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Dear water-ski friend,

First of all , we look forward to welcoming you to Belgium –Worlds 2009 .
I have made a summary about what our small country , Belgium, has to offer you.
You will notice that we have many things to see , to do and to visit during the
race-off-days.

As you will spend a big part of your journey in and around Viersel, all visits will
start from there . You will find a summary of visits, restaurants, musea, fun
parks, ...but also where to find a pharmacy, a church , etc....

This is just a summary and when you come to Belgium in July 2009 , I will be
able to explain and show you all these places in detail.

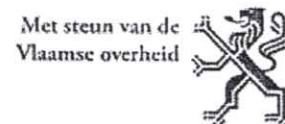
I will be at the secretary's office in Viersel every day during the whole Worlds.
The week before the Worlds you can find me in the Scandic Hotel.

If you like to arrange some activities in advance you can contact me by email and
I will do my best to arrange your trip .
E mail : swipestuff@skynet.be

See you in Viersel in July 2009 !!!

Best regards,
Ann Maes
Your off-days Guide

Ps: info about racing and water ski related matters, please contact
Vera Van Den Bossche, Secretary-General of the Organizing Committee.



Worlds 2009 – Logistic Information

Rental cars:

We have managed to get very good prices for rental cars during your stay in Belgium. You can rent a car or van with **EUROPCAR**.

You can introduce a code which will give you these special prices .

Site: www.europcar.be

Code: **47583345**

You can also make reservations thru your local agency or by telephone : +32 2 348 92 12.

It is possible to have a pull hook on your car or van, but it will be placed AND insured at your own expense .

You can also rent a car/van with **AVIS** . You get a 10 % discount on the standard price (price that is valid on the day you book)

Code or AWD code : **17335000**

Site : www.avis.be

I would advise you to make the car reservation as soon as possible, to make sure you will receive the car/van of your choice .

Motorhomes:

DICAR Motorhomes – cars – trucks

Grote Steenweg 2 – B 2240 Geel

Contact: Mrs. Camerlinck > e-mail: nelly@dicar.be

Tel direct: 0032(0)14579999 – Fax 0032(0)14579990

Site: www.dicar.be

SUMMARY of off-days:

15th until Saturday 18th : arrival in Belgium

(Saturday 18th: Opening Ceremony GENT)

(Sunday 19th : race GENT)

Monday 20th : off-day

(Tuesday 21st : race GENK)

Wednesday 22nd : off-day : organised day in Antwerp

Thursday 23rd : off-day : organised tour in Gent : "Gentse Feesten"

(Friday 24th : race ANTWERP)

Saturday 25th : off-day

(Sunday 26th : race VIERSEL)

(Sunday 26th: Closing Ceremony VIERSEL)

Organised off-days :

Wednesday 23 rd:

To introduce you "The Schelde", the river where the third race will take place on Friday, I have organised a day-out in Antwerp. First you will visit the Antwerp Zoo (info see below). If you have seen enough of that you can visit Antwerp, do some shopping or just stroll through the city. At 4 pm we await you at the poton Steen to board the "Flandria". This large boat will take you for a 50 minute trip on the river Schelde. There you can "sense" already a bit what our racers will do during their race on the 25 th.

In the evening, at around 7 pm, our Italian waiters of Da Giovanni (can still change), await you for a delicious pizza or spaghetti.

Cost of the trip (indication) to the zoo and the Flandria : adults 20 € and kids 15 €

Dinner at Da Giovanni : following choice of the menu.

Thursday 24 th :

The "Gentse Feesten" are a bunch of festivals in Gent. There will be international performers of all kinds. You will find more than a 100 activities in-and outside. For every taste, you will find something to do or to see. It is all about art and music.

More info on www.gentsefeesten.be

Worlds' 2009 Homebase Viersel :

Viersel is a small town near Zandhoven and it has 1190 inhabitants. Most "water ski people" know Viersel because the famous "Diamond Race" takes place in Viersel every year.

The secretariat of the Worlds will be found near the "Albertkanaal". On this Canal, one of the 4 races will take place.

Where to find.... ?

Bank to exchange money: Zandhoven centre

Pharmacists: Zandhoven Centre

Bancontact(maestro) : Zandhoven Centre

Groceries: 't winkeltje .small shop for your most important needs s.a. bread, soap, toothpaste

Supermarket several: Zandhoven

Doctor: during the week a doctor will be available. During week-ends there is a special waiting service. Ask for more info.

Church : Parochiestraat-Viersel (services are in Dutch)

Saturday service at 6pm

Sunday service at 7.30 am

Public phones:

Watersportlaan 26

Parochiestraat 44

USA Embassy :

Regentlaan 27 Boulevard du Régent,

B-1000 Brussels

Phone: (+32-2) 508-2111

Fax: (+32-2) 511-2725

Australian Embassy:

Rue Guimardstraat 6-8,
1040 Brussels
Telephone: +32 (0) 2 286 0500
Fax: +32 (0) 2 231 07 88

South-Afrika Embassy:

Montoyerstraat , 17-19 1000 Brussel
Phone: 02.285.44.00
Fax: 02.285.44.55

Where to eat ?

For the people who will stay (campers) at Viersel's Waterski Club

Breakfast :

For your convenience there will be a fresh bakery available, at the camper park , every day from 7 am until 10 am. For large orders , please order 24 hrs in advance . ask for an order form .

Restaurant De Scheepvaart will offer an English breakfast (except on Monday) .

Restaurants nearby:

'T RENTENIERSHUIS (walking distance from the club)
De SCHEEPVAART(walking distance from the club)
DE ZWARTE HENGST(Massenhove)
DE KROON (walking distance from the club)
DE ENGEL (Belgian mussels and lobster-possible for large groups)
OLIVER (specialities: fish and lobster)
WOKPALEIS (Japanese-eastern)
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The next big town is "ANTWERP"

Antwerp is the real urban deal, a refreshingly down-to-earth yet vivacious cosmopolitan habitat blessed with magnificent architecture, fashionable shop fronts, beer-washed pubs, dazzling monuments, jazzed-up clubs, inspired artworks and restaurant tables piled with plates of superb Belgian and multicultural food. Antwerp, home of the Flemish Baroque master Rubens, not only has a wealth of outstanding museums, picturesque galleries, sculpted streets and beautiful architecture, but is also laced with refreshing greenery and urban haunts. Its culture, history, vibrant nightlife and world class shopping are within easy reach, thanks to excellent access by air, train, motorway and even water. Antwerp, a pocket-size metropolis.

To Do in and around Antwerp :

Shopping around Antwerp:

Wijnegem Shopping Center : (brochure to be obtained with Ann)
address : Turnhoutsebaan 5 bus 400
2110 Wijnegem (near Antwerp)

Waasland Shopping Center : (brochure to be obtained with Ann)
Address: Kapelstraat 100
9100 St -Niklaas (25 min from Antwerp)

Shopping in Antwerp:

How to get to Antwerp from Viersel

>by car: take the E 313 direction Antwerp . Drive into Antwerp by following : centrum.

>by bus: take bus 421 to central station or Roosevelt plaats

Shopping

in the Quartier Latin

in the Wilde Zee

in the Fashion district

at the Meir

Getting around the city

Antwerp is a pedestrian-friendly city. Some 20% of this historic city centre is traffic-free and during the many summer festivities pedestrians are given absolute priority. Another convenient way to get around the city is by bus or tram. These services enable you to easily reach all major places in Antwerp. There are two major bus terminal stations: Centraal Station en Rooseveltplaats.

Car parks

Different P-routes guide you to the parkings in town: Ask for a list .

Renting bikes

Antwerp Bikes

Opening hours: daily, 9 am - 6 pm

Rate per bike: 6 euro/3 hours, 8,50 euro/day

Horse and carriage

You can visit Antwerp with horse and carriage

The tranquil spots

Looking for a bit of peace and quiet? Besides the parks, there are a lot of (often hidden) tranquil havens to be discovered in the city: inner courtyards, squares and gardens. The best-known oasis in the historic city centre is certainly Vlaeykensgang (Oude Koormarkt 16). The Beguinage has a beautiful inner garden with an orchard and little pond, surrounded by cobblestoned streets next to St. Catherine's Church. The Botanical Garden and its 2 000 noteworthy or rare plants can be found in Leopoldstraat. A greenhouse protects the cactuses and (sub)tropical plants..

For the Children: (this is also just a summary there are many more fun parks allover Belgium)

Aquatopia

Aquatopia is a futuristic aquarium displaying a fascinating collection of tropical fish and unique water-dwelling creatures in high-tech surroundings.

Sharks, piranhas, stingrays and octopuses: in 'Aquatopia' nature is proud to show itself off in all its beauty and diversity. The fish and other sea creatures will take you on a marvelous voyage through a tropical rain forest, along rivers, underwater caves and coral reefs, to the depths of the ocean. In Aquatopia you will come across incredible and amazing sea creatures from the whole world.

Pirateneiland

Go on an exciting adventure with pirate Krikkebeen and explore the wild seas. Pirates' Island is housed in an old warehouse, which has been renovated and transformed into an indoor paradise for children aged from 2 to 12 years.

Antwerp Zoo (*next to Central station*)

The Antwerp Zoo is one of the oldest and most famous zoos in the world. More than 5 000 animals await you here.

You must set aside at least half a day for a visit because there really is so much to see and do. Penguins in Vriesland, elephants and giraffes in a unique Egyptian temple and a brand new pink villa for the hippos, and their neighbours, the tapirs. The Antwerp Zoo buildings are home to more than 950 species and 5 000 animals.

The Antwerp Zoo has developed an international reputation because of its participation in international breeding programs for threatened species, such as the okapi, the bonobo, the Golden Lion Tamarin and the Congo peacock.

The beautiful, distinctive buildings and garden have been classified

Its location - originally just outside the city walls, now an oasis of peace in the heart of the city, next door to Central Station - is typical of its nineteenth-century origins.

Museums

This is a summary of the most important museums in Antwerp . Ask Ann for other interesting museums !!

Fashion Museum

Diamond Museum

Rubens' House

Royal Museum of Fine Arts

MAS|National Maritime Museum

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Dining in Antwerp: (these are just a few restaurants). Antwerp offers restaurants for every taste . I will find the perfect restaurant for you . Mexican, Japanese, Fondue, Steakhouse, Chinese, Indian, ...or real Belgian cuisine . You will find the restaurants very easily because Antwerp is a very compact town.

Few Examples:

Spanish

LAS MANAS

LAS TAPAS

fusion

THE VELVET LOUNGE

Italian

DA GIOVANNI

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GOING TO THE MOVIES:

UGC Antwerpen

Metropolis

NIGHTLIFE :

NOXX: (near Metropolis)

Straatsburgdok –Noordkaai 3

2030 Antwerpen

house and dance music.

No access under 18 y

Opening hours:

Thursday: 23 pm until 6 am

Fri an Sat : 23 pm until 7 am

Free Parking

www.noxxantwerp.be

LA ROCCA :

Antwerpsesteenweg 384

2500 Lier

Opening hours:

Friday(R&B) - Sat - Sun 23.30 pm until 7.30 am

Entry fee: 10 €

Free parking

www.larocca.be

CAFE LOCAL:

Waalse Kaai 25

2000 Antwerpen

Tel.: 03/238.50.04

Over 18 and in the mood for a fantastic party? Every **Thursday**, DJ Laurent explodes into a wicked mix of hits, dance, classics, R&B and new disco! Plunge into party mode and live it up from dusk till dawn!

Free entry

DOORS: 22.00h

www.cafelocal.be

AXXES: Salsa dance !!

Metropolis Bioscoop Complex

Noorderlaan

2030 Antwerpen

Tel.: 0476/28.42.25

Open on Friday and Saturday from 23 pm .

Also restaurant and cocktail bar .

www.axxes.be

VOLMOLEN

Molenstraat 60

2500 Lier

Opening hours: from 23 pm on Friday and Saturday

Free entry

Free Parking

Minimum age: 18 y

www.volmolen.be

HOPPER

Jazz pub with performances
Leopold De Waelstraat 2
2000 Antwerpen
www.hopperjazz.org

AMUSEMENTPARKS

BOBBEJAANLAND

Fun Park with lots of thrilling attractions!!!

DE EFTELING (Holland)

A park full of Fairy Tales !!!

WALIBI

With over 50 rides, including the only wooden roller coaster in Belgium, Walibi Belgium offers without a doubt the best challenge for heroes of all ages. Are you looking for the ultimate thrill?

GENT (Ghent)

Ghent is the fourth largest city of Belgium with about 250.000 inhabitants. There are many things to see and many places to visit in Ghent .

Here under you will find a summary of places in Ghent.

Shopping : in the vicinity of the Veldstraat , you will find all major stores .

Sight seeing:

Is Ghent the most beautiful city in Belgium ?

In any case, a walking trip through the city will make clear that this city was a powerful center of trade and commerce. The citizens of the medieval city certainly did their best to turn Ghent into a rich showcase of beautiful civil gothic buildings.

The St Bavo Cathedral

It was named after Saint Bavo, a 7th century local nobleman who became a saint after he had given away his possessions to the poor and entered the monastery. The cathedral with its mighty uprising tower is perhaps the most visible sign of the pride of the citizens of Ghent.

The cathedral has a wealth of art treasures, including the monumental rococo pulpit by Laurent Delvaux (1745), the tombs of some Ghent bishops in the chancel, the Conversion of St. Bavo by Pieter Paul Rubens, and the world famous multi-section *The Mystic Lamb*. This altarpiece was painted by Hubert and Jan Van Eyck, by order of Judocus Vijdt, senior councillor of the City of Ghent. It was intended for the patron's own chapel and his wife Isabella Borluut and was completed in 1432.

The Mystic Lamb has been transported abroad on several occasions, but, after the theft of two panels in 1934, it was transferred to the Christening Chapel for security.

BELFRY

The tower, the carillon and the Bellmuseum:

Design Museum Gent

A museum full of furniture from all centuries , house decoration ,....

A carriage trip through the city centre

Carriage trips through the ancient heart of the city can be made during the weekends, on public holidays and summer holidays from Easter till October between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

A boat excursion on the Ghent waterways

Both open and roofed-over boats leave at the Graslei and the Korenlei, the old Ghent port area, for a sightseeing tour through Ghent.

Nice places to have lunch :

Het Brood-Huys (sandwiches, salads, soup,..)

't Bennesteegske (brochettes and French fries)

Soep + (loungy soupbar)

GENK

Genk is a city and municipality located in the Belgian province of Limburg near Hasselt. The municipality only comprises the city of Genk itself. It is one of the most important industrial cities in Flanders, located on the Albert Canal, between Antwerp and Liège. Genk was recently voted the friendliest city in Europe by the SEA Tourist Commission.

Also noteworthy are the old coalmines of Zwartberg, Waterschei and Winterslag, surrounded by huge black mountains of dug up soil and coal remnants. Some of the mine buildings and housing can be visited.

The biggest tourist attraction of Genk is Bokrijk (Bokrijk), an open-air museum consisting of authentic relocated buildings (mainly dating from 17th till 19th century) from all over Flanders. In the summer season, historical Flanders comes alive in Bokrijk through numerous actors and re-enactment events.

In **Bokrijk**, life takes its course; it follows nature's rhythm. The morning sun pierces through the lush green foliage and conjures up a colourful light show on the Kempen square. The church bells ring and the windmill starts up slowly. The priest gets ready for a fire-and-brimstone sermon. And while the farmer and his wife warm themselves at the fire, the village constable patrols the village with a vigilant expression. The delicious scent of freshly baked bread at the local bakery delays the children on the way to school. Are you curious to see who will be required to wear the donkey's ears by the strict teacher today? And you... 'are right in the middle of it all!

OTHER NICE CITIES IN BELGIUM



BRUSSELS

Brussels is the **capital city** of Belgium. It is a beautiful place with a thousand things to visit and to see .

Info can be obtained .

Hasselt

City in the province of Limburg . Very nice city to shop and walk around .

More cities with culture , visits , shopping ... : **Bruges, Liège, Leuven, ...**

Belgian coast : the Belgian coast is a 60 km long beach with white sands . You can visit very busy cities s.a. Ostend and Blankenberge . Or you can enjoy calm and friendly De Haan . Knokke and Nieuwpoort is more for the shopping-fan . If you want to eat fresh lobster , I have the right restaurant ,at the coast , for you .

All coastal cities can be reached by train or by car .

Ask for info .

Belgian Ardennes : the “Alpes” of Belgium . Here, in this part of the country , on the opposite of the coast , many things can be done . You can mountain bike through the undulating landscape, descend the river “Lesse” by canoe , have beautiful nature walks and many other things.

Ask for info .

YOUR HOTEL

Scandic Hotel

Luitenant Lippenslaan 66
2140 Antwerpen

<http://www.scandichotels.com/Hotels/Countries/Belgium/Antwerp/Hotels/Scandic-Antwerpen/>

where can you find what in the vicinity of the hotel ?

Bank to exchange money: several banks in the vicinity of the hotel .

Supermarket

DELHAIZE DEURNE

Herentalsebaan 141

2100 Deurne (Antwerpen)

Also a Colruyt en GB nearby

Small night shop : Luitenant Lippenslaan 36 (open from 8pm -02 am)

Di Li Fresh (snack & sandwiches) Dr Vandeperelei 46

Hairdresser :

*Kreatos Luitenant Lippenslaan 50

*Matrix Luitenant Lippenslaan 51 (03/2365400)

Restaurants:

*Restaurant of the Crown Hotel

*De Muggen (bar & food) Luitenant Lippenslaan 41: snack & dinner (open from 9 am until 02 am ,kitchen open from 11am until 10 pm)

*Het Gerucht (French-Belgian kitchen) Stenen Brug 151 – 03/825 02 03

*Ristretto (Italian bistro)Luitenant Lippenslaan 12 – 03/236 12 12

Newspaper shop: Luitenant Lippenslaan 48

Hospital : across the street of the hotel

Pharmacy: 2 nearby the hotel

Gas station : across the street of the hotel :OCTA +

Internet shop : Stenenbrug

How to get to Antwerp City

By car : follow signs “CENTRUM”

By bus : bus stop is in front of the hotel . take bus 244 to the Rooseveltplaats

We really hope you will all enjoy our little country . You will notice that in all places, people speak English . Credit Cards are accepted in most restaurants and shops . And again , if you have any questions , don't hesitate to ask .

See you in July 2009 . I look forward to it !!!

Best regards,

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