Rotary | Antique, Classic and Historic Automobile world Fellowship of Rotarians (ACHAFR)

ACHAFR EUROPE TOUR 2026

Pre-tour Sept 7-9,2026

Main Tour Sept. 9-13,2026

Dear Members

Following the more than 50 positive reactions on our proposal to visit Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany on the abovementioned tours the organisation team took actions to detail the routing and program as well as to book the hotels and restaurants.

Pre-Tour

For the pre-tour we will stay in the esteemed hotel Le Bois de Bruges, located in the historic center of Bruge (Brugge) from Sept 7-9, 2026. From there we will make a boat tour through the historic areas and discover the beauties of Bruge via a guided walking tour on Sept 8. On the way to Vaals for the main tour we will visit the brand new Squadra Abarth & Rally Collection in Lier on Sept 9. The owner and former rally-driver Guy Moerenhout collected 175 classic and rally cars and enable us to dive into the history of rally, to see iconic cars like Abarth 124 Rally and Simca 2000 and to have a look at the place where oldtimer are restored. Following the luncheon in the museum we will drive to Vaals.

Main Tour

For the main tour we will stay at the superb 4 Star Castle Hotel Bloemendal in Vaals, where we made fine experience at a former tour. Located in the southern hills of the Province Limburg it offers spacious rooms, splendid food and beverages, high quality service, wellness and saunas as well as protected parking lots. The Hotel will be our base for the entire main tour.

On Sept 10 we will test the Spa-Francorchamps Circuit, have luncheon in the Paddock and drive to Val- Dieu Abby, established by Cistercian monks in 1216 and active until 2021. Following a guided tour through the Abby we may take a rest in its well-known brewery and enjoy dark or blond beer with quite high alcohol percentage.

On Sept 11 we will tour the southern area of the Province Limburg and visit the highest point in Belgium and Moresnet. The latter has been a 'neutral state' from 1816-1920 belonging to Prussia, Belgium and the Netherlands. From there we will drive to the three countries point (B, NL, D) on Vaalser Berg.

On Sept 12 we will have the opportunity to visit the Townhall of Aachen, located in the center of the city opposite of the Dom (Cathedral). Charlemagne (748-814) has built the Palatinate around the year 800 with the Maria Church at the southern border and the Crowning Hall at the northern border. Nowadays, the Townhall is the seat of the Mayor and the Council of Aachen. We will receive a special honor to visit the Townhall and the Crowning Hall and see amongst others Crown jewels memorizing the 31 King and Emperor Crownings during the period 813-1531, the Sword of Charlemagne, the Emperors Crown of Otto I and the Orb. We will drive by our cars to Aachen in the morning, parc them in front of Town Hall and Cathedral in place “Katschhof” and will have lunch there in the barrel vault of the town hall before driving with our cars to the Hautes Fagnes and Malmedy. We will close the day with a Grand Dinner at the Bloemendal Hotel.

Costs/ Fees

We did our utmost to sharply calculate the participating costs and arrive at the following:

Pre-Tour: registration fees € 900 per team

Main-Tour: registration fees € 1950 per team

A team means a car plus driver and co-driver, additional persons on require only

Registration

In case you intend joining us on the Tour(s) please fill in the Registration and Entry Form (see annex) and send it to the Secretary of the Board Johannes Zilkens: zilkens@zilkenslaw.de **not later than Jan. 15,2026**

We are looking forward to a challenging, interesting and joyful Europe Tour 2026 with you and again **WE KEEP ROTARY ROLLING**

With finest Rotarian Greetings Your Organisation Team

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ENTRY FORM

Starting grid/Eligible vehicles

Class Year of manufacture Period

1. 1 January 1899 to 31 December 1969 Pre-war to Economic miracle vehicles

2. 1 January 1970 to 31 December 1989 Flower children and disco fever

3. 1 January 1990 to 31 Dezember 1999 Young timer and dream cars

Price Giving

The first three teams in each class will receive a trophy or a certificate. In addition, the following special prizes will be awarded:

Class Prize for

4. the best women's team

5. the team that has travelled the furthest

6. the team with the oldest vehicle

Entry fee

The entry fee includes breakfast, lunch, coffee, dinner, live music, road book, rally signs, participant directory, etc. for one driver and one co-driver

In addition, we ask for a donation to the End Polio Now project.

Accommodation:

For participants we have prebooked a contingent of rooms in the hotels

Pre-Tour registration fees € 900, - per team

Le Bois de Bruges, https://leboisdebruges.be

Main-Tour registration fees € 1950, - per team

Castle Hotel Bloemendal, https://www.hotelbloemendal.nl

Please return the signed form by E-Mail only to Secretary ACHAFR:

zilkens@zilkenslaw.de

Driver:

Surname: ……...

First Name: ……

Street: ..…….

Post Code/ City: ……

Mobile Phone ……...

Co-Driver:

Surname: ….……

First Name: ……..…….

Street: ……

Post Code / City: ……. …….

Mobile Phone: ……..…….

Vehicle:

Make: …… Model :…….

Year of Manufacture: …….

Registration Number : …….

Participation :

Pre-Tour	EUR	**900, -**	**……**
Single Room Supplement (2 single rooms/2 nights)	EUR	**450, -**	**..……..**
Main-Tour	EUR	**1.950, -**	**……..**
Single Room Supplement (2 single for 4 nights)	EUR	**720, -**	**……..**
Suite Castle extra cost per team	EUR	**200, -**	**……..**
Suite special extra cost per team	EUR	**400, -**	**……..**

Total Amount **EUR** **……..**

The entry fee for drivers and co-drivers is set out above EUR 2.850, - for Pretour and Main-Tour plus eventual supplements and is payable as follows:

Please pay € 1000, - upon registration, not later than January 15th, 2026

Balance until June 1, 2026 (remark: until then cancellations with the hotel are free of charge- thereafter 25% lost)

I have read and accept the terms and conditions of participation and the disclaimer.

The registration fee of EUR 1.000, - has been transferred to the following account:

ACHAFR

IBAN: **NL75 ABNA 0544 7269 60** (BIC **ABNANL2A**)

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Place and Date

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Driver's signature Co-driver's signature

Conditions of participation

(i) The prerequisite for participation is the completed and signed entry form, acceptance of the conditions of participation and disclaimer, and transfer of the entry fee.

(ii) The entry fee for drivers and co-drivers is set out above (EUR 2.850, - for Pretour and Tour) and is payable as follows:

EUR 1.000, - upon registration, not later than January 25th, 2026.

Balance until June 15th, 2026

(iii) The maximum number of entries is 50 vehicles. Starting places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The registration deadline is 15th January 2026 or earlier, once all starting places have been allocated. Once all starting places have been allocated, a waiting list will be created.

(iv) A part of EUR 250, - of the entry fee is non-refundable. The rest of the entry fee will only be refunded if the event is cancelled. In the event of cancellation by the participant, the participant hereby agrees to convert the entry fee into a donation to ‘End Polio Now’.

(v) Confirmations of entry will be sent by e-mail upon receipt of a valid entry and payment of the entry fee.

(vi) The driver must be in possession of a valid driving license and the vehicle registration document valid for the vehicle.

Participating vehicles must be approved for road use. They must have appropriate proof of insurance and registration.

(vii) We request a color photo of your vehicle as a jpg file in landscape format and a brief description of the vehicle's history for publication in the list of participants.

(viii) By submitting their entry, the driver and co-driver of the vehicle agree that photos of vehicles and the registered people may be published.

Disclaimer

By submitting their entry, the driver and co-driver agree to waive any claims of any kind

(i) for damages arising in connection with the above event against ACHAFR, Antique, Classic & Historic Automobiles World Fellowship of Rotarians as organizers, their agents, helpers and any track owners as well as spectators, drivers, owners and co-drivers of other vehicles,

(ii) against authorities and any people connected with the organisation of the event, provided that the accident or damage is not due to intent or gross negligence,

(iii) against road construction authorities, insofar as damage is caused by the condition of the roads and paths to be used during the events, including accessories, once all starting places have been allocated.

(iv) against vicarious agents and assistants of all the aforementioned persons and bodies, except in cases of intentional or grossly negligent damage, a part of EUR 100, - is nonrefundable, if cancellation is before June 1,2026 ! Thereafter the entire entry payment is non-refundable (and due to the participants' travel insurance !)

(v) against other participants, helpers, owners and keepers of other vehicles.

You waive any claims of any kind against your own drivers/passengers and your own helpers for damage in connection with participation, except in cases of intentional or grossly negligent damage.

This limitation of liability does not apply if damage is to be compensated by any insurance benefit

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Place and Date

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Driver's signature Co-driver's signature