

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF BELGIUM
WRAPPED IN FESTIVE MAGIC

Christmas Cruise

aboard ms Serenity

Antwerp – Ghent – Bruges – Brussels

Discover the highlights of Belgium when they are wrapped in festive magic. Sparkling diamond capitals, cosy winter villages and chocolate box scenery are just some of the sights we enjoy as we follow the rivers and canals that shape this little country. Along the way there's plenty of time to step ashore, explore our ports of call, and after a day of sightseeing and enjoying the festive traditions, you can return to the warmth of our ship where there's everything you need for the perfect Christmas.



Bruges



Brussels

21 December: UK – Rotterdam

We travel to Rotterdam in Holland and enjoy a relaxing evening aboard our ship as we cruise towards Belgium.

22 December: Antwerp

This morning we arrive in the city of Antwerp. Here you can join our optional excursion to the Red Star Line Museum, which tells the fascinating story of the millions of people who left Europe for America in the 1800s. The rest of the day is free to wander around the Christmas market and enjoy the magical atmosphere before we begin cruising towards Hasselt.

23 December: Hasselt Winterland

After breakfast you can join our optional excursion visiting the Dutch town of Valkenburg, where we find a unique Christmas market held in the labyrinth of caves that run beneath the town. We return to our ship in Hasselt which is transformed into a cosy winter village, with the largest mobile skating rink in Belgium, a Christmas train, ferris wheel, Venetian carousel and an array of chalets selling everything from unique gifts to delicious treats. In the early evening we begin cruising towards Ghent.

Christmas Eve: Ghent & Bruges

This morning we arrive in Ghent, Belgium's best kept secret, where we stay overnight. First you can join our included excursion to Bruges, a masterpiece of medieval times. Much of the architecture is perfectly preserved and the streets are largely traffic-free, so it's a joy to explore on foot. There's also the Snow and Ice Sculpture Festival which is held here every year (entrance not included).

Alternatively, you can stay in Ghent and browse the Christmas market. Later today our Cruise Manager will accompany anyone who wants to attend midnight mass at the local church.

Christmas Day: Ghent

Merry Christmas! Today is free for you to relax and enjoy the celebrations on board our ship. You can also take a stroll around the small city of Ghent, which is filled with dreamy canals and hundreds of beautiful buildings including the Castle of the Counts. This evening we begin cruising towards Brussels.

Boxing Day: Brussels

At the heart of Brussels is Grand Place, a must-see square surrounded by gothic and baroque buildings adorned with gilded statues. After a late morning arrival, we stay in Brussels overnight so there's plenty of time to explore and you can also join our optional guided tour to see the city highlights, including the Atomium, a huge replica of an iron atom which has become the unmistakable symbol of Belgium.

27 December: Cruising

We say farewell to Brussels and Belgium and enjoy a full day cruising along pretty waterways to reach Rotterdam.

28 December: Rotterdam – UK

We bid farewell to our captain and crew and set off on the return journey.

Please note: At the time of writing, the exact details of the Hasselt Winterland are not confirmed and the attractions listed may change.



Hasselt Winterland

8 DAYS FROM
£799



YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

BY COACH

- Coach travel to the port from your local area
- Ferry crossing from Dover
- Seven nights' cruise on a full board basis

BY RAIL

- Travel by Eurostar from London St Pancras
- Coach transfers between station and ship
- Seven nights' cruise on a full board basis

To make your own way to the ship please see pages 63 & 65

2017 dates	No. of days	Coach routes	Ferry crossing/ train station
20 December 8	8	All routes D1 to D12	Dover
20 December 8	–	–	St Pancras

HOLIDAY PRICES

Tour code: CHIBE

BY COACH / RAIL per person				
Code	Deck	Berth	Coach via Dover 8 days	Rail 8 days
	Main	2	£799	£979
	Middle	2	£859	£1069
	Panorama	2	£929	£1099

See page 29 for deck plan and cabin occupancy

DRINKS PACKAGE: £109 per person

See page 28 for details

EXCURSIONS

- The Red Star Line Museum..... £10
- Valkenburg Christmas Market.....£12
- Bruges Included
- Brussels & the Atomium£25

Pre-book package price	£35
Saving per person	£12