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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Introduction from Belgium Ypres Westhoek Rally

Welcome – Welkom – Bienvenue – Willkommen

Welcome to Belgium Ypres Westhoek Rally 2009. New Rally, New Generation.

In this 45th edition of the rally we give you all our welcome to the Belgium Ypres Westhoek Rally. This year's event is a compact asphalt rally full of new developments but above all one that enables us to draw up an efficient safety plan in order to give access to as many spectators as possible to the stages in an orderly controlled manner that does not jeopardise the safety of the rally.

You already know that safety is primary for us and we ask you for your maximum collaboration to achieve a safe rally.

As always the course can bring out the value and class of the competitors, the special stages with their narrow roads demand full concentration and mistakes are not allowed. This does not break with our tradition.

The same way as previous years the rally takes place in the area of Ypres close to battlefields of the World War I. The Rally HQ and service park are situated in the centre of Ypres.

There will only be 120 crews allowed in order to allow a safer and rational management of the special stages.

We hope that this guide may help you to plan your participation to the "45th Belgium Ypres Westhoek Rally".

As always, our whole team is at your disposal to help you to prepare for the rally and for any queries you might have about the event.

We look forward to see you in Ypres and we hope that your rally experience will be a safe and successful one.

Belgium Ypres Westhoek Rally
Organizing Committee

1.2. Event Overview

Belgium Ypres Westhoek Rally 2009 will once again be a unique sporting challenge to the European Championship and the Intercontinental Rally Challenge with its own character of roads not found elsewhere in the ERC or the IRC.

The route is consisting mostly of twisty farming lanes, challenging to both cars and crews.

The event is once again based in the city of Ypres in the Westhoek.

The Service Park is based at the historical Market Place of Ypres with the Rally HQ and Rally Control in the medieval Cloth Hall and the Media Centre in Novotel Ieper Centrum. A Shakedown stage is located in Nieuwkerke.

The event will begin on Friday late afternoon 19th June 2009 at the Market Place of Ypres. The event will continue with three special stages driven twice on Friday evening and another ten special stages driven on Saturday 20th June 2009. The Podium Ceremony will be held on Saturday evening after the competitive section of the rally is finished.

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2. CONTACT DETAILS

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 Belgium

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 Email: info@ypresrally.com
 Web: www.ypresrally.com

2.2. Rally Headquarters Contact Details

Rally HQ - from 18th June 2009

Cloth Hall "Foyer"
 Grote Markt 34
 B-8900 Ieper
 Belgium

Tel: +32 (0) 57 42 48 37
 Fax: +32 (0) 57 22 99 62
 Email: info@ypresrally.com
 Web: www.ypresrally.com

Rally Office – from 2nd June 2009

"Ieshalles Marktcafé"
 Grote Markt 35
 B –8900 Ieper
 Belgium

Tel: TBA
 Fax: TBA
 Email: info@ypresrally.com
 web: www.ypresrally.com

Rally Office opening hours:

2 nd – 5 th June 2009	09:00 – 12:00	
6 th June 2009	10:00 – 12:00	14:00 – 19:00
8 th – 13 th June 2009	09:00 – 12:00	
14 th June 2009	17:00 – 20:00	
15 th – 17 th June 2009	10:00 – 20:00	
18 th June 2009	07:00 – 20:00	
19 th – 20 th June 2009	09:00 – 24:00	

2.3. Media Contact Details

Dirk Van Der Sluys

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 Email: media@ypresrally.com

2.4. Key Officials of the Event

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Ass COC / Result Officer	Jan Vervisch	jan.vervisch@ypresrally.com	NA
Ass COC / Route Manager	Denis Dujardin	denis@ypresrally.com	NA
Ass COC	Noël Deberdt	noel.deberdt@ypresrally.com	+32 (0) 470 98 96 02
Event Secretary	Annick Coopman	info@ypresrally.com	+32 (0) 470 98 96 03
Press Officer	Dirk Van Der Sluys	media@ypresrally.com	+32 (0) 475 96 97 99
Chief Safety Officer	Francis Depuydt	security@ypresrally.com	NA
Service Park Manager	Christophe Vermeersch	service.park@ypresrally.com	+32 (0) 470 98 96 06

3. PROGRAM AND CRITICAL DEADLINES

3.1. Schedule Before the Rally Week

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Tuesday 5 th May		Publication of Supplementary Regulations	www.ypresrally.com
		Entries open	Permanent Secretariat
Friday 15 th May		Closing date for helicopter registration	
Thursday 28 th May		Entries close at reduced rate	Permanent Secretariat
Tuesday 2 nd June		Opening of Rally Office	
Friday 5 th June		Entries close	Permanent Secretariat
Saturday 6 th June	10:00 – 19:00	Issue of Road-book, Map & Rally Guide 2	www.ypresrally.com Rally Office, Ypres
Tuesday 9 th June		List of entries in seeded order published	www.ypresrally.com Rally Office, Ypres
Monday 15 th June	15:00	Pre-event Press Conference	Council room, Town Hall, Ypres

3.2. Schedule During the Rally Week

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Sunday 14 th June	17:00 – 20:00	Reconnaissance Sign On (all drivers) and Administrative Checks	Rally Office, Ypres
Monday 15 th June	10:00 – 20:00	Reconnaissance Sign On (all drivers) and Administrative Checks	Rally Office, Ypres
Tuesday 16 th June	07:00 – 24:00	Reconnaissance – Day 1	
	14:00 – 16:00	Reconnaissance Sign On (late arrivals) and Administrative Checks. By appointment only!	Rally Office, Ypres
Wednesday 17 th June	07:00 – 22:00	Reconnaissance – Day 2	
	08:00	Opening of Service Park for ERC registered and IRC teams	Market Place, Ypres
	14:00	Media Centre opens	Media Centre, Ypres
	14:00 – 18:00	Media Accreditation	Media Centre, Ypres
Thursday 18 th June	07:00 – 16:00	Administrative Checks and Scrutineering	Garage Duran, Ypres
	08:00	Service Park open for other competitors	Market Place, Ypres
	10:00 – 12:00	Media Accreditation	Media Centre, Ypres
	14:00 – 20:00		
	18:00 – 19:00	Shakedown reconnaissance	Nieuwkerke
	19:00 – 20:30	Shakedown, first 25 starting numbers	Nieuwkerke
	20:30 – 23:00	Shakedown, all competitors	Nieuwkerke
Friday 19 th June	10:00	First Stewards Meeting	Council Room, Town Hall, Ypres
	14:00	Publication of start list for Day 1	Rally HQ, Ypres
	15:00	Press Conference	Media Centre, Ypres
	17:30	Start of Day 1	Service Park, Ypres
Saturday 20 th June	01:00	Finish of Day 1	Parc Fermé, Ypres
	10:00	Publication of start list for Day 2	Rally HQ, Ypres
	12:10	Start of Day 2	Parc Fermé, Ypres
	22:30	End of Rally Podium Ceremony	Podium, Ypres
	22:30	Finish of Day 2	Parc Fermé, Ypres
	23:00	Final Scrutineering	Garage Duran, Ypres
	23:15	Press Conference	Media Centre, Ypres
Sunday 21 st June	01:30	Publication of Final Provisional Classification	Rally HQ, Ypres

3.3. Special Stages Closing and Opening Times

Friday 19 th June 2009			
Stage Number	Stage Name	Closing Time	Estimated Opening Time
Stage 1 & 4	Mesen – Sauvegarde	16:05	23:53
Stage 2 & 5	Hollebeke	16:33	00:29
Stage 3 & 6	Lille – Eurométropole	17:19	01:15

Saturday 20 th June 2009			
Stage Number	Stage Name	Closing Time	Estimated Opening Time
Stage 7 & 12	Langemark	10:48	22:31
Stage 8 & 13	Dikkebus	11:34	20:53
Stage 9 & 14	Kemmelberg	11:56	21:15
Stage 10 & 15	Westouter	10:49	22:58
Stage 11 & 16	Heuvelland	11:06	23:15

4. ENTRY DETAILS

4.1. Draft Entry List

Will be published separately.

5. SERVICE PARK

5.1. Location

GPS coordinates: N 50° 51.052
 E 02° 53.146

See draft layout in Appendix 4.

As in previous editions, the service park will be located in the town centre of Ypres. The centre of the Service Park is the historical Market Place.

The service area surface is tarmac and hard surface.

There will be no Remote Service Zones.

5.2. Access

The Service Park will be opened for the ERC registered and IRC teams at 08:00 on Wednesday 17th June 2009, for all other team at 08:00 on Thursday 18th June 2009.

Teams and competitors are asked to respect the opening times.

Only duly accredited vehicles with the plates provided by the Organisation will be allowed to access the service park (one Service vehicle and one Auxiliary vehicle) and corresponding vehicle parking areas (second Service vehicle and other Auxiliary vehicles).

SERVICE plates: Access to the team's service area

AUXILIARY plates: Elverdingestraat, Ypres

The Service Park will close on Sunday 21st June at 24:00.

5.3. Facilities

The Organisers can provide the following services in the Service Park:

- Electricity and water supply
- ADSL internet
- Waste containers
- General security

The above services will be at request and available to the teams at the cost of €2.000 excl 21% VAT. Order form for Service Park packages will be available on the website.

5.4. Opening and Closing Times

Day	Date	Time	Access
Wednesday	17 th June	08:00 –	ERC and IRC registered teams
Thursday	18 th June	08:00 –	All competitors
Friday	19 th June		All competitors
Saturday	20 th June		All competitors
Sunday	21 st June	– 24:00	All competitors

5.5. Remote Refuel Zones

There will be no Remote Refuel Zones.

5.6. Restarting Next Day

According to Article 43.4.1. of the 2009 FIA Regional Rally Championships Sporting Regulations, a competing car, which fails to finish any Day of a rally will be permitted to restart the next Day. If the crew wishes to re-start on Day2, the scrutineering form located in the rear of the road-book must be completed and lodged by the entrant with the Organisers as soon as possible but prior to the Stewards meeting of the end of Day1.

5.7. Recovery of the Retired Car

Apart from the exceptional circumstances all retired cars must be recovered by their team personnel after the opening of the concerned Special Stage.

In exceptional circumstances the Organisers can arrange the transportation of the retired car to the Service Park. This must be decided in conjunction with the Rally HQ and the competitor will be charged for the costs of this service.

Contact:

Super Rally Coordinator
Boudewijn Bartsoen

Tel: TBA

5.8. Parc Fermé for Retired Cars Wishing to Restart

Any car which fails to finish a Day in accordance with the above may be repaired at the competitor's discretion. However, the car must report to the overnight parc fermé prior to the next Day, no later than 6 hours before the scheduled start of that Day. The car must retain its original body shell and engine block as marked at pre-event scrutineering. The entrant must advise the Organisers of the intention to have the car scrutineered prior to the start of the Stewards' meeting at the end of the Day which the car has failed to finish.

6. TWO-WAY RADIO

Permission to use a radio transmitter must be applied for from following authority:

B.I.P.T.

Ellipse Building, Bulding C
Boulevard du Roi Albert II 35 B
B-1030 Brussel (Belgium)

Tel: +32 (0) 2 226 88 88

Fax: +32 (0) 2 226 88 03

Applications for a temporary license must be submitted. The application forms are available on request from the authority. The application for should note the channel normally used, and request this channel. However there is no guarantee that use of this channel will be permitted.

7. FUEL / TYRES

The use of FIA fuel is not obligatory.

The Refueling area will be located at the following place (exit of the Service Park):

Brandweer	GPS coordinates:	N 50°51.149'
Minneplein 1a		E 002°52.610
B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)		

There will be no remote refueling zones.

8. IMPORT OF VEHICLES AND SPARE PARTS

Competitors coming from the European Union do not need to make any special customs clearance for temporary import of cars and equipment for the purpose of participating in Belgium Ypres Westhoek Rally 2009.

If you are importing the rally car, service vans, spare parts and equipment from outside the European Union you must report to customs at arrival in the Kingdom of Belgium. Please contact the relevant authority at:

Agence en Douane H. Vanderbiest	Tel:	+32 (0) 56 48 52 18
Urbinoalaan 2		
B- 7700 Luingne (Moeskroen) (Belgium)		

9. HELICOPTERS

9.1. Restrictions and Registration

In accordance with the FIA guidelines on helicopter use, all helicopters flying in the support of the Rally must be registered with the Organisers. It is intended that, as a safety precaution, there will be a protocol to control Rally airspace and only registered aircraft will be allowed to fly in this airspace. All helicopters flying in support of the Rally must be registered with the Organisers.

9.2. Contact Details

All Helicopter Owners and Operators should register their intent to operate at this event using the attached registration form as soon as possible but not later than 15th May 2009.

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vzw SuperStage	Fax:	+32 (0) 56 43 28 61
Vlamingstraat 4	Email:	alain@ypresrally.com
B-8560 Wevelgem (Belgium)		

9.3. Commercial Helicopter Companies

Heli Promotions Diksmuide	Tel:	+32 (0) 51 50 56 56
Kleine Dries 17	Fax:	+32 (0) 51 50 56 00
B-8600 Diksmuide (Belgium)		

10. HOSPITALITY ARRANGEMENTS

VIP Hospitality services, organised guided tours to special stages and helicopter transfers are available during Belgium Ypres Westhoek Rally 2009. Please contact:

On-Event bvba	Tel:	+32 (0) 34 54 57 77
Boechoutsesteenweg 150 bus 4	Fax:	+32 (0) 34 54 54 80
B-2540 Hove (Belgium)	Email:	welcome@onevent.be
	Web:	www.ypresrally.com

11. HOTEL / ACCOMMODATION RESERVATION

On-Event bvba is the official event partner for accommodation for Belgian Ypres Westhoek Rally 2009.

Please contact:

On-Event bvba

Tel: +32 (0) 34 54 57 77

Ms Emilia Kivimäe

Fax: +32 (0) 34 54 54 80

Boechoutsesteenweg 150 bus 4

Email: accommodation@ypresrally.com

B-2540 Hove (Belgium)

Web: www.ypresrally.com

12. RECONNAISSANCE

12.1. Reconnaissance Registration

Reconnaissance registration will take place as follows:

Date and Time:	Sunday 14 th June	17:00 – 20:00
	Monday 15 th June	10:00 – 20:00
	Tuesday 16 th June	14:00 – 16:00 (By appointment only!)

Place: Rally Office
 “Ieshalles Marktcafé”
 Grote Markt 35, B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)

For ERC registered and IRC teams, materials may be collected by a team member duly designated in writing. Other crews will be obliged to attend in person.

12.2. Regulations and Restrictions

Competitors are permitted a maximum of 3 passages over each special stage. A reconnaissance control card will record each competitor's passage over the stages. Under no circumstances may competitors' drive in the opposite direction of the rally traffic, unless instructed by an official of the event.

The reconnaissance pass must be posted on the top right of the front windscreen of the reconnaissance car.

The maximum speed set for the reconnaissance of special stages is 90km/u, except for those cases in which there are speed limit signals and in built-up areas (50km/u). Belgian law prohibits the fitting or carrying of radar detection equipment.

Competitors are reminded that the roads are not closed and vehicles will be traveling in the opposite direction of the rally traffic.

12.3. Schedule

Tuesday 16 th June 2009			
Stage number	Stage name	All competitors	
Stage 1 & 4	Mesen – Sauvegarde	07:00	22:00
Stage 3 & 6	Lille – Eurométropole	09:00 14:00	12:00 24:00
Stage 7 & 12	Langemark	07:00	22:00
Stage 9 & 14	Kemmelberg	07:00	22:00
Stage 11 & 16	Heuvelland	07:00	22:00

Wednesday 17 th June 2009			
Stage number	Stage name	All competitors	
Stage 2 & 5	Hollebeke	07:00	22:00
Stage 8 & 13	Dikkebus	07:00	22:00
Stage 10 & 15	Westouter	07:00	22:00

13. SCRUTINEERING, SEALING AND MARKING

13.1. Details

Date: Thursday 18th June, 2009
Time: 07:00 – 16:00
Location: Peugeot Garage Duran
Albert Dehemlaan 3, B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)

13.2. Road Books

The following road books are located in Appendix 3.

- Rally HQ to Scrutineering
- Scrutineering to Rally HQ

13.3. Preparations Required Prior to Scrutineering

13.3.1. Administrative Checks

Administrative Checks must be completed before the car is presented at scrutineering. Competitors will receive a Scrutineering Form, which must be submitted at scrutineering.

13.3.2. Safety Tracking System

For details see Supplementary Regulations.

13.3.3. Component Sealing

All transmissions, their spares and turbos will be marked and sealed for all FIA priority drivers. Competitors must have made the necessary preparations before attending scrutineering.

13.4. Final Scrutineering

Date: Saturday 20th June, 2009
Time: 23:00
Location: Peugeot Garage Duran
Albert Dehemlaan 3, B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)

Competitors who are selected for final scrutineering (Stewards Decision) are requested to provide proper equipment (including all sealed spare parts) and mechanics at the final scrutineering venue. Competitors in question will be informed in writing at TC 16D. Each selected car may be driven to and from the scrutineering venue by a designated team member (who must be present at the finish), in convoy under control of by an official car.

14. SHAKEDOWN

14.1. Who May Participate

Shakedown on Thursday 18th June 2009 at Nieuwkerke is optional for all scrutineered competitors.

14.2. Schedule

Thursday 18th June
18:00 – 19:00 Reconnaissance behind the security car (see time schedule)
19:00 – 20:30 First 25 starting numbers
20:30 – 23:00 All competitors

14.3. Location

Shakedown will take place at Nieuwkerke (the same location as in 2008). The stage is 4.88km long. The Shakedown start is 17.99km from Service Park an HQ and the finish is 20.20km from Service Park and HQ. There will be a separate local Service Park for the Shakedown.

15. START PROCEDURE

15.1. Start of the Rally

The Start will take place on Friday 19th June at 17:30 at Service Park, Ypres.

15.2. Procedure for Day 1 Start

Before the start the Organisers will assemble all the competitors in the Start park on the Market Place, Ypres. Cars are summoned 20 min prior their individual starting time.

16. FINISH PROCEDURE

The finish of the rally will be at TC 16D at the Service Park, Ypres on Saturday 20th June 2009. From this point all cars will be subject to Parc Fermé rules. The proceedings will be in accordance with 2009 FIA Regional Rally Championships Sporting Regulations. Access to the holding area before the finish podium will be limited to Officials and Media representatives holding the appropriate pass.

After the podium finish, competitors must drive their cars under the control of the Organisers to Parc Fermé, which is located in the Diksmuidestraat, Ieper.

A Parc Fermé pass will be issued to all cars when they enter final Parc Fermé. Once results are made final the Stewards will authorise C.O.C. to open the Parc Fermé. The cars must then be removed by the driver or team representative who has to produce the Parc Fermé pass.

17. PR ACTIVITIES

N/A

18. MEDIA

18.1. Contact Details Before the Event

Dirk Van Der Sluys
Press Officer
vzw SuperStage
Vlamingstraat 4
B-8560 Wevelgem (Belgium)

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Mob: +32 (0) 475 96 97 99
Email: media@ypresrally.com

18.2. Contact Details During the Event

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Press Officer
Media Centre, Novotel Ieper Centrum
Sint Jacobsstraat 15
B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)

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18.3. Accreditation Desk

Media Centre
Novotel Ieper Centrum
Sint Jacobsstraat 15
B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)

Tel: +32 (0) 57 22 99 77
Fax: +32 (0) 57 42 48 72
Email: media@ypresrally.com

Opening Hours:

Wednesday 17th June 2009
Thursday 18th June 2009

14:00 – 18:00
10:00 – 12:00
14:00 – 20:00

18.4. Media Centre – Location and Opening Hours

Media Centre	Tel: +32 (0) 57 22 99 77
Novotel Ieper Centrum	Fax: +32 (0) 57 42 48 72
Sint Jacobsstraat 15	Email: press@ypresrally.com
B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)	

Opening Hours:

Wednesday 17 th June 2009	14:00 – 18:00	
Thursday 18 th June 2009	10:00 – 12:00	14:00 – 20:00
Friday 19 th June 2009	08:00 – 01:00	
Saturday 20 th June 2009	08:00 – 02:00	(Sunday 21 st June 2009)

18.5. Press Conference – Times and Location

Date: Monday 15th June 2009
 Time: 15:00
 Location: Council room, Town Hall, Ypres

Date: Friday 19th June 2009
 Time: 15:00
 Location: Media Centre, Ypres

Date: Saturday 20th June 2009
 Time: 23:15
 Location: Media Centre, Ypres

19. PASSES AND PLATES

Passes, plates and access details are detailed in Appendix 6.

Service and auxiliary plates must be placed on the inside of the windscreen at all time.

20. MEDICAL AND SAFETY SERVICES

Emergency Services:

In case of emergency dial: **112**

This is the main number for emergency services, which includes the police, ambulance and fire brigade.

Hospitals:

Jan Yperman Ziekenhuis, Ieper	Tel: +32 (0) 57 35 35 35
Briekestraat 12, 8900 Ieper	

Doctors:

Dr. Debrabendaere W.	Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 16 44
D'Hondstraat 60	
B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)	

Dr. Demyttenaere A.	Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 75 30
A.Vandepereboomplein 53	
B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)	

Dr. Keignaert J.	Tel: +32 (0) 499 07 11 11
M.Frenchlaan 12	
B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)	

Dental Care:

Dr. Debruyne S.
M.Frenchlaan 1
B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)

Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 45 56

Dr. Delie J.
M.Haighlaan 20
B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)

Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 15 47

Fire Brigade:

Brandweer
Minneplein 1a
B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)

Tel: +32 (0) 57 23 95 50

21. LIST OF USEFUL FACTS AND SERVICES

About Belgium:

The Kingdom of Belgium, a population dense country, encompasses 30,527 km² but its coastline stretches only 60 km. It is bordered by the North Sea to the north, the Netherlands to the northeast, Germany to the east, Luxembourg to the southeast and France to the west.

The geography of Belgium shows it to have three major areas: lower Belgium (up to 100 m above sea level), central Belgium (between 100 and 200 m above sea level) and upper Belgium (from 200 to over 500 m above sea level). Lower Belgium begins in the west at the coast. It has beaches and dunes, which extend along the coast for 65 km. This coastal plain extends inland from 16 to 48 km and consists of dunes and "polders" (land reclaimed from the sea and swamps), which were developed from the 13th to 15th centuries. In the past, this flat and fertile land used to suffer from flooding by the sea. It is now totally dry, thanks to the sluices, which protect it from tidal erosion.

Between the western polders, the Leie and the Schelde, are the Flemish lowlands, a sandy region that is hilly in places such as the Kemmelberg and the Kluisberg. The Kempen lie in the east of the country. The soil in the Kempen is poor and the landscape comprises conifer woods, heath lands, ponds, marshes, pastures and cornfields. Upper Belgium is composed of the Ardennes highlands, a rocky but densely forested plateau. It extends across southeastern Belgium and into northeastern France.

Burgundians, Habsburgs, Bourbons and Bonaparte's have all involved Belgium in their struggles. Belgium, like Luxembourg, has often been Europe's battleground. Belgium broke away from the Netherlands in 1830. Invaded during both world wars, Belgium has been instrumental in the formation of the European Economic Community.

Three primary languages have contributed to a rich cultural history. Painters and weavers come from the Flemings in the north and west. The French Walloons brought a French heritage.

The Flemings speak a language similar to Dutch. Belgian French differs little from the French spoken in France, and German is spoken by large numbers of the population. The population is primarily Roman Catholic (81%), with the Walloons following a more liberal interpretation than the Flemish.

The capital of Belgium is Brussels (Bruxelles). The capital's population is just under a million, divided between Flemish and Walloon, the country as a whole has a population of just over 10 million. The Flemish population is in the range of 6 million, while the Walloon population is just over 3 million.

Climate:

Belgium has a moderate climate, and it is rarely very hot or cold. The climate near the sea is humid and mild. Inland, there is a greater range in temperature. April and November are being the wettest months. Belgium average annual temperature is 8 degrees C. The country rainfall is 699 mm.

Time Zone:

Belgium is in the Central European Time Zone – CET/CEST.

Daylight Saving Time or Summer Time in Belgium begins on the last Sunday in March at 1:00 a.m. GMT and ends on the last Sunday in October at 1:00 a.m. GMT.

Belgium uses these time zone codes:
 CET : Central European Time = GMT + 1 hour
 CEST : Central European Summer Time = GMT + 2 hours

Currency:

Currency is the euro (€), divided into 100 cents.
 The denominations in circulation are :

Notes : 5, 10, 20, 100, 200 and 500 euros
 Coins : 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents
 1 and 2 euro coins

Car Dealers:

Audi

Garage De Keyser
 Iepersteenweg 12, B-8650 Merksem

Tel: +32 (0) 51 54 42 87
 Email: info@dekeysem.audi.be
 Web: www.audi.be

BMW – MINI

Garage Leterme
 Jaagpad 6, B-8900 Ieper

Tel: +32 (0) 57 21 92 93
 Email: info@leterme.net.bmw.be
 Web: www.leterme.bmw.be

Citroën

Garage Vanhulle J.
 K. Steverlyncklaan 18, B-8900 Ieper

Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 86 86
 Email: kurt@citroenvanhulle.be
 Web: www.citroenvanhulle.be

Citroën

Garage Defever-Loca
 Maarschalk Frenchlaan 38, B-8900 Ieper

Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 38 81
 Email: info@citroen-defever.be
 Web: www.citroen-defever.be

Fiat – Lancia – Alfa Romeo

Garage Claus
 Menenstraat 41, B-8900 Ieper

Tel: +32 (0) 57 46 64 48
 Email: info@garageclaus.be
 Web: www.garageclaus.be

Ford – Mazda

Garage Devos & Dewanckel NV
 Industrielaan Alber Dehemlaant 2, Ieper

Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 13 35
 Email: christophe@devosdewanckel.be
 Web: www.devosdewanckel.be

Hyundai – Toyota

Garage Gamme
 Kruiskalsijdestraat 4, B-8900 Ieper

Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 01 05
 Email: gamme.ieper@deal-net.com
 Web: www.hyundai-motors.be

Mercedes

Autostar NV
 Zwaanhofweg 8, B-8900 Ieper

Tel: +32 (0) 57 21 70 80
 Web: www.mercedes-benz.be

Mitsubishi

Garage Parret
 Frankrijklaan 6-8, B-9870 Poperinge

Tel: +32 (0) 57 33 59 08
 Web: www.mitsubishi.be

Open – Daewoo – Chevrolet

United Motors NV
 Meenseweg 214, B-8900 Ieper

Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 16 66
 Email: ieper@unitedmotors.be
 Web: www.unitedmotors.be

Peugeot

Garage Duran Ieper NV
Albert Dehemlaan 3, B-8900 Ieper

Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 78 83
Email: duan.ieper@peugeot.be
Web: www.peugeot.be

Renault

Garage Lagrou
Veurnseweg 6, B-8900 Ieper

Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 00 97
Email: info@lagrou.be
Web: www.lagrou.be

Seat – Skoda

Garage De Keyser
Sappenleenstraat 21, B-8970 Poperinge

Tel: +32 (0) 57 34 61 90
Web: www.seat.be; www.skoda.be

Suzuki

Garage Theuninck
Woumenseweg 3, Diksmuide

Tel: +32 (0) 51 50 54 94
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Toyota – Subaru

Garage Vancayzeele
Albert Dehemlaan 10, B-8900 Ieper

Tel: +32 (0) 57 42 23 18
Email: vancayzeele@toyotabelgium.be
Web: www.vancayzeele.be

Volkswagen

Garage De Keyser
Pilkemseweg 117, B-8900 Ieper

Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 05 37
Email: info@dekeysei.vw.be
Web: www.vw.be

Hire Car Companies:

Hertz Car Rental

Tel: +32 (0) 27 17 32 01
Fax: +32 (0) 27 17 32 02
Email: beluxresadmin@hertz.com
Web: www.hertz.be

Avis Rentals

Tel: +32 (0) 70 22 30 01
Fax: +32 (0) 70 22 30 03
Email: be.reservations@bcn.avis-erurope.com
Web: www.avis.be

Europcar

Web: www.europcar.be

Rent a Car

Tel: +32 12 39 09 40
Tel: 0 80 09 99 99 (free)
Email: info@rentacar.be
Web: www.rentacar.be

United Motors Mottrie

Meenseweg 214, 8900 Ieper

Tel: +32(0) 57 20 16 66
Email: ieper@unitedmotors.be
Web: www.unitedmotors.be

Airports

Airport	Distance to Rally Headquarters
International Airport Kortrijk-Wevelgem	28 km
Aéroport de Lille (F)	47 km
Antwerp Airport	134 km
Brussels National Airport	135 km
Brussels South Charleroi Airport	150 km

International Airport Kortrijk-Wevelgem
Luchthavenstraat A bus 1
B-8560 Wevelgem (Belgium)

Tel: +32 (0) 56 35 14 12
Web: www.kortrijkairport.be

Aéroport de Lille
F-59810 Lesquin (France)

Tel: +33 3 20 49 67 47
Web: www.lille.aeroport.fr/gb

Antwerp Airport
Luchthavenlei
B-2100 Antwerpen (Belgium)

Tel: +32 (0) 32 85 65 00
Web: www.antwerp-airport.be

Brussels National Airport
B-1930 Zaventem (Belgium)

Tel: +32 (0) 27 53 77 53
Web: www.brusselsairport.be/en

Brussels South Charleroi Airport
Rue d'Heppignies
B-6042 Ransart (Belgium)

Tel: +32 (0) 71 25 12 11
Web: www.charleroi-airport.com

Copying Service:

Boudry Meensestraat 25, Ieper
Burroo-Copy Maarschalk Haiglaan 2, Ieper
Deleze Sneldruk Maloulaan 35, Ieper

Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 02 47
Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 88 81
Tel: +32 (0) 57 23 08 36

Courier Service:

JetCar cvba Kapellenstraat 62
B-9280 Denderbelle

Tel: +32 (0) 52 41 33 86

Mobile Phone Rental and Service:

Belgacom-Proximus Meensestraat 14, Ieper

Tel: +32 (0) 57 23 08 36
Tel: 0800 22 800

Mobistar Boterstraat 35, Ieper
GSI-Informatix Rijselseweg 28, Ieper

Tel: +32 (0) 57 36 36 00
Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 98 94

Security Services:

European Security St. Denijsestraat 243, Kortrijk
Consult bvba

Tel: +32 (0) 472 46 28 42
Email: info@securityconsult.be

Banks and Cash Points:

Banks are located throughout Ypres and surrounding towns and are open from Monday-Friday 09:00 to 16:00, some banks are open also Saturday forenoon. Most banks have open ATM machines for after-hours banking.

Citibank Alphonse Vandenpeereboomplein 13
Dexia Grote Markt 17, Ieper

Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 40 45
Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 32 39

ING	Boterstraat 2, Ieper	Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 00 98
KBC	Rijselsestraat 33, Ieper	Tel: +32 (0) 57 22 79 25
Fortis	Korte Torhoutstraat 1, Ieper	Tel: +32 (0) 57 22 64 20

Electricity:

The electrical supply voltage is 220/230 volts 50 Hz. Plugs and sockets are of 2/3-point design (CE Standards).

Driving in Belgium:

Seat Belts

The driver and all passengers are required to use front and rear seat belts at all times.

Speed Limits

Belgium operates its speed limits in kilometers per hour.

Built up areas	50 kph (30 kph in school areas)
National roads	70 - 90 kph
Motorways	120 kph

There are other limits indicated by traffic signs.

Traffic rules

Drive on the right and overtake on the left hand side of the road.

It is illegal to use a hand-held mobile phone whilst driving.

The blood/alcohol limit in Belgium is 0.5 grams of alcohol per liter of blood. The police have the power to carry out random alcohol tests on drivers at any time and a blood sample will be taken if a driver refuses a breathalyser test. Drivers can request to wait 30 minutes before taking a breath test. A driver found to have more than the legal limit of alcohol is fined an amount that depends on the blood alcohol level. In some cases the driver's license may be confiscated immediately or for a period of a few hours.

Food and Catering:

Traiteur Bruno	Tel: +32 (0) 51 77 79 62
Langemarkstraat 7	Fax: +32 (0) 51 77 03 95
8980 Zonnebeke	Email: traiteur.bruno@telenet.be

Restaurants:

Ieshalles Marktcafé	Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 00 74
Grote Markt 35	
B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)	

Restaurant Regina (Hotel Regina)	Tel: +32 (0) 57 21 88 88
Grote Markt 45	
B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)	

De Waterpoort	Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 54 52
Brugseweg 43	
B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)	

Klein Stadhuis	Tel: +32 (0) 57 21 55 42
Grote Markt 32	
B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)	

Foodsquare (Novotel Ieper Centrum)	Tel: +32 (0) 57 42 96 00
Sint Jacobsstraat 15	
B-8900 Ieper (Belgium)	

Sunrise-Sunset:

Approximate sunrise and sunset times are:

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Thursday 18 th June 2009	05:35	22:03
Friday 19 th June 2009	05:35	22:03
Saturday 20 th June 2009	05:36	22:04

Taxis:

Taxi services are widely available at Taxi ranks throughout Ypres. These are metered taxis. Alternatively the following companies can be contacted directly:

Cheap Taxi	N/A	Tel: +32 (0) 473 58 46 00 Tel: 0800 62 660 (free)
S.B. Taxi	Wittemolenstraat 23, Ieper	Tel: +32 (0) 478 32 99 29
Taxi Leo	Dikkebusseweg 37, Ieper	Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 04 13

Telephones and Direct Dialing:

Public telephones can be operated with phone cards.

The international prefix for outgoing calls is 00.

The international prefix for incoming calls is 0032 then delete the 0 for the area code.

The area code of Ypres is 0032(0) 57 ...

Tipping:

In restaurants it is customary to add a gratuity of approximately 10% to the bill. In some restaurants Service Charge is already included in the bill as presented to the customer.

Tourist Information:

Dienst Toerisme	Grote Markt 34, Ieper	Tel: +32 (0) 57 23 92 20 Email: toerisme@ieper.be Web: www.ieper.be
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Tyre Dealers:

Bandenbedrijf Vandekerckhove	Pilkemseweg 115, Ieper	Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 61 78 Email: ieper@qteam.be Web: www.qteam.be
Forrez (Profile tyre centre)	Rozendaalstraat 20, Ieper	Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 53 53 Email: ieper@profile.be Web: www.profile.be
Verbiese Banden (Eurotyre)	Poperingseweg 125, Ieper	Tel: +32 (0) 57 20 09 46 Email: info@eurotyre.be Web: www.eurotyre.be

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