



Oldham Music Centre
Belgium Concert Tour
20th-26th July, 2022

Code of Conduct

As ambassadors for both the Music Centre and the Borough, we expect students to:

- Behave with courtesy and consideration for others and to act responsibly at all times, both when travelling as a group and whilst staying in Belgium..
- Have a high regard for the health and safety of themselves and others.
- Perform and rehearse to the best of their ability and aim to achieve the highest standards they are capable of.
- Take pride in their appearance and dress appropriately.
- Take care and assist with the movement and setting up of the equipment to be used for the concerts.

There will be no under-age smoking allowed during the course of the trip and no smoking within the confines of any of the tour buildings. The same rules apply for “vaping”.

The consumption of alcohol by those under the UK legal age of 18 or the taking of any illegal substances is strictly forbidden. Any alcohol found will be confiscated and use of the accommodation bar will be monitored. **Failure to comply with this ruling will result in automatic expulsion from the Music Centre on our return.**

All activities will be supervised by staff at all times. **Students must ensure that they never wander off alone and that they adhere to any instructions given to them by the member of staff responsible for their group. On occasions when remote supervision is used, such as souvenir shopping, students must remain within the prescribed area and remain in groups.**

Obviously students must follow instruction all the time but they should be especially vigilant and use common sense when we are;

- At the riverside, most of the venues are in riverside towns.
- On excursions, one of which may be a guided cave tour.
- In public areas of the accommodation.
- Travelling by boat, both ferry and possible river boat tour.
- At Phantasialand theme-park.
- Boarding and alighting the coaches.

Expected behaviour will be made clear and activities have been risk assessed, however, our students know the expected level of sensible behaviour and no risk assessment can cater for stupidity.

Money

Money for one meal per day will be required and also food will need to be purchased on the outward and inward journey. The first meal provided for us will be when we arrive at the accommodation on the evening of 20th July and the last meal will be at breakfast on the 26th July. A sensible amount of spending money will be required for souvenirs and drinks, which are sometimes not included with meals. Further details about meals will be included in the itinerary. Depending on what you want to eat, €15.00 per meal should be plenty.

Damage deposit

Please note all students may be asked to pay a refundable security deposit on arrival in cash at the accommodation. I will know the amount before we travel but it is likely to be €10.00 – 20. This will be reimbursed at the end of your stay at the youth hostel managers' discretion. This has been useful in the past because assuming no damage is caused, students will receive the money back which can be used for a meal on the return journey.

Valuables

Any mobile phones, ipads, jewellery, watches etc. are brought at your own risk.

Insurance

All students attending the Music Centre are covered by the Local Authority personal injury and repatriation policy and also insurance from the tour company. **You are responsible for the insurance of your own instrument and valuables.**

Luggage

Luggage should be limited to the following:

- Instrument(s)
- 1 medium holdall/suitcase
- 1 small item of hand luggage for journey, this will also double as your "day bag" for excursions.

Clothing

Please pack suitable clothes for general sight-seeing and leisure activities. There will be no laundry facilities so please ensure you have enough clothes for the entire visit. On most days, once we have left the accommodation we will not return there until the end of the day, therefore there is no point planning for changes of outfit for evening activities etc. Sensible shoes or trainers are recommended as there will be a certain amount of walking on the excursions.

Concert Dress

Please ensure you have packed the required concert uniform and endeavor to do so in a way that will keep it neat. Ironing may not be possible at the hotel. A cover for transporting it to the venue may also be a good idea.

Toiletries

An effective deodorant is essential as is a suitable factor sun barrier. Other items such as toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, should be taken, do not assume that you will be able/have the time to buy them in Belgium.

Medication

Please inform us of any medication that your child is taking and ensure they have an adequate supply for the whole course. Please note that staff are not allowed to supply or administer medication other than that specified on the consent form. If your child is prone to travel sickness, please take the necessary precautions to avoid this if possible. A full medical consent form is included in the info pack.

Conclusion

May we take this opportunity to thank you for supporting this venture and hope you will impress upon your children the importance of adhering to the code of conduct to ensure its success.