

## Spring Classics Trip:

### Flanders - Schelderprijs - Roubaix

Location:	Ghent, Belgium
Emphasis:	Race viewing and riding
Price:	4500 Euro (per person)
Extras:	Bike rental: 420 EUR
	Single Room Supplement: 650 EUR



During this trip you will have the option of riding both the Tour of Flanders and Paris Roubaix Cyclosporives (GrandFondos) as well as seeing both of these epic Classics live on race day as part of our VIP package. Rides will feature the traditional Belgian countryside you are now accustomed to seeing on TV during the spring, including the dreaded and much loved "pavé".

We will base ourselves out of Ghent, Belgium for the duration of this trip. Ghent was home to David McKenzie for much of his

Pro cycling career and is a wonderful old town, steeped in history and stunning architecture.

Our Base will be the stunning 4 Star Grand Hotel Reylof right in the center of Ghent. This Hotel will ensure us a high level of comfort with great access to the town center and all that Flanders has to offer.



### What's Included:

- 11 nights in 4 star Accommodation in the heart of Ghent
- All Breakfasts
- Welcoming Dinner plus 5 other carefully selected restaurants from the local area
- Fully guided Rides
- Entry to Paris-Roubaix and Flanders Cyclosporives\*
- VIP Flanders Race day
- Roubaix Cobbles Race Day Action
- A classic Belgian Brewery Tour
- Guided tour of the War Memorials
- “Ronde Van Vlaanderen” Museum visit
- Transport to and from Brussels Airport.

### Not Included:

- Airfare
- Travel insurance
- Non specified meals

## Simeon Green and David McKenzie:

“Sim” and “Macca” have worked together numerous times on cycling trips in the past, and have joined forces to run trips with their own special style and experience. They are both very excited to bring you this unique experience of the Belgian Classics. The Classics are steeped in history, and not only cycling history, their importance and place in the history of Northern Europe have been well documented. The duo are keen to bring their knowledge, experience and specific style to this trip, which is sure to make this one of your more memorable trips.



## David McKenzie:



David McKenzie was a professional cyclist for 9 years. He won a stage of the 2000 Giro d'Italia and is a former Australian National Road Champion. Since retiring at the end of 2005 he has worked as an expert analyst and commentator for Australian TV Broadcaster SBS, whilst also working as a cycling coach back home in Australia.

David travelled extensively during his Pro cycling career on various teams from Europe to Asia via the USA, but during much of his career he based himself out of Ghent Belgium. He's very familiar with Ghent and has a soft spot for the Flandrian region. Having lived in the area and raced the cobbles of Belgium, you will get this once in a lifetime opportunity to witness the Pro life as you ride with David on his old stomping grounds. You will also get to watch the world's biggest Classics with someone who has truly “been there and done that”. We have managed to pull him away from the TV cameras for this 11 day trip, so that you can benefit from his experience firsthand. Better still, David is a very easy going person who loves a good Belgian beer and is a great story teller. Needless to say the evenings can be fascinating and quite humorous.

## Simeon Green:

Simeon is a Frenchman who hails from the south of France. A fluent English speaker with a degree in Languages and Literature, he has extensive experience in running cycling trips, having been involved in the Industry since 2003. Simeon has also raced the UCI Continental Circuit for a number of years, including a stint in MTBs on the US Circuit as a younger rider. He then proceeded to spend the majority of his time based back home in France racing throughout Europe and Africa. He now splits his time between Europe and Australia.



## Trip details:\*\*

### Day 1,

### Arrival



Today is the official start of the Trip, we'll meet you at Brussels airport and transport you to our centrally located 4 star Hotel that will be our home for the next 11 days. Depending on Your arrival time, you should have plenty of time to check in, unpack, get your bike built and even go for a stroll around Ghent center, before our Welcome Dinner.

### Day 2,

### First Ride

Today will be our first official ride as a group. We'll get out for a nice 2hr pedal to loosen up the legs on the quiet Belgian roads, enjoying some of the beautiful countryside before tomorrow's "Flanders CycloSportif". You'll have the evening free to explore the centre of Ghent.



### Day 3,

### Flanders CycloSportif



Today we will get an early start as we drive to the start of the Flanders CycloSportif. This will be an epic day as we join the thousands of other cyclists discovering the cobbles and the "monts des Flandres" (the hills of Flanders). After a big day on the bike, we'll have dinner planned at one of the great restaurants in the Flanders region.

### Day 4,

### Tour of Flanders Live

Today we will have a day off riding for us as we focus all our energy on watching the Pro's do battle in "De Ronde" Many a Belgian would rather win "De Ronde" than any other race. This is as big as it gets. It is said that a Belgian who Wins Tour Of Flanders, will never have to buy a beer for the rest of his life. After a fun packed day, you are on your own for dinner tonight.



## Day 5,

### Ride + war memorial



This morning we'll get out for another ride in the Flanders Hills. Then in the afternoon something that no one should miss, a personalised guided tour of the War Memorials. The Western Front as they referred to it back then is right at our door step. This Promises to be a special day.

After our visit to the war Memorials we will have our evening meal in Ieper before hearing the Menin Gate Last Post.

## Day 6,

### Belgian Roads

Today will be a full day. In the morning we'll head out for a special ride and tackle some of the famous Cobbled climbs, with plenty of scenery to see, this will be some true Belgian riding. You are free to sample the local restaurants for dinner tonight.



## Day 7,

### Scheldeprijs



Today is a bonus day as we get to see a midweek semi Classic the "Scheldeprijs". Time permitting we'll saddle up in the morning and ride. We will then spend the day watching the riders head off and grab some lunch, enjoy the atmosphere and get ready for a big finish. After the race we'll make our way home in time for a relaxed dinner in the restaurant of your choice.

## Day 8,

### Flanders Museum

This morning we will make our way towards the town of Oudenaarde where the "Ronde Van Vlaanderen" museum is located. 2016 will mark the 100th edition of this great race. We'll see all of the history spanning the last century here.

On the way home we'll make a detour and stop off via one of the areas great bike shops to see what bargains can be had.

You are free for dinner tonight.





# DAVID MCKENZIE

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## Day 9,

## Brewery late lunch

A trip to Belgium wouldn't be complete without sampling some of its finest Beer. So that's exactly what we will do. A morning ride to build up an appetite, then a brewery visit with Lunch to follow. A relaxing evening in Ghent to finish off the day, will be just what we need to be ready for tomorrow's Roubaix Cycloportif.



## Day 10,

## Paris Roubaix Cycloportif



It's D-Day. We'll get an early start as we head to France for the start of the Paris-Roubaix Cycloportif. Today you'll get a few ride options and if you're up for it "the Forest of Arenberg". We'll have dinner planned afterwards where there's sure to be some stories to tell over a couple of Belgian Beers.

## Day 11,

## Paris Roubaix Live

Today we will leave the bikes at home again and head back to France For the "Hell Of The North", Paris-Roubaix. Words can't describe the feeling of seeing the single file of pain-stricken riders bounce their way over the cobbles as they make their way to the Roubaix Velodrome. We'll get right amongst the action of the race, with some good vantage points on a few different cobbled sections. After the race we'll head straight back to Ghent for our final and farewell Dinner.



## Day 12,

## Departure

Today we say goodbye, and we thank you for joining us. We'll see you off at the Airport!



\*Subject to availability

\*\*Subject to Change