



Program Dates, Details & Arrival Information

CIEE Study Center at Vesalius College, Brussels, Belgium Business Communication and Culture Program – Fall 2012

Reminder!

The Program Dates, Details and Updates contain important information about your upcoming semester. However, it is very important that you read the online Program Handbook and all contents of the acceptance materials located in your online checklist accessed via MY CIEE to learn more about how you have to prepare for your semester in Belgium.

Travel to Brussels, Belgium

Airfare to and from Brussels is NOT included in the program fee. CIEE Brussels participants must arrange their own airfare independently. Please make sure that you complete the Flight Arrival Survey located on your MYCIEE online Checklist once you have made your travel arrangements.

The airport code for Brussels National Airport is BRU

Students should arrive at the orientation hotel no later than 12:00pm on August 19, 2012.

Airport Group Pick-up

There will be an optional group pick up at Brussels National Airport (BRU) on **August 19 at 10:30 am**.

If you arrive earlier than the arrival date or if you clear customs after 10:30am on **August 19**, it is your responsibility to get to the orientation hotel no later than 12PM on **August 19**. Late arrivals are not permitted.

Arriving Early

Some past students have recommended arriving at least a day early. If you are planning to arrive prior to orientation, you may contact the orientation hotel or any other hotel in Brussels to make your own reservations for those extra night(s) at your own expense. Students who arrive early are responsible for any expenses (travel, lodging, food, etc.) incurred **before** the start of orientation.

For students arriving early there will be the opportunity to meet informally with the staff and other early arrivals the evening of August 18.

One-Way Ticket Advisory

In the past, some students travelling to Europe have been denied boarding by their airline when they attempted to travel with a one-way ticket. We strongly recommend that all students travel with a round trip ticket. For students who are unsure of their plans at the end of the program, we recommend researching fares with low change fees so that the ticket may be changed later. If you have any questions about this, please contact your CIEE Study Abroad Advisor.

CIEE Program Calendar

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| August 18 | Depart US |
| August 19 | Arrive in Brussels |
| August 26 | Visit to Waterloo/Villers-la-Ville |
| September 1 | Bruges Excursion |
| September 19 | Luxembourg Excursion |
| September 27 | ICTY/Hague Excursion |
| October 19 – 21 | Normandy Excursion |
| November 17 | Ypres Excursion |
| December 1 | Aachen Excursion |
| December 16 | Official end date – students free to leave |
| December 21 | Last day of availability of student housing |

*****The dates and places for the Excursions are tentative*****

Orientation Information

All students **MUST** participate in the orientation and must arrive at the orientation site by **12:00 p.m. on August 19, 2012**. All accommodations, meals, and cultural activities during the orientation are included in the program fee.

Orientation Location:

Centre Vincent Van Gogh
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The following CIEE Brussels alumni have agreed to be contacted by future students. Alumni can be a great source of first-hand knowledge.

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OPDO Sessions

During the Online Pre-Departure Orientation Sessions (OPDO) the Resident Director will share information about the program and site, highlighting issues that alumni have said are important and giving students time to ask any questions before leaving home.

Students are required to attend one of the following OPDO sessions:

Session I: Monday, July 9 at 12:30pm Eastern Time
Session II: Tuesday, July 10 at 12:30pm Eastern Time

Instructions on how to access the OPDO Sessions is included in the Readings section of your MYCIEE account under the *Online Pre-Departure Orientation Instructions* document.