

The Trollope Society Trip to Brussels and Bruges

29th August – 2nd September 2025

Itinerary (Version 3)



	Activity	Notes
Friday 29 August		
4pm-5.30pm	Registration and pick up pack from reception area of NH Brussels Carrefour de L'Europe Hotel, Rue Marche du Herbes aux Herbes 110, 1000 Brussels	The trip will be based at NH Brussels Carrefour de L'Europe Hotel, Rue Marche du Herbes aux Herbes 110, 1000 Brussels https://www.nh-hotels.com/en/hotel/nh-brussels-carrefour-de-l-europe If you will be arriving in Brussels outside of this time, you can pick up your welcome pack during Friday evening or on Saturday morning.
6pm	Welcome drink at the Sky Bar on the roof of the Stock Exchange Building. https://www.boursebeurs.be/en Introduction to The Trollope Society Trip to Brussels and Bruges by Dominic Edwardes, Chair of the Trollope Society.	
8pm	Optional First Night Dinner at The Brasserie in the Stock Exchange Building https://thebrasserie.be	Optional Extra Cost – bookings will be taken nearer the time.
Saturday 30 August		
10am-1.30pm	Talk: <i>Trollope's Belgian Connections</i> by Frederik Van Dam Zoom talk: <i>Mobility and Travel in 19th Century Fiction</i> by Dr Charlotte Mathieson, FHEA, Senior Lecturer in Nineteenth-Century English Literature	Venue: NH Brussels Carrefour de L'Europe Hotel, Rue Marche du Herbes aux Herbes 110, 1000 Brussels Refreshments (tea/coffee/water/fruit) included and available during the morning.

	Director of Studies for English Literature and Creative Writing Buffet Lunch	Buffet lunch included with tea/coffee/water/soft drinks.
From 2pm		Travel to Bruges and check in at your hotel. Brussels Central Station is about a 5 minute walk from the NH Brussels Carrefour Hotel The trip will be based at the NH Brugge Hotel, Boeveriestraat 2, 8000 Bruges https://www.nh-hotels.com/en/hotel/nh-brugge For those staying at the NH Brugge Hotel, Bruges Station is about a 10 minute walk
Evening		There is no planned dinner this evening, but participants are welcome to join the organisers or explore Bruges themselves.
Sunday 31st August		
9.45am	Walk through the city centre to Assebroek Cemetery to see the graves of Trollope's father and brother who both died in Bruges. https://www.visitbruges.be/en/things-to-do/culture-and-heritage/centrale-begraafplaats-assebroek-main-cemetery-assebroek	Meet at the NH Brugge Hotel at 9.45am or meet us at the cemetery at 10.15am. It is approximately a 30 minute walk each way. Taxis can be arranged by the hotel if needed.
12 noon		Free time – Explore Bruges for lunch
2pm	Visit to the Trollope house in Bruges. Discussion of <i>The Noble Jilt</i> and <i>Can You Forgive Her?</i>	This is a large private house about a 20 minute walk from the NH Brugge Hotel. We will leave the hotel at 2pm to walk to the house. The owner has invited us to spend the afternoon at the house for the discussion. There is plenty of room for us all to sit in the conservatory. We will provide soft drinks/wine.

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Monday 1st September		
10am-12 noon	Seminar on <i>Phineas Finn</i> at NH Brugge Hotel, Boeveriestraat 2, 8000 Bruges	Refreshments (tea/coffee/water/savoury and sweet snacks and fruit) included and available during the morning
12.40pm	River boat trip	
Approx 2pm	Train to Blankenburg	The station is approximately a 10 minute walk from the hotel and the train journey is approximately 20 minutes.
Approx 2.30pm	Walk along sea front to the sand dunes (site of the dual in <i>Phineas Finn</i>)	The walk will take about 30 minutes.
Approx 3.00pm		Free time – Explore Blankenburg for lunch. There are numerous restaurants and cafes along the sea front.
Approx 4.30pm	Return to Bruges by train	We will arrange the time of the return journey when we are in Blankenburg. We can all travel together or you can make your own way back to Bruges.
8pm	Optional Last Night Dinner in the West Bruges Quarter	Optional Extra Cost – bookings will be taken nearer the time.
Tuesday 2nd September		
		Return to Brussels or spend more time in Bruges