosted in the same college: they will dine on Sunday night at a restaurant close to the college and on Monday will visit the Formula One Circuit of Monza, doing also a lap on a dreamcar.
22:00 about	for everybody a briefing time is forecasted at the college after dinner
22:30	free time, go to bed – 2 rotaractarians will ensure the overnight watch

### Tuesday, 08 07

07:45	breakfast at the college
08:15	ready to leave – bus departure towards Milano ( abt 1 hour drive )
10:00	arrival downtown at the Pirellone, building of the Regione Lombardia reception offered by the Regional Council, a Council Member will guide the group thru the main offices and illustrate the structure and functions of the richest Italian Region, and his boundaries with Europe.
12:30	lunch at the employees restaurant
13:45	bus departure towards Piazza della Scala, the historic hearth of Milan
14:15	a short walk downtown till Palazzo Marino, the City Hall
15:00	reception by a Member of the City Council, who will guide the group thru this historical palace and illustrate the main activities of the milanese Municipality, with his boundaries with Europe and the World ( they have got the task of organizing the <b>2015 World Exhibition</b> )
17:00 about	free time downtown
17:45	bus departure towards the college, dine and free time in the college 2 rotaractarians will ensure the overnight watch

### Wednesday, 09 07

07:45	breakfast at the college
08:15	ready to leave – bus departure towards the Como lake ( abt 45 min drive )
09:15	arrival to Lenno – boarding on the small boat towards Villa Balbianello – visit the most magnificent villa & garden of the lake
10:45	re-boarding towards Lenno – at the shore : bathing time for those who have the costume and pick nik at the same place
13:15	bus departure towards the Villa Carlotta – visit of the villa and his botanic garden
15:15	bus departure towards Como – stop downtown for an ice cream and free time
17:00	bus departure towards the college where we will arrive in abt 45 min, free time
19:15	bus departure towards the Villa antona Traversi in Meda – European feast together the rotarians of Meda and other Clubs, the District Governor attend as well. Everybody have to dress the E4E polo ( delivered on Monday ) and will be required to address a very short greeting to the presents in his own language. Feast ends at about 23:00, return to college.

### Thursday, 10 07

07:15	breakfast at the college
07:45	ready to leave with all the baggages– bus departure towards Strasburg – a pocket lunch will be delivered for the journey
12:00	stop at the SBB station in Basel for changing the escorting rotarians: the italians Roberto M. and Carlo M. will step out and the german Wilhelm L. step in continuing the travel till Strasburg . end of the program prepared by the R C Meda