



This is the best way to experience the Spring Classics short of living in Belgium. The King of the Classics, Fabian Cancellara, will ride alongside you to show you the lines that made him a legend.

A three-time champion at both Roubaix and Flanders, there's no one better to give you an inside look at the Spring Classics than Spartacus himself. The Spring Classics inspire reverence among cycling's hardcore elite. They combine drama, savagery, pageantry and suffering. Join us in Belgium and Northern France to ride the famed cobbles, sip coveted Trappist beer, and enjoy a VIP race experience. Tackle Flanders' fearful sections of pavé like Oude Kwaremont and Paterberg in the Ronde van Vlaanderen Cyclo, then watch the pros battle on the same steep climbs and teeth-chattering roads. If you're up for the test, more cobbles and treachery await at the Paris-Roubaix Challenge. This incredible 11-day experience culminates at Paris-Roubaix, with VIP seats inside the velodrome to watch as another "Hell of the North" competitor crosses the line victorious. Choose to join us for just the Tour of Flanders or Paris-Roubaix, or for the entire 11-day ultimate experience. Whatever you choose, we promise a VIP race experience.

[View our Race Trip Difference»](#)

From
\$3499pp

Rider Type
Active

Hotel Style
Luxury

Duration
0 days | -1 nights

TRIP WOWS

Ride and dine with Fabian Cancellara, a three-time winner at both Flanders and Roubaix

Experience legendary Ronde van Vlaanderen Cyclo and Paris-Roubaix Challenge the day before the pros race

Signature Trek Travel viewing location on the pro Flanders race course

Enjoy VIP passes and premier seating at the Roubaix Vélodrome race finish

Receive a Trek-Segafredo team kit and customized Road ID

Experience a closer-than-ever roadside view of Grote Scheldeprijs classic race

Visit Trek Segafredo service course and see behind-the-scene race preparation



DAILY ITINERARY

2017

DAY 1

Today's Ride:

Bruges to Netherlands Loop
Approximately 32 miles with 500 feet of climbing

Description:

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Hotel:

The Pand Hotel
www.pandhotel.com

Included Meals:

Social Hour | Dinner

DAY 2

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Included Meals:

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DAY 4

Today's Ride:

Flemish Countryside Loop

Approximately 55 miles with 400 feet of climbing

Today's Activity:

Ride with Fabian Cancellara

Description:

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Included Meals:

Breakfast | Lunch | Social Hour |
Dinner

DAY 5

Today's Ride:

Bruges Coastal Loop

Approximately 39 miles with 492 feet of climbing

Description:

This morning we will cycle around the Bruges countryside, tracing some of the canals for which the city is famous. Then the afternoon is yours to explore this unique city and its wide variety of museums, chocolate shops, and pubs. Or you may opt to take a boat ride along the many canals. Tonight, choose a local bistro for an intimate dinner on your own.

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Included Meals:

Breakfast

DAY 6

Today's Activity:

Grote Scheldeprijs Race Viewing

Today's Activity:

Trek-Segafredo Team Service Course Visit

Description:

The Grote Scheldeprijs is Flanders oldest classic, first run in 1908. The event is a race for sprinters, held on 200 km of flat roads around Antwerp, and includes seven cobbled sections. After an incredible race viewing, we will drive to Deinze to visit the Trek-Segafredo Service Course. During our private tour, you will have a chance to see what happens behind the scenes of the Trek-Segafredo team only days before one of its biggest races. Then it's time to move to Kortrijk, a town closer to the French border and your home for second half of the trip. Tonight is yours to explore Kortrijk on your own for dinner.

Hotel:

Hotel Damier
www.hoteldamier.be/en/

Included Meals:

Breakfast | Lunch

DAY 7

Today's Ride:

Kortrijk Countryside Ride

Approximately 24 miles with 880 feet of climbing (for Paris Roubaix)

Description:

Today we will enjoy a morning ride through the Flemish countryside in preparation for the Roubaix Citizens Challenge Ride. If we have time, we'll sneak into Het Molentje Bakery, home of the mythical rice cakes that power the Trek-Segafredo team all season long. These little pocket packets of racing fuel are the authentic Spring Classics snack, and we'll get to snag them hot out of the oven. Following the ride, relax in the hotel or

take this chance to buy few more souvenirs like world-famous Belgian chocolate. Tonight you'll meet new traveling companions, toast each other's exploits, and share your excitement for Paris-Roubaix as we enjoy a fantastic meal together in local restaurant.

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DAY 8

Today's Ride:

Gent-Wevelgem Race Loop

Approximately 60 miles with 2,000 feet of climbing

Description:

Today you will ride the historic Gent-Wevelgem race course, where Peter Sagan emerged victorious last year. You'll surely recognize the names of some of today's climbs, including Kemmelberg, Monteberg, Zwarteberg, Catsberg and Cassellberg. Take this opportunity to test yourself on the cobbles before tomorrow's Roubaix challenge. This afternoon we will discover the town of Ypres and its many memorials dedicated to World War I. Then you are free to relax and prepare for tomorrow's epic ride. Dine in the restaurant of your choosing before heading to bed early in anticipation of an incredible (albeit early) day tomorrow.

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Bruges Canal Loop

Approximately 20 miles with 300 feet of climbing

Today's Activity:

Departure

Description:

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

We Include More

Every moment of a Trek Travel bike trip has more than you could have ever dreamed. More romance. More scenery. More choice. It's

the little additions to every Trek Travel cycling vacation that make it truly special. And that's how we help you create more memories. [See more](#)

Activities

- Gratuities for all scheduled special events, restaurants, hotels, local guides and transportation during your trip.
- Entry to the Ronde Van Vlaanderen Cyclo and Paris-Roubaix Gran Fondo
- VIP passes to the finish of Paris-Roubaix Pro race
- Entries All transportation during the trip, including private coaches and luggage transfer

Lodging

- Ultimate Experience: 10 nights of accommodation
- Flanders: 4 nights of accommodation
- Paris-Roubaix: 4 nights of accommodation
- In every region we travel, we uncover the area's best, and most delightful accommodations. On all three of our Spring Classics trips, you will stay in perfectly-situated hotel near the races and the area's best riding.

Dining

- Ultimate Experience: Daily breakfast, 7 lunches, social hour on some evenings, 6 dinners, and all snacks and drinks for each day's ride
- Flanders: Daily breakfast, 3 lunches, social hour on some evenings, 3 dinners, and all snacks and drinks for each day's ride
- Paris-Roubaix: Daily breakfast, 3 lunches, social hour on some evenings, 3 dinners, and all snacks and drinks for each day's ride
- On our Spring Classics trip, you'll taste the best of northern French country cuisine, including a blend of French and Belgian cooking drawing on the abundant wealth of local products. Moules and frites (steamed mussels and the ubiquitous Belgian fries), Flemish carbonnade, Belgian waffles, chocolate and beer are some of the local specialties.

Support

- The knowledge, support, and camaraderie of experienced guides
- Daily route support
- Paper route guides also available upon request
- All luggage transfers
- Comprehensive trip literature

Gear

- The use of a Trek Domane SL 7 carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting. Special setups specifically for cobbles riding including Bontrager TLR tubeless system on Bontrager RXL wheels and extra bar tape for additional padding.
- The use of Garmin Touring Plus GPS cycling computer
- The use of Bontrager bike helmets and other gear and equipment to make your ride comfortable
- Trek Travel water bottles
- Coupon valued up to \$500 off a new Trek Bicycle. Contact us for details.
- Trek Travel Bontrager RL jersey and cycling socks
- Trek-Segafredo team kit and customized Road ID

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Thank your Guides, by tipping

Gratuities for your Trek Travel guides are not included in your trip price. We recommend tipping 7.5%-10% of your trip price for the guide team. Local currency is preferred and unless you want to tip separately, guides will divide tips amongst themselves. Please tip your guides at your discretion, based on their level of professionalism, guest care and service.

What's Not Included

- Airfare and transportation to and from the trip pick-up/drop-off locations
- Lodging before and after the trip
- Personal items purchased during the trip

- Optional activities not scheduled by Trek Travel
- On select trips some meals are not included. On these trips, Trek Travel invites you to explore the local cuisine at your leisure.
- Gratuities for your Trek Travel Guides may be given at your discretion in response to their professionalism and leadership. Industry standard is for each individual guest to tip the guide team 10% of the trip price.

ACCOMMODATIONS

[Hotel Damier](#)

Kortrijk, Belgium

Hotel Damier Kortrijk, Belgium This charming 4-star hotel is situated in the city center of Kortrijk. The iconic 14th-century building with luxury rooms has welcomed legends like Eddy Merckx and Lance Armstrong, and it will be your home for enjoying the Springs Classics in elegant style.

[Pand Hotel](#)

Bruges, Belgium

Pand Hotel Bruges, Belgium The Pand Hotel, an 18th century carriage house, has been converted to a 26-bedroom boutique hotel. Situated in the heart of Bruges, on a quiet street just steps away from the historic Market Place, Burg Square, the canal, museums and boutiques.

TRAVEL SERVICES

How to get there

We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the trip start, which will enable you to adjust to the time zone and minimize the risk of missing the trip start due to flight-related delays.

If you are arriving in Brussels for the Ultimate Experience and Flanders trip, we recommend that you fly into Brussels National Airport (BRU). There is frequent bus and train service from the airport to the center of Brussels where you'll need to catch a train to Bruges. The trip to Bruges from BRU takes approximately 60 minutes. A taxi to the center of Brussels will cost approximately 35 euros. For more information about connections from the airport please consult www.BrusselsAirport.be or for train information www.b-rail.be

If you are arriving in Kortrijk for the Paris-Roubaix trip, we recommend that you fly into Brussels National Airport (BRU). There is frequent bus and train service from the airport to the center of Brussels where you'll need to catch a train to Kortrijk. The trip to Kortrijk from BRU takes approximately 60 minutes. The train station in Kortrijk is located right across the street of Park Hotel. For more information about connections from the airport please consult www.BrusselsAirport.be or for train information www.b-rail.be

Meeting Time And Location: Ultimate Experience and Flanders

The Pand Hotel | Bruges, Belgium

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If you will be late for the pick-up or are going to miss it altogether, please inform your guides. You will receive an email a week before the trip start with their names and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call our first hotel, The Pand Hotel (+32 50 34 06 66), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details.

Departing Time and Location: Flanders

Pand Hotel | Bruges, Belgium

You say farewell to your guides at 12:00 AM at The Pand Hotel before you take the train from Bruges to your final destination. Please allow adequate connection time for a flight or train to accommodate possible traffic delays.

Meeting Time And Location: Paris-Roubaix

Hotel Damier | Kortrijk, Belgium

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at Hotel Damier (Grote Markt 41, 8500 Kortrijk, Belgium) at 1:00 PM on the first day of the trip. After meeting your guides at the hotel, your Spring Classics adventure begins as your guides introduce you to the features of your Trek bike and ensure you a perfect, comfortable fit. Enjoy lunch on your own at a nearby brasserie before taking a casual ride this afternoon around Kortrijk.

Departing Time and Location: Ultimate Experience and Paris-Roubaix

Hotel Damier | Kortrijk, Belgium

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Before: Bruges

Consider taking time before your trip to explore the charming city of Bruges, with its canals, stone footbridges, gabled buildings, turrets and medieval architecture. Be sure to not miss the many bistros on either of the two main squares, the "Market" and the "Burg." The Burg is home to a 14th-century masterpiece, the town hall. The city boasts numerous museums, with collections ranging from Flemish Primitives to contemporary artists and everything in between. The city is very pedestrian-friendly and you will not be disappointed with a stay here. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre-trip hotel:

Hotel Heritage Bruges

Perfectly situated near the Market Place, the four-star boutique Hotel Heritage Relais & Châteaux is within easy walking distance of many of the city's highlights, including the theater and shopping districts, gourmet restaurants and popular tourist attractions.

Niklaas Desparsstraat 11 | +32 (0)50 444 444 | www.GrandHotelCasselbergh.com | ~\$200

Grand Hotel Casselburgh

This luxurious hotel is situated at the heart of the historical center of Bruges with its wonderful medieval buildings and idyllic canals. It boasts its own spa and gourmet restaurant

Hoogstraat 6 | +32 (0)50 44 65 00 | www.bemanos.com | ~\$180

Martins Bruges

This hotel has elegantly designed rooms and a restaurant serving authentic Brugois cuisine along with endless specialty beers on tap.

Oude Burg 5 | +32 (0)50 44 51 11 | www.Martins-Hotels.com | ~\$100

FAQS

Trip Changes

Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer each and every guest a vacation of a lifetime on every trip. At times routes, hotels, activities, etc. listed here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides to improve the trip experience.

What are the daily rides like?

- Rider Type | 3
- Average Daily Mileage | 43
- Terrain | Undulating
- Average Daily Elevation | 1,200 ft.

On all of our vacations, Trek Travel strives to find quiet, paved secondary roads or bike paths to experience a region; busy roads are avoided as much as possible. Spring Classics is best suited for our Type 3 Riders, but we can also easily accommodate Type 2 Riders, who seek less mileage or fewer uphill, with a boost in the van. Those who wish to ride every mile but are concerned about their physical ability may want to try our electric bike option—you still get a workout but can climb alongside even the strongest rider. Type 4

Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer. The terrain is varied with rolling plains through Flemish countryside to the challenging famed cobbled climbs of the Ronde van Vlaanderen and long stretches of cobbled roads of Paris-Roubaix. We always look for the quiet, paved secondary roads or bike paths to experience a region. Busy roads are avoided as much as possible.

What are the options for a non-rider travel companion?

On most Trek Travel trips, we offer non-riding options for riders who want to take the afternoon off, or travel companions who want to spend little or no time in the saddle. Some of these options may need to be scheduled before your trip—please contact one of our Trip Consultants for more information. Expenses and/or related transportation to these activities may not be included in the trip price. See Included In The Trip Price for more information. Some non-riding options on this trip are:

- Chocolate & Beer Tastings
- Pro Race Viewings
- Bistro meals
- Walking Tours
- Shopping
- Museums
- Spas

What is the weather going to be like?

Spring in Belgium can bring all kind of weather- cold, rain, wind, for or sun, therefore warm layers and a waterproof shell are highly recommended. Daytime temperatures are usually between 30F-60F.

Do you have upgrade options available?

Due to the nature of the roads on this trip, we only offer the new Trek Domane SL 7 road bike. Contact our trip consultants for more details.

What kind of information is provided?

When a trip is booked, a guest confirmation letter is immediately sent out. One week prior to the trip start you will receive an email containing a trip start meeting location reminder and any last minute information that you will need to know before your trip. Once you arrive at your destination Trek Travel staff will brief you on the day-to-day plan for the trip and provide you with daily route guides and a detailed map allowing you to ride with complete confidence and independence.

What if I have to change or cancel my trip?

We understand things happen in life and sometimes you have to cancel or change your bike tour. We want to make it as easy as possible to do so and below you will find our timeline. If you ever have a question, just give us a call, 866 464 8735. [Read our cancellation policy.](#)

What should I pack?

Please review our [packing list](#) page for more details.

General FAQs

Didn't find what you were looking for? [Check out our General FAQs section.](#) You will find answers to all the most common questions that don't necessarily pertain to a specific trip.

Race FAQs

Want to learn more about our race trip difference? [Check out our Race FAQs section.](#) You will find answers to all the most common questions that pertain to our race trips.