

2019 RAY CONNIFF FAN CONVENTION **INFORMATION NO.2:**

Dear Ray Conniff Fans,

Thanks to Francis here is more detailed information about the Convention in Lille / Rubaix from October 25 to 27:

A suggestion concerning **TRAVEL:**

If you fly AIR FRANCE, make use of a combined flight / train ticket. It is called TGV AIR SERVICE. Make your booking through the Air France website or visit voyages.sncf.com for details and conditions.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, October 25: Check-in at the MERCURE hotel in Rubraix. The reception will begin at 17:00 in the lounge "Le Colisée", This is followed by dinner in the restaurant "Le Vieil Abreuvoir".

SATURDAY, October 26: Departure to Lille after breakfast at 9:00 either by tram or by metro. From 10:15 we will have a guided tour of Lille in English, followed by lunch. Everybody is free to choose a restaurant or brasserie. A place that Ann and Francis enjoyed very much is named "La Chicorée" (<http://chicoree.restaurantsdelille.com/>).

Francis suggests a visit to the library "Le Furêt du Nord" after lunch. It's the greatest library of Europe (books, music, video, multimedia...). At 15:15 we'll return to Roubaix.

At 16:00, a visit to the "La Piscine" museum is planned. At about 17:30, we'll return to the hotel, which is very near the museum. At about 18:00, we'll walk a short distance to the restaurant "Le Petit Roubaix", for a concert by Francis' Big Band followed by dinner at the same place.

The menu for everybody (except vegetarians) is as follows:

Starter: Maroilles cheese tart / Raw ham salad with "Bleu of Auvergne" cheese / Old manner country pâté / Queen scallop shell "au gratin"

Main dish: Forest chicken / Flemish carbonnade / "Potjevleesch" (mix of fowl, rabbit, pork and veal jelly meat), roasted pork sauce Maroilles; fish fillet lemon sauce / 2 berries conserve of duck

Dessert: Fondant or caramel cream / house tart or Chantilly waffle / creamy chocolate or ice cream with almond flakes. The menu includes mineral water, red wine, coffee.

SUNDAY, October 27: There will be a one hour guided tour of Roubaix before we say goodbye.

Francis hopes that the participants will find this offer attractive.

Now, Francis will have to calculate the amount he needs for making reservations at the hotel, in restaurants etc. He is working on best possible rates for our group. All the tentative bookings (inclusive of room reservations) will be made by Francis, using his credit card. Do not make your own bookings!

Information No. 3 will give you details on the amounts / deposits / advance payments to be made / money transfer possibilities etc. Here is a good advice: Make sure you can use PayPal for money transfer to Francis. He assures that people who will have to cancel their trip for whatsoever reason will get their money back.

All I can say is *merci beaucoup*, Francis, for all your efforts and engagement. Regards to you all,

