

Social Tours / Post-Conference Tours

All tours will be operated by the Office du Tourisme de Lille. Reservations can be made in advance on Booking Form No. 4 (page 24) or on the spot at the Office du Tourisme desk in the registration area of ENC 2002 in the foyer of Lille Grand Palais.

Daily: Tour A – Lille Sightseeing Tour

EUR 8 per person

What would you say to a tour of Lille in just one hour? Equipped with a multilingual commentary system (French, English, German, Dutch), these mini bus tours cover the mains historical sites, modern districts, drive alongside the waterways and through the surrounding countryside to offer you an overview of the city and its origins.

• Departure: each hour from 10.00 h to 18.00 h, from the Palais Rihour; duration 1 hour

On Sundays and Mondays no tour at 13.00 h and 18.00 h

Monday, October 7, 2002

Tour B - Palais des Beaux Arts

Architecture, collections, fine arts center EUR 13 per person

The Place de la République is just a stone's throw from the pedestrian streets and it is here that two majestic buildings nestle side by side. One of these is the Fine Arts Centre, second only in France to the Louvre. The works of Donatello, Rubens, Jordaens, Goya, David, Delacroix, Courbet are all here, along with the majesty of the architectural structures and a wealth of paintings, sculptures and 3-dimensional plans.

- Departure: 14.30 h from Lille Grand Palais, return around 17.30 h at Lille Grand Palais
- · Minimum 15 participants required

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Tour C - Night-time walk in the Old Town & beer tasting EUR 8 per person

Curiosities, conviviality and the pleasures of the palate are the highlights of this tour. Allow yourself to be charmed by the ancient buildings in this historical part of town and enjoy a well-merited tasting of local beers.

- Departure: 20.00 h from Lille Grand Palais, return around 22.00 h to Lille Grand Palais
- · Minimum 15 participants required

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Tour D - Arc international

EUR 39 per person

The Arques crystal glassworks and Clairmarais by waterway The Arques crystal glassworks was founded in 1825, and is the world leader in crystal tableware. Visitors can follow the entire manufacturing process. Satisfaction is guaranteed when you discover the special offers available in the glassworks shop. A few minutes from Saint Omer a boat trip through the Audomarois marshes allows you to explore the unusual layout of this area with its "watergangs", market gardens, fish farms and its ornithological reserve for migrating birds.

- Departure: 09.00 h from Lille Grand Palais, return around 17.30 h to Lille Grand Palais
- Minimum 30 participants required

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Tour E - Bruges 2002

European Capital of Culture 2002 EUR 39 per person

This day includes a guided tour of Bruges "the little Venice of the North", situated not far from Lille. You will explore the historic town center, including "le Burg" and "le Markt" and see other exceptional sights including the convent "le Béguinage", "l'Hôpital Saint Jean" and the Notre Dame church. A selection of Bruges' famous museums, namely Groeninge, Memling and Gruuthuse, are included in the visit. The final highlight of the day will be the traditional canals tour and free time for those last-minute purchases of chocolates and lace.

- Departure: 09.00 h from Lille Grand Palais, return around 18.00 h at Lille Grand Palais
- Minimum 30 participants required

Friday, October 11, 2002

Tour F - Monts de Flandre

The hop route EUR 39 per person

After coffee, served on your arrival, you will be taken to discover the architectural and contemporary constructions of metropolitan Lille. Consider, for instance, that few cities have had the honor of being able to call on the best planners and architects to build Euralille, the new district of Lille, which boasts a bold 21st century style and presence. Following this you will be taken to the Modern Art Museum at Villeneuve d'Asq (closed on Tuesday). Here is an outstanding display of canvasses by Modigliani, Picasso, Braque, Léger, Van Dongen and Buffet. The museum is in beautiful, green countryside and the visitor is invited to linger and admire the vast sculptures installed in the museum gardens.

- Departure: 09.00 h from Lille Grand Palais, return around 17.00 h to Lille Grand Palais
- Minimum 30 participants required