

Valkenburg, The Hague and the Three Countries Tour

6 nights / 7 days

Sunday 14 September 2025 – Saturday 20 September 2025

£819.00 per person

£165.00 Single supplement per person

Based on 10 single rooms

Valkenburg is located in the South Limburg part of Holland, famous for its beautiful undulating scenery and pretty villages. With a great location, Valkenburg provides a good base for this tour which includes the wonderful cities of Aachen and Maastricht and the picturesque town of Monschau. As the oldest tourist centre in Holland, Valkenburg itself boasts many attractions including the famous castle, museums, marlstone caves and a great collection of shops, street cafés and restaurants.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- ABTA Protection
- Coach hire and driver serviced throughout your tour
- Return P&O Ferry crossings from Hull to Rotterdam • Cabin accommodation • Dinner on board the ferry
- Valkenburg caves visit by train
- 4 Nights bed and breakfast with one evening dinner at the Hotel Walram
- Maastricht guided tour
- Maastricht guided river cruise



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Day 1 – Sunday 14 September 2025 – Depart the UK and Overnight Ferry

Drive from Worcester to Hull in time for embarkation on the P&O overnight cruise ferry at around 16.00 hours. Once on board, and cabins have been allocated, there will be plenty of time to explore the ship and make use of the many on-board facilities including bars, cafes, restaurants, casino and entertainment. Dinner is included in the ferry this evening. Sailing is around 20.30 hours.

Day 2 – Monday 15 September 2025 – Disembarkation and travel to Valkenburg via The Hague

The ship will dock around 08.15 hours (local time) and disembarkation will begin as soon as possible thereafter. Once ashore drive to The Hague which is about an hour's drive from the port. There will be some free time to explore the city and see some famous sights such as the Peace Palace whilst also getting lunch before leaving for Valkenburg.

An optional guided walking tour or a visit to the Mauritshuis Museum in The Hague or a tour of Delft Pottery could be an alternative on Day 2. More information on these can be provided including any supplements applicable.

The drive to Valkenburg will take about 3-4 hours passing through the Dutch countryside and towns such as Dordrecht, Tilburg and Eindhoven. Upon arrival in Valkenburg check-in at the Hotel Walram for the next 4 nights. Dinner will be together at the hotel this evening.

Day 3 – Tuesday 16 September 2025 – Maastricht Sightseeing and River Cruise

After breakfast in the hotel, we will head out to Maastricht also known as 'The Paris of the Benelux' and meet up with a local guide for a walking tour which will highlight the prettiest parts of the old town including the Town Hall on The Markt, Stokstraat Quarter, the Basilica of Our Lady and the Ramparts. After the tour there will be time to get some lunch before taking a sightseeing cruise on the Meuse River for an alternative view of the city. Return to Valkenburg via the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial whose tower can be seen before reaching the site. Stroll around the beautiful gardens and see the Court of Honor, the Chapel, the visitor centre and the Tablets of the Missing at your own leisure. Back at the hotel, the evening is at leisure. *(Dinner not included this evening)*

Day 4 – Wednesday 17 September 2025 - 3 Countries Corner, Aachen, Monschau and the Eiffel Mountains.

Depart after breakfast for Vaalserberg, a hill located at the point where the countries of Belgium, Holland and Germany converge (accessed via the nearby town of Vaals). It is a well known tourist attraction with a tower, a maze and restaurant on site *(check for opening times)*. After a brief stop, continue to Aachen (Germany) where the main attraction is the cathedral which was the first UNESCO World Heritage Site, the historic

town hall and the Elisenbrunnen with its two pavilions and fountains of thermal waters. Take time to stroll around and get some lunch *(not included)*. *(See Note 2 below)*.

Whilst in Aachen (Day 4) there is the option to visit the Lindt Chocolate Factory Outlet. One of the advantages of purchasing chocolate here, rather than in a supermarket, is the huge variety and diversity of different Lindt products.

After lunch, we will drive through the stunning scenery of the Eiffel Mountains and arrive at the picturesque village of Monschau (Germany) famous for its half-timbered buildings and cobbled streets overlooked by a medieval castle. We may make an optional visit to the Mustard Mill (located just out of town) where you can taste and purchase this local speciality which has more than 18 varieties. The famous 'moutarde de montjoie' is the perfect souvenir to take home! Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. *(Dinner not included this evening)*

Day 5 – Thursday 18 September 2025 – At leisure Valkenburg

After breakfast, visit to the Valkenburg Caves via the tourist train, a must do if in Valkenburg. The rest of the day will be free to explore Valkenburg at your own pace. Valkenburg is also known as 'Marlstone Town' because of the quarried stone which was used as building material and has resulted in a network of over 150 miles of underground caves beneath the town. There are also plenty of shops for those last-minute souvenirs, street cafes and restaurants.

Day 6 – Friday 19 September 2025 – Depart Valkenburg, Rotterdam and Overnight Ferry

Depart after breakfast and begin the return journey to Europort. Make a stop in Rotterdam itself and spend a few hours exploring the city whilst grabbing lunch *(not included)* before heading to the ship.

Recommendations in Rotterdam include:

- See the iconic Cube Houses
- The new Market Hall which is made up of a 40-metre-high archway and is home to a multitude of market stalls, shops and cafes
- Ride the elevator to the top of the Euromast for amazing views over the city, port and harbour

Optional guided tours, group entrance to Euromast or harbour cruises are available but must be prebooked for groups at a supplement. A guided tour would cost £25 per person (subject to finalised rates and availability).

Make the short journey to Europort, check-in and board the ferry for the overnight sailing back to the UK which will depart at approx 21.00 hours (local time). Once again, enjoy many of the on-board facilities before retiring to your ensuite cabin.

Day 7 – Saturday 20 September 2025 – Arrival in the UK
Disembark the ferry at 08:00 shortly after arrival in Hull and continue the drive home to Worcester.

Please note if you would like us to quote on any of the optional services mentioned above, please let us know and we would be happy to include this within the package price.

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