

P R E S S R E L E A S E

**Fanciful Flanders
Indulgent stays to treat your Mum!**

Thinking of a treat for Mothers day? Look no further, Flanders has the perfect answer. What better place than this small corner of Europe to stop and indulge mother for a special weekend treat. Beautiful hotels, mouth watering cuisine and excellent value for money make visitors want to come back again and again. So if it's just strolling around the shops, taking in some culture or doing a spot of motherly bonding, continental luxury awaits all with a warm Flemish welcome!

Here are a few of our best:

**Pand Hotel
Bruges**

Recently awarded Best Charming Hotel in Europe 2007. Situated in the centre of Bruges and its canal ways, this hotel is housed in a typical 18th Century mansion and is family run with the exclusivity of just 26 rooms. Open fires, elegant décor and a personal touch makes a stay in this hotel an obvious choice for a thoroughly special stay in atmospheric Bruges.

www.pandhotel.com

**Hotel Julien
Antwerp**

Housed in two converted period town houses, Hotel Julien has retained a sense of the old splendour associated with historic buildings, together with a touch of contemporary living. 11 individually decorated rooms create an air of refined sophistication. Perfect for luxury seekers, in cool Antwerp.

www.hotel-julien.com

**Marriot Hotel
Ghent**

You couldn't get a more picturesque setting for this recently built hotel. The hotel boasts an unassuming medieval façade from the outside but ultra modern interior and overlooks the beautiful Korenlei Canal which meanders through the centre of the city and offers enchanting vistas of Ghent.

www.marriot.com

**Hotel Ve
Mechelen**

This modern hotel built on the site of an old smoked fish factory is situated in the small trendy district of Mechelen's old Fish Market. Its location is the ideal base to stroll around this ancient city's excellent cafes, bars and restaurants. Fortunately there are no hints of the smell of smoking fish left!

www.hotelve.com

**Klooster Hotel
Leuven**

Formerly a convent, this medieval hotel is neatly tucked away despite being in the heart of the historic city of Leuven. Sympathetically converted into 40 charming rooms, its intimate and enchanting style will captivate anyone's stay in Europe's oldest university town.

www.hetklooster.com

Hotel Manoir Carpe Diem De Haan on the Flemish Coast

Renowned for its beautiful beaches, the Flemish coast is famed for its gastronomic excellence. The Carpe Diem, is a luxurious hideaway situated in a typically Belle Epoque resort on the coast. English Gardens and picturesque vista's are just some of the views on offer from the highest dune in De Haan.

www.manoircarpediem.com

Hotel Be Manos Brussels

A new five star hotel, conveniently situated by the Brussels Midi Terminus. Contemporary living tastefully decorated with designer innovation in mind. The hotel incorporates a luxurious spa and restaurant serving the very best gourmet cuisine.

www.bemanos.com

Hotel Orangerie Bruges

A superbly located hotel, just on the edge of one of Bruges most picturesque canals. The hotel is exclusively decorated with a range of fabrics, objects d'art and antiques and all the rooms are designed individually which adds to a certain personal touch. Not to be missed is afternoon tea on the canal terrace, a truly special experience!

www.hotelorangerie.com

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Getting to Flanders from the UK:

By Rail (Eurostar) - Tickets allow travel to any destination in Belgium via Brussels.

By Eurotunnel

By Ferry

By Air - Excellent connections from UK regional airports

Notes to Editors:

Tourism Flanders-Brussels is the government tourist authority for Flanders, the northern Dutch speaking region of Belgium and its capital Brussels. The aim of

Tourism Flanders-Brussels is the promotion of tourism within the Flemish region of Belgium.

Flanders is famous for its historical cities: Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent, Leuven and Mechelen. Brussels is not only capital of Europe and Belgium but of Flanders as well. The region is renowned for its superb gastronomy and local food delicacies. Apart from its obvious fame relating to chocolate and beer, there are countless delicious specialities available to sample in abundance. Charming restaurants and eateries sprawl across cities and countryside offering quality and value for money. From boutique b&b's to sleek cool and trendy city hotels, there's a range of accommodation to suit every taste and pocket.