Dear Travelers,

We are excited about our upcoming trip to Belgium and The Netherlands, which will feature art cities and historical sites. Bruges, Antwerp, Amsterdam and The Hague will be our focus for visiting museums rich in art and historical sites from the fifteenth through the twentieth centuries. These small countries have played outsized roles in European history and culture and can be easily explored from our two bases in Amsterdam and Bruges. Good food and drink also characterize the Low Countries, and special group dinners will capitalize on our locations. Our academic expertise in western European history and art history make us eager to explore the Low Countries with you.

- Catherine Scallen and Kenneth F. Ledford

Holland & Belgium

May 20 - 31, 2018
Hosted by Professors Catherine Scallen and Kenneth F. Ledford

Your Hosts

Catherine Scallen is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities and Associate Professor of Art History at Case Western Reserve University, where she has taught since 1995, and where she chaired the Department of Art History and Art from 2010-2017. A graduate of Wellesley College (BA), the Williams College Graduate Program in the History of Art (MA), and Princeton University (PhD), her research has focused on the history of Rembrandt painting attributions (Rembrandt, Reputation, and the Practice of Connoisseurship Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2004) and on Rembrandt’s religious etchings. She is now conducting research for a book about the art dealer Joseph Duveen’s relationships with museum professionals and art historians in the first four decades of the twentieth century.

Scallen has served as a faculty lecturer for trips to Berlin and to The Netherlands for CWRU, and twice to The Netherlands and Belgium for Princeton University. She has also recorded two video courses for the Great Courses Co. (formerly the Teaching Company), on Northern Renaissance Art and Museum Masterpieces: National Gallery, London.

Kenneth F. Ledford is the Associate Professor of History and Law at Case Western Reserve University. Professor Ledford is Chair of the Department of History at Case Western Reserve University and holds appointments both in the Department of History and the School of Law. He teaches German history, European legal history, the history of European legal professions, historical methods, and the history of European Union law. His main research interests include the intersection of legal thought and middle-class formation in Germany in the 19th and 20th centuries, which results in his focus on the study of legal professions and legal professionals. He is author of From General Estate to Special Interest: German Lawyers 1878-1933 (Cambridge University Press), numerous articles on the history of German law and legal professions, and is currently completing a book manuscript tentatively titled Prussian Judges and the Rule of Law in Germany, 1848-1914.
Sunday, May 20 - Departure aboard your overnight flight to Amsterdam. **Overnight: Plane**

**Monday, May 21** - Morning arrival in Amsterdam. Your flight will be met for the transfer to our city-center hotel. We have arranged for your rooms to ready immediately upon arrival and, after checking in, there will time to unpack, relax and find some lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon a local guide will introduce the highlights of the city – from a canal boat! Amsterdam was built around the network of canals and they provide the best way to see most of the major sites. This evening we will gather for a welcome reception and introductory lecture, followed by dinner at the hotel. **(D) Overnight: Amsterdam**

**Tuesday, May 22** - After a leisurely breakfast, there will be a lecture on the history of the Low Countries and some of the highlights you are about to see at the Rijksmuseum. We will then wander over to the newly-refurbished museum for a guided tour of the museum’s highlights. The afternoon will be free to further explore the treasures on display or to visit some of the other museums in the city. You will also have time to find a local restaurant for dinner. **(B) Overnight: Amsterdam**

**Wednesday, May 23** - Today’s excursion takes us to the east of Amsterdam towards the city of Apeldoorn. Our first stop will be to visit the Het Loo Palace, home of the Dutch royal family and now a national museum. To the south of the palace lies the De Hoge Veluwe National Park, 14,000 acres of nature reserve and home to the Kröller-Müller National Museum, housing an important collection of sculpture and art, specializing in works by Van Gogh. We’ll have free time for lunch and then a guided tour of the museum. There may also be time for individual exploration in the sculpture garden before we continue our journey to the Huis Doorn Museum. The interior is unchanged from the time when the German Emperor, Wilhelm II, lived in the house. We return to Amsterdam for a free evening. **(B) Overnight: Amsterdam**

**Thursday, May 24** - Leaving Amsterdam, our journey today takes us to the seat of government of the Netherlands (not to be confused with the capital city, Amsterdam), the ancient port city of Den Haag (The Hague). We’ll begin our exploration of the city with a tour of the Peace Palace, the home of the International Court of Justice. After a break for lunch we’ll take a tour of the Mauritshuis, the Royal Picture Gallery named after Prince John Maurice of Nassau, whose 17th-century residence now houses the collection. There will then be free time to visit the Stedelijk Museum with its collection of Mondrians, for those interested, or to view the Mesdag Panorama. This amazing canvas (nearly 400 feet long and 46 feet high) was commissioned from the artist Hendrik Willem Mesdag in 1880 and shows the seaside town of Scheveningen as it was in 1881. We’ll continue on the city of Bruges, where we’ll have dinner at our hotel. **(B, D) Overnight: Bruges**

**Friday, May 25** - Bruges is the capital of West Flanders and is known as the “Venice of the North,” owing to the myriad canals that criss-cross the city. A morning walking tour of Bruges with a local guide will introduce this wonderfully-preserved, ancient city and include a visit to Bruges Cathedral. We’ll end the tour at the Groeninge Museum, with its world-class collection of Flemish Primitive and later Dutch Masters (including works by Jan van Eyck, Gerard David, and Hieronymus Bosch). The afternoon and evening are free to further explore – perhaps pay a visit to the Memling Museum in St. Jan Hospital. **(B) Overnight: Bruges**

**Saturday, May 26** - Our excursion today takes us to neighboring Ghent, with its wonderful medieval city center. A walking tour will introduce the highlights of the city: St. Bavo Cathedral (home of the Ghent Altarpiece), St. Nicolas Church and the Castle of the Counts of Flanders. After free time for lunch and individual exploration we’ll return to Bruges, where the rest of the afternoon and evening will be free. **(B) Overnight: Bruges**

**Sunday, May 27** - A day today spent exploring sites from World War I. We drive first to Ypres, where we will visit the “In the Fields of Flanders” Museum dedicated to the many soldiers who laid down their lives here in the First World War. After time for lunch, we’ll also visit the Menin Gate Museum, an iconic British war memorial, inscribed with 54,896 names, and the site for a daily Last Post ceremony. We return to Bruges for dinner at a local restaurant, including a beer tasting! **(B, D) Overnight: Bruges**

The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy, is:

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Airfares are available from many departure cities. Please call for details.

**Inclusions:**
- **Hotels:** 10 nights’ accommodation in a first-class hotel. All hotel taxes and service charges included.
- **Coaching:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary.
- **Meals:** Daily breakfast, and 4 dinners.
- **Guides:** Discover Europe tour guide throughout. Local guides for many museums.
- **Expenses:** Porterage of one large suitcase per person.
- **Entrances:** Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary.
- **Lectures:** Lectures by hosts Catherine Scallen and Kenneth F. Ledford.

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed out to each registrant on receipt of deposit.
Monday, May 28 - The first stop this morning is the city of Antwerp. Here we visit Rubens house, where he lived for 29 years from 1611. The house and garden were restored using engravings made between 1684 and 1692. We continue our tour of the city, seeing the Rockox House (Nicolaas Rockox was the burgomaster of Antwerp and a friend and patron of Rubens), the Cathedral, the Town Hall, the Meat Guild Hall and the Museum Plantin Moretus. We continue to our hotel in Amsterdam where the evening is free. (B) Overnight: Amsterdam

Tuesday, May 29 - A leisurely start to the morning with a short walk to the nearby Van Gogh Museum for a tour. After a break for lunch, we’ll visit the Rembrandt House Museum, a restored, 17th-century house where Rembrandt lived & worked for 20 years, hung with his etchings, and the nearby Maritime History Museum. Our bus will then return us to the hotel and the rest of the evening will be free. (B) Overnight: Amsterdam

Wednesday, May 30 - A free day in Amsterdam to explore the city. Take another canal boat tour, shop in the Jordaan district, visit the Amstelkling Museum, or the Anne Frank House. Your tour guide will be on hand to help with suggestions and advice. This evening we gather again for a special farewell dinner – the traditional Indonesian Rijstafel, so beloved by the Dutch. (B, D) Overnight: Amsterdam

Thursday, May 31 - Morning transfers to Amsterdam’s Schiphol Airport for returning flights to the U.S. (B)

B=breakfast, D=dinner

Registration Form

General Instructions
i). Please type or print.
ii). Make checks payable to CWRU.
iii). Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
iv). Complete both sides of this form.
v). Detach the bottom section and mail it to Michelle Miller at CWRU with your deposit of $850 per person. Keep the top section for your records.

Passenger Details
i). Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your “Known As” or preferred name, if applicable.
ii). Passport Details. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.
iii). Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
iv). Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
v). Health Information. A certain amount of walking is involved in this trip. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

Passenger Details for Holland & Belgium

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Special Dietary Requirements: 

Health Information: 

Other Comments or Notes: 

Trip Details

Departure Date: 
Return Date: 

I would like to extend my trip to: 

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Payment Schedule

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