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THETFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION

TRIP TO BRUSSELS EU PARLIAMENT & PASSCHENDAELE MEMORIAL MUSEUM

£210 PER PERSON (BASED ON TWO PEOPLE SHARING A ROOM)

Following Thetford Twinning Association's successful trips to Brussels in 2013 and Strasbourg in 2015, we are taking the opportunity of a final, pre-Brexit visit to the European Parliament in Brussels in September 2018. The programme is:

- Monday, 17 September: Travel from Thetford to Brussels by coach, staying for 3 nights in Brussels;
- Tuesday 18 September: Visit to the EU Parliament;
- Wednesday 19 September: free day to explore Brussels or beyond;
- Thursday 20th September: leave Brussels for the Passchendaele Museum before returning home.

The EU Parliament visit takes approximately two hours and includes presentations by a member of the Parliament's staff and our MEP host, and a visit to the Plenary Chamber (the Hemicycle debating chamber). NOTE: It is **mandatory** that everyone coming on the trip visits the EU Parliament. The EU pays the Association a subsidy towards the expenses of the trip and this will be used to pay for the balance of the coach travel. Anyone not attending the Parliament will be liable to pay the full amount of their share for the cost of the coach.

A non-refundable* deposit of £75 per person is payable to Thetford Twinning Association to secure your place on the coach. This payment covers your return coach travel from Thetford to Brussels and entry to the Passchendaele Memorial Museum in Zonnebeke.

Provisional bookings have been made for hotel rooms by the Twinning Association, but must be confirmed with the travel agent and a deposit paid by each traveller. Hotel costs quoted for room and breakfast are:

- twin rooms: cost per person for three nights: £135.
- Single rooms: £235 (as above but with the addition of a single supplement of £100.)

This makes the cost per person for three nights' B&B, return travel from Thetford and museum entry just £210 per person (based on two people sharing a room). Other costs to budget for are for meals and travel insurance. You **must** have valid travel insurance and a current passport. You will be asked for details of these by the travel agent when booking your room.

Places are limited and it is **first come, first served**. Please let Janet Smith Gibbons know **by return** if you would like to come. A non-refundable deposit of £75 per person (cheque made payable to Thetford Twinning Association) will be needed to confirm your place. *Your place will not be confirmed until your deposit of £75 per person has been received.*

To make it absolutely clear — everyone coming on the trip MUST attend the EU Parliament visit. If you don't, you will have to pay your coach costs IN FULL. The deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE once the booking has been confirmed.

The viability of the trip depends on enough people to fill the coach. If there are not enough, the trip will not go ahead and in this case your deposit **will be returned.*

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