



NostalBusRally 2020 – invitation

Our organization has the pleasure to invite you to its second edition of the "NostalBusRally". Our old-timer bus meeting will take place on 21, 22 and 23 August, 2020, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the founding of NostalBus. About 25 buses took part in the previous edition of the NostalBusRally. We hope to better that number in 2020!

We welcome both Belgian and foreign buses and coaches during this long weekend. Our rally is first and foremost a nod to the past. For that reason we give priority to buses that are built before 1991. Enrolments of younger vehicles will be put on a waiting list to ensure the event will be attractive enough for the bigger public.

About NostalBus vzw

NostalBus was founded in 2010 by a few "bus lovers" from West- and Oost-Vlaanderen. Around that time, a small group of volunteers restored the first buses in our collection. In 2011, we started accepting new members. Over the years more and more people have joined our ranks. Today, NostalBus is made up of about a hundred members. During these ten years, our organization has restored about one bus a year. At this moment, we possess six vehicles, all in working order. On top of that, we manage four historical vehicles from the "META" collection, META being the umbrella organization for heritage buses and trams in Flanders (www.metavzw.be). Finally, on top of our "active" collection, there is the on-going, thorough restoration of a Van Hool-Cummins city bus from 1976. This unique vehicle will be shown in working order at our 2020 rally.

NostalBus does not yet own a central garage or workshop. Our vehicles are stored and restored at multiple locations in Belgium. In the future we would like to acquire a single, central location to enable us to park and maintain our heritage fleet in ideal conditions. However, right now we still rely on the goodwill of a few individuals and businesses. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude towards them.

NostalBus can only **survive thanks to the generosity of its members**. It does not depend on other organizations or external financing. To ensure sufficient funds for restoring and maintaining our buses, we have two main sources of income. One is fundraising from members or supporters. The Belgian tax code allows for up to 45% of donations to certain heritage organizations to be deducted from personal or private income taxes. Heritage (and cultural) bus trips for private customers, companies or public organizations are another important source of income. Thanks to these trips, our vehicles are often on the road. This helps to keep them in working order, on top of attracting much-needed financial support to pay for our operating costs.

Our organization is young, and continually growing. But we still have lots of room for new members! If you are interested, a fee of only 20 euros is all it takes to become a member. You can find more membership information on our website: www.nostalbus.be.

Programme NostalBusRally (provisional)

FRIDAY 21 AUGUST

12.00 pm > 2.00 pm We will welcome our participants at the "Ham" in **Oudenaarde**. You will be able to meet and get to know other participating organizations or individuals.

2.00 pm > 5.30 pm The vehicles will be shown to the general public. You will have the opportunity to mingle with other participants, or to show your vehicle to visitors. Oudenaarde has some interesting points of interest, like the Centre of the Tour of Flanders.



5.30 pm > 6.30 pm Time to check into the hotel. The buses will spend the night at the Ham, a large parking lot next to the hotel.

7.00 pm > 11.00 pm Barbecue at walking distance from the hotel. Obviously, there will be ample opportunity to go for a drink afterwards.

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST

7.00 am > 9.30 am Breakfast at the hotel.

10.00 am > 6.00 pm Departure from Oudenaarde for a trip to Bruges via Ypres. At Ypres, there will be a photo opportunity stop for the general public. During this trip, there will also be an activity for rally participants.

6.00 pm > 7.30 pm The buses will be parked in Bruges. After parking your bus or coach, you can check into the hotel.

8.00 pm > 11.00 pm Dinner in the historical centre of Bruges. A shuttle bus will be provided.





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SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

7.00 am > 9.30 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel.

10.00 am > 2.00 pm The buses will be shown to the general public at "'t Zand" in Bruges. Closing event. After 2 pm, participants can leave for home.

We hope our programme entices you to take part in the "NostalBusRally". We would be delighted to welcome you! You can find all practical information, as well as pricing, on our website: www.busrally2020.be. On that same website, you will also find a registration form. If you would like to participate in only part of the event, you can tell us so while registering.

The number of participants is limited for practical reasons. Therefore, we kindly ask you to register well in advance. Still questions or particular wishes? Contact us via maikel.kegels@nostalbus.be or +32 (0) 497 02 94 10.

We hope to meet you next August!

