

European Awareness Tours 2012



Information Pack

Sponsored Visits to the European Parliament for 2012

Sponsored by your Fianna Fail MEPs
Liam Aylward MEP, Brian Crowley MEP and Pat the Cope Gallagher
MEP

Tour Options:

Option 1: Strasbourg & the Black Forest, Germany - 5 days/4 nights
Evening meals included

Option 2: Amsterdam, Bruges Antwerp, Brussels & Ypres - 5 days
/4 nights
Evening meals not included.

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Option 1

Visits to the European Parliament in Strasbourg for 2012

Strasbourg/Black Forest: 5 days 4 nights

Included:

*Breakfast and 4 evening meals
A lunch hosted by your MEPs
4**** hotel with swimming pool and sauna
Luxury coach and guide
Flights with Aer Lingus
Travel insurance
1 checked in bag 20kg*

Cost

€489 per person sharing.

(€459 if no checked bag is required)

Single room supplement €220 if available:

Hotel

*Luxury Hotel in Black Forest region Germany
4**** Schwarzwald Hotel Gengenbach*

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Itinerary

Strasbourg/Germany 2011

5 day trip

Day 1: Check in at Dublin airport for your flight, on arrival in Frankfurt airport you will be met by Ciaran Bolger (0032474691200) and your coach will take you sightseeing and to your hotel for check-in. Enjoy a swim or sauna before dinner. *Evening meal is included.*

Day 2: Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before leaving at 9am for sight seeing: Visiting the beautiful Mont Sainte-Odile, a 760 m peak of the Vosges Mountains in Alsace in France. The mountain is named for Saint Odile. It has a monastery/convent at its summit called the Hohenburg Abbey. Afterwards the tour will continue in the medieval town of Colmar on the Lauch River, directly to the east of the Vosges Mountains. It is connected to the Rhine by a canal.

Evening meal is included.

Day 3: Visit the European Parliament Strasbourg and meet your MEPs. View the European Parliament in session followed by a lunch hosted by your MEPs in the centre of Strasbourg. Afterwards enjoy a walk around the beautiful old town of Strasbourg and an optional boat trip is available (€6 approx)

Evening meal included.

Day 4: Relax over breakfast and then take a short walk to visit the medieval village of Gengenbach, 7 minutes from your hotel. Afterwards take a coach tour of the area.

Evening meal included.

Day 5: After breakfast, check-out of your hotel and head for the town of Baden Baden via the beautiful Black Forest High Road and visit the beautiful lake in Mummelsee, 100m above sea level. Enjoy free time for some shopping and lunch before your return flight to Dublin.

The itinerary is subject to change

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Option 2 **Visits to the European Parliament in Brussels for 2012**

Antwerp/Brussels **5 days/ 4 nights**

Included:

Hot Breakfast each morning
A lunch hosted by your MEPs
*4**** hotel in Antwerp (in Diamond area)*
Luxury coach and guide
Flights with Aer Lingus
Travel insurance
1 checked in bag 20kg

Cost

Cost €398 pp sharing

(€368 if no checked bag is required)

Single room supplement €220 if available

Hotel

Luxury Hotel in diamond quarter of Antwerp
*Plaza 4**** Hotel, Antwerp*

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Itinerary

Brussels/Antwerp 2011

5 day trip

Day 1: Check in at Dublin Airport for your flight to Amsterdam. On arrival in Amsterdam, you will be met by Ciaran Bolger (0032474691200). You will have the option of having breakfast before continuing on for some sight seeing in Amsterdam and then travelling on to your hotel in Antwerp.

Day 2: Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and afterwards you will be taken on a tour to the beautiful medieval canal town of Bruges, a UNESCO world heritage site. Enjoy the beautiful sights and sounds of this lively town and take an optional boat cruise (€7 approx)

Day 3: Relax over a leisurely breakfast and then head to Brussels for your visit to the European Parliament. View the European Parliament in session and afterwards attend a dinner hosted by your MEPs.

Day 4: After a hot breakfast you will be brought to the famous World War 1 site of Ypres in the west of Belgium. This beautiful medieval town was destroyed during the war and the surrounding countryside of the Ypres Salient was the site of many famous battles for the Passchendaele Ridge. View the Irish war memorial and the preserved open trenches.

Day 5: After a leisurely breakfast enjoy a coach tour of Brussels, visit the wonderful Grand Place and the world famous Atomium before your return flight to Dublin.

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Dates for Parliament Visits for 2012

Brussels/Antwerp

- March 26th - March 30th.
- May 7th - May 11th.
- November 5th - November 9th.

Strasbourg/Black Forest

- March 13th - March 17th
- May 21st - May 25th.
- June 11th - June 15thth.
- September 10th -September 14th.

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Booking Form

"Please use block letters and your name as it appears on your passport."

1. Name.....
2. Date of birth.....
3. Address.....
3. Phone numberMobile
- 4 Email.....

Date of trip required: Strasbourg / Brussels (please circle choice)

Please post application and payments to:

**Ciaran Bolger:
Avenue Louise 405
Ixelles 1050,
Brussels, Belgium.**

Baggage Information:

Carry on bags max 10kgs

Checked baggage 20kgs.

Do you require checked bag YES / NO If no deduct €30 from costs.

Terms and conditions:

1. **A non refundable €200** deposit required to guarantee place on tour. Places are limited so please book early.
2. Full amount to be paid 10 weeks before tour departure date.
3. Prices are per person sharing /single rooms can be requested but not guaranteed: but will be confirmed on booking.
4. Please ensure that you bring your E11 card which is available from your local post office. (Health cover in case of emergency).
5. Your passport must be valid for 6 months before departure

Signature of applicant:

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Payment Details

Payment can be made by the following options

1. Electronic transfer
2. Lodgement to Ulster bank.
3. Cheque or bank draft. -
All cheques and drafts to be made out to Ciaran Bolger

For Lodgement into Ulster bank.

Name of Bank: Ulster Bank Ltd Ranelagh D6
Account name: Ciaran Bolger
Account Number: 02135003
Branch Code: 985050

Payment by electronic transfer

Name of account: Ciaran Bolger
IBAN IE20 ULSB 9850 5002 1350 03
BIC ULSBIE20
Name of Bank Ulster Bank
Address of Bank 63 Ranelagh Road, Dublin 6

Contact Details for Ciaran Bolger
Phone: 0032474691200/ 00326115030 - 7 days a week anytime.
Email: euro.awareness@gmail.com

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**Ciaran Bolger
Avenue Louise 405
Ixelles 1050, Brussels
BELGIUM**

Tel: 0032 474691200

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With regard to your visit to the European Parliament, I would like to make the following suggestions.

Aer Lingus

Your **baggage allowance** is for **one** checked-in bag and **one** bag for cabin luggage. 20kg for check-in luggage as extra charges will be incurred by the airline for extra baggage weight. Cabin Baggage allowance is 10kg.

With regard to the **dress code**, the trip will be very relaxed. I would advise you to bring comfortable clothes and *walking shoes*. Smart/casual dress is sufficient for the visit to the European Parliament.

Please take the **telephone numbers** of your Bank and Credit Card Service Provider in case of an emergency. Don't forget to bring your European Health insurance card which can be obtained from your local Health Board.

You will receive your return flight ticket in the European Parliament.

If you have any questions, please email me at euro.awareness@gmail.com or call me at **0032 474 691 200** or **0032 26115030** anytime.

I look forward to meeting you on the trip.

Yours Sincerely

Ciarán Bolger