

Guided walk + visit of the Inbev Brewery

Are you interested in making a first acquaintance with the city of Leuven whilst sneaking in some Belgian beer brewing culture?

We will get started with the 'Discover Leuven'-walk. The tour will include a visit to the Grote Markt Square, a visit to the University colleges and cloth halls. The Grote Markt Square is famous for the Leuven city hall and the Saint Peter's Church, both masterfully designed in the Brabantine Gothic architectural style by the renowned architect Matheus de Layens. A visit to the Great Beguinage, a UNESCO world Heritage site, will also be a highlight to remember. The walk will end at the InBev brewery. Here is where you will discover the history of Leuven's crown jewel when it comes to beer: Stella Artois. You will enjoy an interactive guided tour through the brewing hall and an exciting ride along one of the bottling lines. After a vertiginous ride on one of the bottles lines, it is time for the real deal: drafting and tasting from a delicious Stella Artois in the Stella Artois bar above the brewery.

Day: Friday afternoon, 13 October 2017

Time: 15:00 – 18:30

Meeting Point: Entrance of University Hall. A guide from Leuven is going to pick you up.

Duration: 3.5 hours (2 hours guided walk + 1.5 hours visit InBev)

Registration deadline: 3 October 2017

Minimum number of participants: 15 persons

Maximum number of participants: 60 persons

Price: 25.00 EUR per person



Chocolate workshop

Would you mind spoiling your taste buds with Belgian chocolate? Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and get focussed on something really creative and challenge yourself to come up with new taste sensations. You will receive guidance about the basic principles of the world of chocolate and then you are immediately going to be set to work. Assemble your own trail mix, pipe your own ganache pralines, make crunchy chocolate rocks and present it all in your very own chocolate bowl which you may take home.

Day: Friday 13 October 2017

Time: 14:00 – 16:30

Duration: 2.5 hours

Start: This workshop will start at 14:30, in the Muntstraat 15 (5 minutes' walk from the conference venue). Mieke Cassiers will be your workshop teacher.

Registration deadline: 3 October 2017

Minimum number of participants: 8 persons

Maximum number of participants: 17 persons

Price: 50.00 EUR per person



VISIT to IMEC

A short bus ride will bring you to imec, which is located at the outskirts of Leuven. Imec is the world-leading R&D and innovation hub in nanoelectronics and digital technologies. After a presentation about imec and the wide spectra of its research activities you will have the chance for a guided window tour along the 300mm cleanroom.

After the visit the bus will take you back to the location of the conference.

Day: Friday 13 October 2017

Duration: 1.5 hours

15:00 – 15:45 general imec presentation

15:45 – 16:30 300mm-window cleanroom visit

Meeting Point: At 15:00 a bus will be at your disposal in front of the University Hall. After the visit the bus will take you back to the location of the conference.

Registration deadline: 3 October 2017

Minimum number of participants: 15 persons

Maximum number of participants: 60 persons

Price: 20.00 EUR per person

Excursion to Bruges



Bruges is the capital of the West Flanders province situated in the northwest of Belgium. Bruges is well known for its canals which loop across the town like a string of pearls, creating the well-earned moniker of 'the Venice of the North'. With its cobblestone paths, brick archways, stone churches and quaint bridges, it is nearly impossible not to get impressed with this wonderful city.

Furthermore, Bruges is the perfect example of a medieval city center, with its bell tower leaning over the wide open market. As the city center is closed off to cars, all the stunning beauty and culture of this unforgettable city can excellently be explored on foot.



We will start the excursion with a guided city walk through the historical city center, walking past the market, the belfry, the beguinages and the lake of love. After the walk you might like to have lunch in the city center. We will then take you on a tour along the picturesque canals. Some leisure time will also allow you to discover the city on your own - you will have enough time to visit a museum or simply enjoy a refreshing drink at a local bar. After the excursion a bus will drive you back to Leuven.



Day: Saturday 14 October 2017

Time: 08:00 – 19:00

Meeting Point: A bus of Focus Flanders will pick you up in the city centre of Leuven. The bus will leave at 08:00 in the morning.

Minimum number of participants: 25 persons

Maximum number of participants: 45 persons

Price: 110.00 EUR, *including bus transfer, guided walk, lunch and boat ride*