



JAN van EYCK
EXHIBITION
'AN OPTICAL REVOLUTION'

Royal Museums of Fine Arts in Ghent, Belgium
Tuesday 21 April to Thursday 23 April 2020



Adoration of the Mystic Lamb

Later this new year, the Museum of Fine Arts Ghent pays tribute to the extraordinary Flemish Master, Jan van Eyck, with a thrilling exhibition entitled, *van Eyck. An Optical Revolution*. Nine stunning van Eycks, nearly half of just twenty surviving works, will be on display along with several pieces from his studio, will be set amongst one hundred masterpieces from the 15th century. They will be travelling to Ghent from collections as far flung as Washington DC, Berlin, Romania, and Antwerp.

Central within the exhibition are eight recently restored exterior panels of the *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb*, a highly exceptional loan from St Bavo's Cathedral in Ghent. Never before have all eight exterior panels been brought together in an exhibition outside the cathedral, and never before have they been given the opportunity to interact with other works by van Eyck or his contemporaries.

To complement the exhibition, we begin with the superlative medieval works in the great Museum of Fine Arts in Brussels, extending our studies to the magnificent world-renowned Brueghels which were so much influenced by the van Eyck optical revolution, such as the 'Massacre of the Innocents' and 'Fall of Icarus'. We also include visits to the Groeninge and Memling Museums in Bruges to explore the influence of van Eyck on the great masters of the later 15c Flemish tradition.

This is clearly a once-in-a-lifetime experience, one that makes the unique accomplishment of van Eyck more tangible than ever, and a perfect excuse to revive the Inscape Art Train abroad!

TUESDAY 21 April

- 08:30 St Pancras Eurostar departure to Brussels Midi/Zuid station
- 12.05 Arrive Brussels. Private minibus to lunch
- 12.30 Opening Lunch: Museum Restaurant
- 2.00 Royal Museum of Fine Arts : Flemish Primitives and Brueghel
- 4.30 Leave for Ghent
- 5.30 Arrive Ghent for hotel check in
- 7.00 Short lecture by NF in hotel over a welcoming drink
- 7.30 Dinner at Café Theatre

WEDNESDAY 22 April

- 09:00 Leave by taxi for MSK
- 09.30 Van Eyck exhibition guided tour
- 11.00 Coffee in Museum
- 11.30 Taxis to St Bavo's Cathedral to see remaining panels of Ghent altarpiece in situ
- 1.00 Lunch at De Abt
- 2.30. Architectural walk in Ghent including Gravesteen castle, St Nicholas Church, Graslei Harbour medieval houses, the beguinages (medieval convents)
- 4.00 Tea at Café Labath
- 5.00 Leave for Hotel by taxi
- 7.30 Dinner at LOF Restaurant

THURSDAY 23 April

Check out please.

- 09.00 Leave for Bruges
- 10.00 Arrive Groeninge Museum Bruges Part I
- 11.00 Coffee in Books & Brunch
- 11.30 Groeninge Museum Part II
- 12.30 Closing Lunch at Le Chef et Moi
- 2.00 Sint Jans Hospitaal (Memling Museum) Bruges
- 3.30 Leave Bruges for Brussels
- 5.00 Arrive Brussels
- 5.56 Leave Brussels Station
- 7.15 Arrive St Pancras



Hotel de Flandre
Poel 1, 9000 Ghent
+32 9 266 06 00

Located in Ghent's historical city centre, Hotel de Flandre is set in an historical 18th-century townhouse on a quiet side street. The hotel offers 46 comfortable rooms that come with contemporary furnishings that include a work desk, a safety deposit box, a minibar and a seating area with a TV. Each individually decorated room includes climate control.

Cost: All lectures, tuition and pastoral care, exhibition ticket, gallery and museum visits and transportation during the tour, two nights with breakfast, all lunches and dinners with wine, all coffees and teas: £1095 members, £1145 non-members, £103 single room supplement, £250 deposit . *Please note that this cost excludes Eurostar tickets to and from Brussels. We are happy to help you book these if you wish.*