



# Ukraine Relief Mission - Belgium

June 9, 2024 — June 15, 2024

Starting at: \$2,600

**OVERVIEW** 

The Need

# **This Mission**

International Medical Relief has expanded our field operations into Belgium where we provide medical care and education in the Welcome Centers where Ukrainian guests live and transition into Europe. We always work toward sustainable long-term impact strategies that will transform tomorrow for so many. From securing much-needed medical supplies and equipment to standing shoulder to shoulder with our colleagues to provide medical and mental health support, we work to be part of the solution.

# Lodging/Transportation

On this Classic mission, you will be provided with safe, clean, comfortable 2-star





accommodations. Meals will be on your own.

# **Highlights**

The war in Ukraine is creating an increasingly desperate humanitarian crisis. International Medical Relief teams aiding Ukraine refugees in the surrounding region are responding to the conflict by expanding access to medical, dental, mental health services and sustainable health education for those living in affected communities. Our highlight is helping the refugees and providing the lifesaving care they deserve.



## **ITINERARY**

This itinerary is subject to change without notice.

*Please note: You will be notified about the group flight option prior to the Early Bird deadline. Domestic flight arrangements should not be made until after the group flight is booked.* 

*If you choose to fly independently, transportation between your arrival airport and your IMR accommodation is not included. If you wish to arrange transportation, you can contact <i>flights@worldwidenavigators.com*.

*If you have any questions regarding flights, please contact* <u>flights@worldwidenavigators.com</u>. *Thank you.* 

## Sunday, June 9, 2024

#### Arrivals and Orientation

You'll fly into Brussels-National Airport (BRU). Plan to arrive by 2pm. Brussels is one of the hidden jewels of Europe, and you'll experience its wonders shortly after arriving at its airport. The airport is located northeast of the city, so you'll have the opportunity catch some of the surrounding scenery on the way to your hotel. You may choose to arrange transportation from the airport to your accommodation through IMR's travel partner, Worldwide Navigators, which you may purchase from within your portal under Trip Add-Ons.5:00pm is team orientation to prepare for the upcoming week of clinic. Your team leader will share with you about the clinic, address IMR's clinic protocols, Covid-19 protocols, and discuss the communities you will be serving. Your Health Declaration and negative Covid test results will be collected.You and your team will also sort all the supplies for your upcoming mission. Please bring your donations as well. Everything will be sorted, organized, and repacked for the clinic the next day.Dinner is on your own. Afterwards, you'll be free to explore the city or get some rest for your first day in clinic.

#### Monday, June 10, 2024

#### Clinic

At 8:00am, you'll depart to the service site for your first day of clinic. Be sure to pack your daypack with all your snacks, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, camera, phone, water bottle and diagnostic equipment. The first day of clinic is great. You



will surely have an impact on our visiting Ukrainian friends. Make sure you understand your role and assignment and if you need to, ask for clarification. Look to your IMR alumni in the orange caps for guidance, and please stay in your assigned clinic role throughout the day. Don't forget your safety protocols! Most importantly, enjoy the special moments. The patients are so humbled to have you there to help them. They are grateful. Take in all these memories, as time will go quickly.In the evening, you will have a thorough debrief with your team, repack bags for tomorrow, turn in your scrubs, and complete the day's statistics.Afterwards, you are free to explore Brussels with its great venues for dining and entertainment.

## Tuesday, June 11, 2024

## Clinic

At 8:00am, the transport departs to the service site for another great day of clinic!IMR teams have a unique opportunity to monitor some chronic conditions in our clinics, as we have residents who live in the some of the Welcome Center shelters where we serve. Brush up on your diagnostic skills, as they will surely be put to great use!Our patients are primarily the elderly, children, and women. There are numerous opportunities for educating this population on best health care practices. IMR partners with multiple facilities so you will likely be serving in different locations. Remember to listen to the stories of the patients. These stories will go down in the history books as a testament to this trying time.In the evening, you will have a thorough debrief with your team, repack bags for tomorrow, turn in your scrubs, and complete the day's statistics.

## Wednesday, June 12, 2024

#### Clinic

By this day of clinic, you are on a roll and have full knowledge all the ins and outs of clinic operations, hands-on! We appreciate you and all your service. Remember to take time to learn a story about one of your patients. We want you to walk away with a memory that stays in your heart. Let your team leader know if there is a special place you would like to work in clinic. As always, ask lots of questions to be sure you are prepared for your role. In the evening, you will have a thorough debrief with your team, repack bags for tomorrow, turn in your scrubs, and complete the day's statistics.

## Thursday, June 13, 2024

#### Clinic

As your week winds down, remember the community healthcare education in a public health setting that you and your team provide continues IMR's long-term, sustainable education efforts. Education is as important as medical and dental care for our patients. When people become empowered to take health and wellness issues into their own hands, they become self-sufficient.



## Friday, June 14, 2024

#### Free Day

Today you will have time to explore Brussels. Be sure to spend time in the Grand Place, originally a 12th-century market square that today is home to the Brussels Town Hall and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The architecture is simply amazing! There are galleries and museums everywhere just waiting for you to explore.Don't miss the Atomium, the visible landmark with its silver balls created for the 1958 World's Fair. The structure is made to represent an iron crystal magnified 165 billion times! Inside are exhibitions celebrating scientific discoveries and breakthroughs, and the view of Brussels from the top ball is spectacular.If trying the local culinary delights is your game, you can't go wrong with Belgian waffles and Belgian chocolate. Other local favorites include spiced speculoos cookies, Flemish stew, and Stoemp, a Dutch version of loaded mashed potatoes. You won't go hungry in Brussels!

#### Saturday, June 15, 2024

#### Departures

One last morning in Brussels!If you have extra time before your flight and haven't explored the shops of the Galeries Royales Saint-Hubert, seen the Mannekin Pis atop his fountain near the town hall, or browsed the brightly colored flower markets, now's your chance!Thank you for your service to the people of Ukraine this week!



# **EXTENSIONS**

Our travel partner, Worldwide Navigators, has some amazing extensions across Europe prepared for our volunteers! Below are links to some of our favorites from past team members. These are all customizable to match your favorite European destinations!

Krakow & Amsterdam

Central Europe

Europe

Germany



# **FLIGHTS AND PRICES**

## **Minimum Donation**

#### Your generous donation helps to save and change lives every day

Your generous donation of **\$2600** will go toward the ongoing global relief to care for the underserved and vulnerable people of this community. As a member of this medical mission team, you will elevate the long-term impact of sustainable, capacity-building efforts that improve the health, wellness, and quality of life of those most in need. A small portion of your donation includes:

- Clinic supplies and medications for patients
- Clinic participation
- Transportation, accommodations, and meals as outlined in the itinerary

# **Donation Payment Deadlines**

\$2400 due by March 11, 2024

\$2600 due by May 12, 2024

# **Early Bird Savings Opportunity**

To be eligible, upload all your required documents and forms, and make a minimum of 50% of your donation payment by .

# **FLEXIBLE FLIGHT OPTIONS**

#### **Volunteer with Airfare**

You may choose to book a flight with us for an additional fee. Details on the available flight routing and US departure city will be announced on . Airport transportation to and from the team's accommodations are also included with this option. Depending on your departure city, you may still need to purchase another flight in addition to this one. After this flight has been booked, you may



contact our travel agent, Worldwide Navigators, for assistance booking any necessary additional flights.

## **Benefits of Flying at a Group Rate**

- Travel with other members of your team on select routing
- Fly on a group ticket at a guaranteed rate
- Transport to and from the airport included

## **Volunteer without Airfare**

Many team members choose to book their flight(s) to and from the mission location independent of IMR. This is a great option if would like to extend your stay in the area to tour and explore, or if the routing from you home airport is more feasible for you. If you choose to fly independently, please note that your transportation in between the airport and the team's accommodations will not be provided. This will need to be arranged separately. Our partner for travel, Worldwide Navigators, would be happy to assist you in coordinating flights and/or transportation. You can contact them at travel@worldwidenavigators.com.

## **Benefits of Flying Independently**

- Extend your stay and customize your dates of travel
- Choose your departure location
- Customize your class of service



# **Featured Enhancements**

Airfare & Airport Transfer:

Starting at \$50+ each way plus airfare that is subject to availability at the time of booking.

Single Supplement: Airport Transfers (for independent flyers): Malpractice Insurance: Continuing Education (CE/CME) Credits: Personalized Scrubs (2 sets): IMR T-Shirt: Partner Program: \$100 per night
\$50 each way
\$129.50 to \$279.50
\$350
\$50
\$15
Starting at \$25 per month

\*\* To purchase any of the above Featured Enhancements for your mission please contact our office at office@imrus.org or call at (970) 635-0110

# Your Donation to IMR for Your Mission Cost Includes:

All group costs from the time you arrive at the team meeting point in country until you separate from the team or when the team arrives at the departure airport, including:

- Transportation
- Lodging
- Costs associated with the clinic
- Food
- Tips for services provided to the IMR team
- All logistics, including translation services and security as needed

# Additional Costs That You Are Responsible For:

All group costs from the time you arrive at the team meeting point in country until you separate from the team or when the team arrives at the departure airport, including:

• International and Domestic flights to the country. You have the option to



## fly independently, or on a group flight with IMR

- Passport fees, visa fees, and transit fees, including baggage or overnight accommodations/meals while in transit
- Required or recommended insurance
- Vaccinations and medications common for travel
- Spending money for souvenirs and personal purchases
- Required or desired mission supplies, personal equipment, or small gifts for the special people you meet
- Any lodging, meals, and transportation outside of the scheduled team mission, payable at the time of service to the local vendor
- COVID-related fees such as testing, vaccinations, and quarantines as required by incountry arrival/departure or USA arrival/departure