

T. H. and J. DANIELS LIMITED  
INDUSTRIAL STUDY TOUR OF BELGIUM

19th to 27th MARCH, 1955

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INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

ALL TICKETS, PASSPORTS and TRAVELLERS CHEQUES must be in your possession. You may also take with you a maximum of £5. Os. Od. in English currency.

TRANSPORT - SATURDAY, 19th MARCH

Members of the Party should assemble at Stroud Station at 8.20 a.m.

We will travel to Paddington on the 8.42 a.m. train arriving in London at 10.35 a.m. This is a restaurant train and breakfast and coffee will be available if required. We will proceed from Paddington to Victoria Station to catch the 12.30 p.m. train to Dover, arriving there at 2.21 p.m.

X After passing through the Customs we board ship, leaving Dover at 2.50 p.m. and arriving in Ostend at 7.30 p.m. Tea and refreshments will be available on board. After passing through the Belgian Customs we will transfer to our Private Coach and travel to the Memline Palace Hotel, Bruges, where Dinner will be awaiting our arrival.

PROGRAMME OF VISITS

SUNDAY, 20th MARCH

Breakfast in Hotel. The remainder of the day will be free for sightseeing, and meals may be taken either at the hotel or places of your own choosing.

MONDAY, 21st MARCH

Breakfast in Hotel. Leave immediately afterwards for a visit to "La Brugeoise et Nicaise & Delcuve" in Bruges - a factory making rolling stock.

After lunch we will proceed by coach to Ghent, to visit "Societe D'Electricite et de Mecanique".

Return to Bruges for dinner and night.

TUESDAY, 22nd MARCH

Breakfast in Hotel. After breakfast we will travel by coach to Brussels to our Hotel - Cecil Hotel, Boulevard du Jardin Botanique.

After an early lunch we will travel to Genval by coach to visit the factory of "Papeteries de Genval".

Return to Brussels for dinner and night. On the return journey from Genval to Brussels we shall pass through the battlefields of Waterloo.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd MARCH

Breakfast in Hotel. After breakfast a visit will be made to Overboelare to look over the Match Factory of "S/A Union Allumettiere".

Return to Brussels for lunch. After lunch two short visits have been arranged and members may choose which one they wish to take part in. They are:-

"Papeteries de Virginal" - paper manufacturers

"A L'Innovation" - the visit will be to the Head Office of this Multiple Stores Organisation, for the purpose of learning something of the Company's training methods and Joint Consultative practices, as well as advertising technique and sales promotion.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd MARCH (cont'd)

Dinner and night in Brussels.

THURSDAY, 24th MARCH.

Breakfast in Hotel, leaving immediately afterwards by coach for Antwerp, arriving at the factory of "Gevaert", the manufacturers of photographic equipment at 10.00 a.m.

Lunch in Antwerp.

The afternoon will be free for sightseeing.

Return to Brussels for dinner and night.

FRIDAY, 25th MARCH

Breakfast in Hotel. Leave Brussels for Liege visiting "Charbonnages André Dumont" en route. This is a coal mine situated at Waterschei, and we will look over the new model Power Station where some of the James Gordon control equipment, manufactured here, has been installed.

In Liege for dinner and night, staying at the Grand Hotel Britannique.

SATURDAY, 26th MARCH

Two visits have been arranged, and the party will divide.

(a) "Esperance-Longdoz" - a steel works situated at Sieriang, about six miles outside Liege.

(b) "Cristalleries du Val St. Lambert" - crystal glass manufacturers. It will not be possible to look around the actual workshops, but the showroom will be open to us and the processes fully explained.

After lunch we will return to Bruges by coach. There will be time for sightseeing in Ghent en route.

Dinner in Bruges. The Party will stay at the Menline Palace Hotel.

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURN JOURNEY

SUNDAY, 27th MARCH

Breakfast in Hotel. Leave Bruges by coach for Ostend in time to catch the 9.45 a.m. boat for Dover. We will arrive in Dover at 12.30 p.m. and leave by train at 1.05 p.m. arriving at Victoria at 3.05 p.m. We will leave Paddington at 6.35 p.m. reaching Stroud at 9.00 p.m.

The Party will then disperse to their homes.

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CURRENCY

Rate of Exchange: 140 Belgian Francs to one English pound.  
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7 Francs to one English shilling.

Currency is in Notes and Coins of various values. Examples are given below:-

500 Francs	=	£3. 11s. 5d.
100 Francs	=	14s. 3d.
50 Francs	=	7s. 1½d.
10 Francs	=	1s. 5d.
5 Francs	=	8½d.

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TRAVELLERS CHEQUES

These may be cashed in any Exchange Bank and in most Hotels. They must be endorsed by the person in whose name they have been issued, and signed a second time when changed for foreign currency. Any unused cheques can be paid back into the Bank on return to England. A small charge is made for this service.

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One of the party will act as Treasurer, to pay bills for meals, entertainment and in other cases where more convenient than individual payment, and he will collect from each member of the party his or her share each day.

Hotel accommodation (bed and breakfast only) has already been paid for. Other meals will be paid for as taken.

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GENERAL NOTES

OSTEND is 77 miles from Brussels, and is the largest of the Belgian resorts. It has a beautiful beach and a pier 1,000 feet long. Every facility for enjoyment exists particularly in the summer months - there are Theatres, a Casino, Racecourse, etc.

BRUGES is 15 miles from Ostend and 62 miles from Brussels. It is a mediaeval city which has been wonderfully well preserved. It was once the centre of commerce, particularly with the great merchant houses of Europe and the East, and is of course most famous for the lace that is made there.

GHEENT is 29 miles from Bruges and 33 miles from Brussels. Ghent is the capital of the East Flanders Province and is situated on the banks of the Escout and Lys rivers. It is the second largest port in Belgium and an important textile centre. It is often called the City of Flowers because of the many horticultural gardens there.

GENVAL is 14 miles from Brussels and 5 miles from Waterloo, and is principally a country holiday resort.

BRUSSELS is 77 miles from Ostend, and is the Capital of Belgium, and the Brabant Province.

ANTWERP is 30 miles from Brussels, and is the capital of the Antwerp Province. It is a large seaport and has many rich museums, old churches, historic monuments. Its most important industries are diamond workshops, fuel refineries, automobile factories and shipbuilding. There is also a world famous Zoo.

WATERSCHEI is a small hamlet near the town of Hasselt which is 23 miles from Liege.

LIEGE is 60 miles from Brussels and is situated at the junction of the Meuse and Ourthe rivers. It is the northern gate to the Ardennes. It has many museums and galleries, theatres, cinemas and a free and easy Continental night life. It is a very good shopping centre.

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The above notes are very brief, and leaflets describing the towns we visit may be obtained from the Tourist Offices in Belgium.

All road distances on the continent are given in Kilometres, one Kilometre being  $\frac{5}{8}$  of a mile.

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Liquids are measured in Litres, one Litre being  $1\frac{3}{4}$  pints approximately.

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<u>Postage Rates</u>	-	<u>Letters</u> up to .64 oz.	4 francs
		for every additional .64 oz.	2.50 francs
		<u>Postcards</u> - signature only	.80 francs
		more than five words	2.50 francs

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