



First, a visit to Esneux



And, of course,
up to Falcon Rock



The local tour guide



The Ourthe on
its way to Tilff
from Esneux



Chateau Monceau in Hony



La vie Tilffoise



The approach
to Dinant,
Rocher Bayard,
blown through
in 1698





Specialty of Dinant, a honey cake called a
couque



The
collegiale
Church of
Our Lady
whose onion
dome dates
from 1566



Looking
down on
the river
Meuse



The arch left from the Basilica destroyed
by falling rocks in 1227



The stairs up to
the citadel. Do
we walk up
or...

...ride in the
world's shortest
cable car?



Some chose to walk up...





...and all rode down

Good to know the
car is maintained,
but while we are
riding it?





The Meuse Bridge, the reason for the fortress on the rocks above



Dinant is
known for
its brass
and is
home to
the
saxophone



The home of the sax's inventor,
Adolphe



And now to taste the couque, according to the instructions.





A few minutes' drive from Dinant,
we arrive at Chateau Veves



The courtyard and timber-framed gallery



A lovely great hall with a wonderful stone floor



A photograph of a small, narrow room with white walls and a wooden floor. A wooden bench is mounted on the wall. On the bench, there is a small, round, glowing green light, a small metal object, and a small card with a picture of a machine. A small light fixture is mounted on the wall above the bench. The text "A thoroughly unmodern convenience" is overlaid on the bottom of the image.

A thoroughly unmodern
convenience



300 year old stairwell at Veves







SORTIE
UITGANG
WAY OUT
AUSGANG

WORLDWIDE THE
1000 QUESTIONS
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The Chateau in its heyday



A now abandoned sister castle, belonging to the same family, can be seen on the next hill



Welcome to Brugge,
its market ...



...and goodies



The Stadhuis (town hall) from 1375



The entry to the Basilica of the Holy Blood



Inside the basilica











One of the few wooden houses remaining









Some of the many beautiful brick houses from the 1600's, some large...



...and some small

An unusual
galleried house



A wide-angle photograph of a large, open green lawn. In the foreground, several tall, mature trees with thick trunks and dense green foliage stand in a row. The lawn is lush and green, with some shadows cast by the trees. In the background, a long, white building with a red-tiled roof and many windows is visible. The building has a classic architectural style with a central entrance and a small tower-like structure on the left side. The sky is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day.

Inside the Prinselijk Beguijnhof,
a refuge still today



Godshuizen, guild sponsored housing for the elderly from the 17th century







While the others toured Brugge's heart, Jim and I walked to the old walls



Random installations of art along our way



The remaining gate from the old city fortifications,
the Kruispoort



The St. John's House windmill from 1770, the last of 20 original mills on the fortifications



The Jerusalem church, 15th century







On our way to La Roche, we stumbled upon a British cemetery of 500 graves



Peaceful, solemn and lovingly
maintained



Columbia



The townscape of La Roche
en Ardennes



Success in our
search for a
WWII tank



Not a tank says Mark but a tank destroyer!



The castle looms over the village and the Ourthe river valley



A common hobby, joy riding in the
Ardennes



Unusual stone work in the castle ruins





Looking out over La Roche



A lovely walk along a high hillside overlooking the Ourthe



Leads us to a re-creation of the celtic stronghold or "oppidum" called Chesle



Ah! I see the cars.

Our reward for a hard day's touring,
"Cream of Squirrel", a taste of the

Ardennes





On to the capital, two Brusselian icons: the little peeing boy and a chocolate fountain



And some local giants



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The new Magritte Museum, open for business

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Dedicated to a
surrealist artist who
could render his
vision beautifully



Ceci n'est pas une pipe.



No trip to Brussels is complete without the Great Market Square and city hall



And now to savor
some flavors of
Belgium's breweries







