

# Newsletter Special



## International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians - section Benelux

### Come to EBOS



Dear IFFR friends,

It is a great pleasure for me as the new president of IFFR Benelux, to invite you for the Fly In weekend in Oostende on EBOS airport.

Program and organisation are done by our past president Egide van Dingenen and due to his experience in the past years, it is the best quality.

I hope you will accept our invitation so we will see many of our friends again.

Huub van Heur,  
IFFR President Benelux

## IFFR Benelux International Meeting May 26th - 28th 2017

This event of IFFR Benelux takes place in and around the coastal city of Oostende, Belgium.

### PROGRAM

#### Friday May 26th

**11.00 – 14.00** (local time): Arrival in Oostende EBOS.

**12.00 – 14.00:** Lunch at the airport in "The Cockpit Bar".

**14.00:** Departure for Middelkerke.

**14.30:** Visit of The Museum of the Sea.

**16.45:** Departure to our hotel in Oostende: Hotel Thermae Palace ([www.thermaepalace.be](http://www.thermaepalace.be)).

**19.00:** Dinner at the hotel.

#### Saturday May 27th 2017

**08.30 – 09.30:** Breakfast.

**09.45:** Departure to "Fort Napoleon".

**10.00:** Visit of "Fort Napoleon" ([www.fort-napoleon.be](http://www.fort-napoleon.be)).

**11.00:** Visit of the ships Amandine/Mercator (<http://www.zeilschipmercator.be/amandine>).

**12.30:** Lunch in Oostende.

**14.00:** Visit to Oostende harbour (event: Oostende at Anchor – [www.oostendevoor-anker.be](http://www.oostendevoor-anker.be)). Afterwards you can spend time for shopping, walk on the beach...

**19.00:** Aperitif + gala dinner in the Thermae

Palace Hotel with fabulous seaview & sunset!!  
Dress code: black tie.

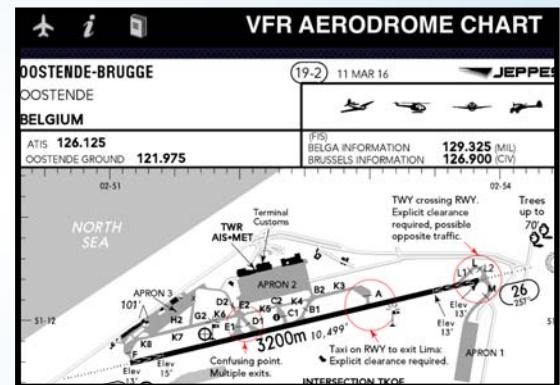
#### Sunday May 28th

**09.00:** Breakfast and pickup of the lunchboxes.

**10.30:** Visit to the Dronkenput. Afterwards transfer to the airport in Oostende.

### Farewell!

(Times are estimates, they may change. Correct times will be communicated during the weekend.)



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**26-28/05:** Benelux section - Oostende  
Belgium.  
**27-28/05:** SV4 weekend, Deurne.  
**4/06:** Oostwold Airshow.  
**10-14/06:** Rotary International Conven-  
tion - Allanta Georgia.  
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**14-16/07:** UK section - Chester - UK.  
**10-13/08:** IFFR Scandinavian Fly-In -  
Finland.  
**11-12/8:** Fly In Schaffen-Diest.  
**17-20/08:** IFFR Meeting Lausanne  
Switzerland.  
**19-20/8:** Fly In Zoersel.  
**25-27/8:** Texel Fly-In, www.texelflyin.nl.  
**07-9/09:** French meeting - Aix en  
Provence.  
**20-22/10:** New Zealand - Westport

#### Websites:

www.iff.org  
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www.aviodrome.nl

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# Itinerary of the IFFR Benelux weekend

## Friday May 26th

Reception at the airfield of Oostende, where lunch will be served in restaurant "The Cockpit Bar", right next to the incheck counter.

After lunch we will go to Middelkerke where we will visit the museum "Kusthistories". You will learn about the history of coastal tourism in Belgium. Today holidays at the seaside are quit current but in the old days it was not. Old bathing suits, souvenirs, trams, unique films etc. will be presented in a beautiful scenery.

After visiting the museum a touringcar will bring you to the hotel. There is a parking for guests with cars.

One of the many projects of King Leopold II was the construction of a large thermal institute against the colonnade that he had built at the beginning of the century. In 1929 the plans of the French architects Flegenheimer, Bard and Garella together with those of André Daniels, architect from Oostende, for this so-called "Baden-paleis" ("Thermal Palace") were approved of. The "Baden-paleis" had everything a health and spa resort needed, including a Turkish bath, mud baths and massage rooms. A swimming pool and a luxurious hotel with various conference rooms were also erected. In 1933 the majestic Thermae Palace Hotel, in Art Deco style, was officially opened by King Albert I and Queen Elisabeth. Because of the unique combination of mineral water and seawater this health resort grew into one of the most important



## Details hotel bookings and costs of the weekend

### Hotelreservation

You have to book and pay the hotel yourself. You have to use the registrationform on page 6. Fill it in and send/mail it as soon as possible to the hotel because the weekend of our yearly meeting is a very busy time of year. Thursday before the weekend is a free day because of ascension.

The hotel has agreed that seaside reservations will be guaranteed.

### Payment of the IFFR weekend

The cost for breakfasts/lunches/diners/program: euro 290 pp. Participation of only gala dinner euro 80 pp.

To be paid to IFFR, Benelux treasurer,  
IFFR Benelux, Den Helder.

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spas of the whole of Europe. During the nineties the unique complex was completely renovated and the new Thermae Palace saw the light of day. The completely symmetrical structure of the building consists of 18 unique rooms of high standing for meetings, seminars, congresses and exhibitions as well as for receptions, parties and events with up to 1000 guests. In the evening dinner will be served at the hotel.

### Saturday May 27th

After breakfast the bus will be ready to bring you to "Fort Napoleon".

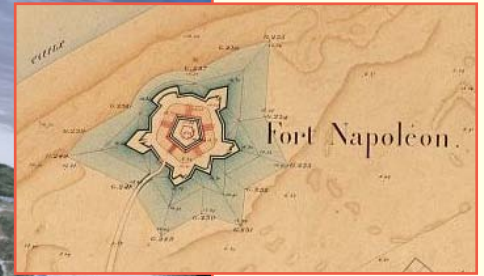
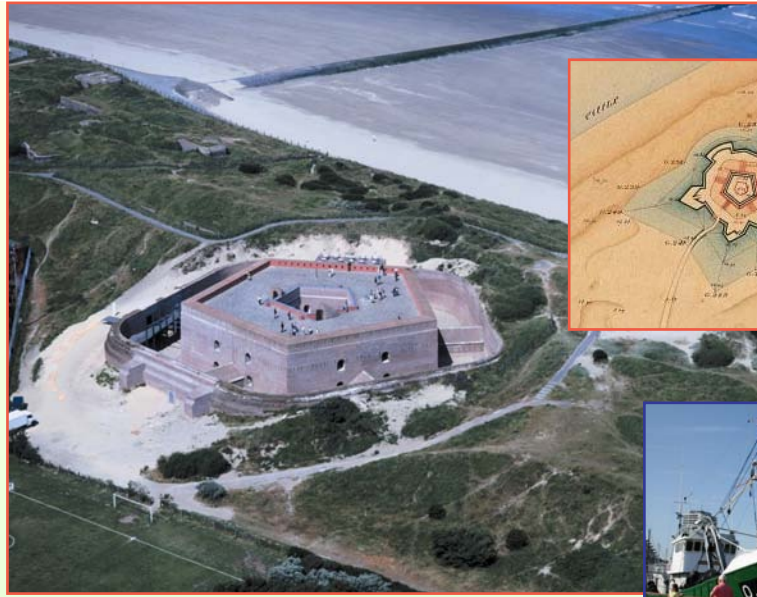
In the dunes north of Oostende you find an impressive fort with a stirring history. The notorious French general Napoleon initiated the building of the fort for the defense against attacks from the west. In the meantime the building has had different lives. Today it is a place to have seen which will bring you to the end of the 18th century. It is the most important military monument in Flanders from the time of Napoleon. The building is pentagonal and completely surrounded by a dry canal and a supportwall.

From "Fort Napoleon" we will go to the harbour where we will visit two famous ships: the Amandine and the Mercator.

In March 1998 the renovation of the last Iceland trawler, the "Amandine - 0.129" was started at the old shipyard "Seghers", situated at the Slipwaykaai in Oostende. After the renovation, the fishing boat was put in a dry dock along the - also - renovated Visserskaai in Oostende and now serves as an interactive museum. The Amandine is 36 m long (32.5 m between the sounding lines), 6.7 m wide, has a draught of 3.9 m, a hold with a capacity of 65 tons and, a 510 hp industrial engine. It can accommodate 10 crew members and cost 219.660 euro. The boat always sailed with only 8 crew members.

The 0.129 had several very experienced masters, who prevented the boat from suffering major disasters.

On 03/04/95, the "Amandine" made the harbour of Oostende



for the very last time. That day, its fishing career ended, and so did the history of fishing voyages to Iceland departing from Oostende.

The shipbuilding yard of Ramage and Ferguson in Leith (Scotland) was charged with the building of the Mercator.

This barkentine with its gross tonnage of 778,26 tons which is fitted with an auxiliary engine of 500 hp, has an over all length of 78,40 m and a beam of 11,09 m. Its draught was 4,50 m. The Mercator is rigged as a barkentine. This is a composite rigging, the foremast carries square sails, the main mast and the mizzen mast are rigged with fore and aft-sails. Usually the Mercator carried 15 sails with a total surface of about 1600 m2. By fair wind, the Mercator could easily run 13 knots.

The Mercator was in service as a training ship till August 1960 and made 41 voyages altogether, during which almost all seas have been sailed on and a great deal of ports called at.



The Mercator accomplished many scientific missions and many times represented Belgium abroad. The ship participated also to the great sailing races, such as Torbay-Lisbon (1956), Brest-Canary Islands (1958) and Oslo-Oostende (1960).

All those years that the Mercator was in service as a training ship, it was under the command of Captain R. Van de Sande (from 1932 till 1955) and of Captain R. Ghys (from 1955 till 1960).



After visiting the two ships we will have lunch somewhere in Oostende.

After lunch we will visit the harbour for a feast of North Sea heritage.

From 25th to May 28th 2017, over 150 traditional ships and vessels representing the wealth of our glorious maritime history will assemble for Oostende at Anchor 2017.

This festival of the North Sea provides a feast for the maritime heritage of yesterday, today, and of course, with a nod to tomorrow! The wide-ranging festival brings together skippers and crews with those who appreciate our - and your, maritime heritage. Everyone, including young people who want to explore their nautical DNA, can plunge into a world full of nautical knowledge and experience skills that have endured over time.

Discover the craftsmanship of the builders and restorers of those old ships, listen to the stories of young and old crews, and absorb the scent of maritime heritage and the salty sea. Immerse yourself in the rhythm of the sea, with the closeness and relaxed atmosphere that makes Oostende at Anchor different from other larger marine celebrations.

Oostende at Anchor is free and without pretension. An easy and relaxed atmosphere, food and drink at reasonable prices, lots of good music, and surprise features that create an ambience possible only on our quaysides. You can see and talk to those who preserve our maritime heritage, and watch them as they demonstrate the traditional skills of ship building, and the many varied aspects of our nautical culture.

The theme for this year's festival is Inland Waterways Transport. Oostende at Anchor presents you with a huge collection of ships, boats and activities that contribute to our rich maritime heritage. Not only can you view these remarkable vessels – each day some of the tallships will be providing sailing trips, with the opportunity to experience 'life 'fore the mast'

Enjoy this unique maritime festival to the full!



At breakfast a lunchbox will be issued for your flight or ride home.

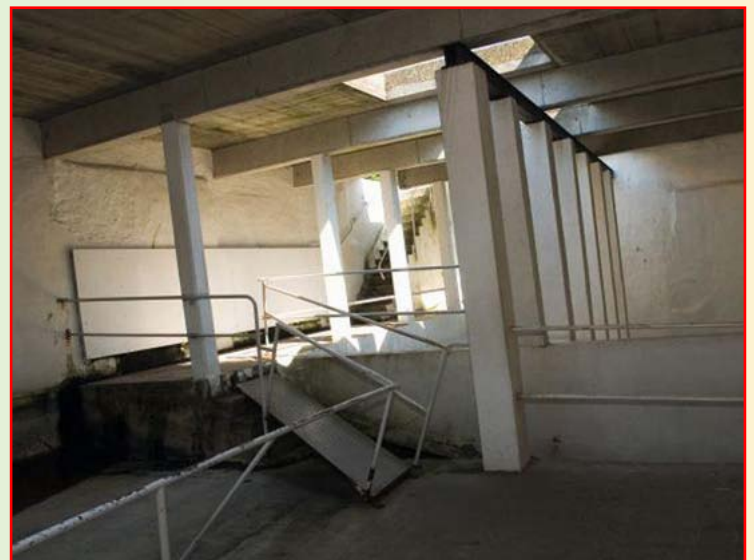
The last excursion is to the "Dronkenput" at Middelkerke. A large concrete water reservoir was built in order to provide drinking water. Due to a sudden rise of the groundwater level the reservoir started to lean at about 12 degrees. Nowadays the "drunk's pit" is a fun curiosity that puts your sense of balance to the test!

From here we go to EBOS again: Farewells with hugs&kisses will be exchanged until we meet again!

You will have the rest of the afternoon for shopping, walking on the beach, having a rest at het hotel, etc. In the evening the aperitif and the Gala Dinner will be served in the hotel. With a seaside view and all of our friends around us: what more could we want???

#### **Sunday May 28th**

After breakfast the bus will take you for our last excursion.





**INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF FLYING ROTARIANS  
BENELUX SECTION**

**Registration form IFFR Oostende 2017**

Please complete and email to: [chudiak@hotmail.com](mailto:chudiak@hotmail.com)

until April 15th 2017 latest!!!

Name : .....

Address: .....

Postal code..... City: .....

Country.....

Telephone number: ..... Mobile number: .....

Fax number: ..... Email address: .....

Passport number: ..... Creditcard number: .....

Aircraft Type and registration: .....

ETA EBOS(LT): ..... Alternate: .....

Name of emergency contact: .....

Telephone number of emergency contact: .....

Name(s) of participants: .....

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I will travel by car / fly commercially / general aviation: .....

Arrival date: ..... Departure date: .....

\* I will participate in the gala dinner only: ..... Number of persons: .....

Special diet wishes: .....

\* *Leave this question unanswered if you register for the whole weekend.*

Details about hotel bookings and costs of this weekend you will find on page 2 and 6.

This registrationform is an appendix of the Oostende program 2017  
by Benelux Section of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians.



HOTEL

## HOTEL BOOKING FORM Flying Rotarians - 8461981

*Please use a reservation form per room*

Please return the form to :

**Thermae Palace - Koningin Astridlaan 7 - 8400 Oostende**  
**Tel: +32 (0)59 56 44 80 - Email: ambre.sys@thermaepalace.be**

### DETAILS GUEST (in capital letters please)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card data (card number + valid) \_\_\_\_\_

### ROOM RESERVATION (along availability)

Classic :  à 125,00 EUR/ night

Classic with seaview:  à 148,50 EUR/ night

Superior with seaview  
and terrace:  à 175,50 EUR/ night

Palace with seaview:  à 188,00 EUR/ night

Babybed:  Free

*All rooms are non-smoking. The above mentioned prices is excl. € 2,12 tourist tax per room, per night*

Arrival date : \_\_\_\_\_ Departure date : \_\_\_\_\_

Number of nights: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARKING

Parking is free of charge.