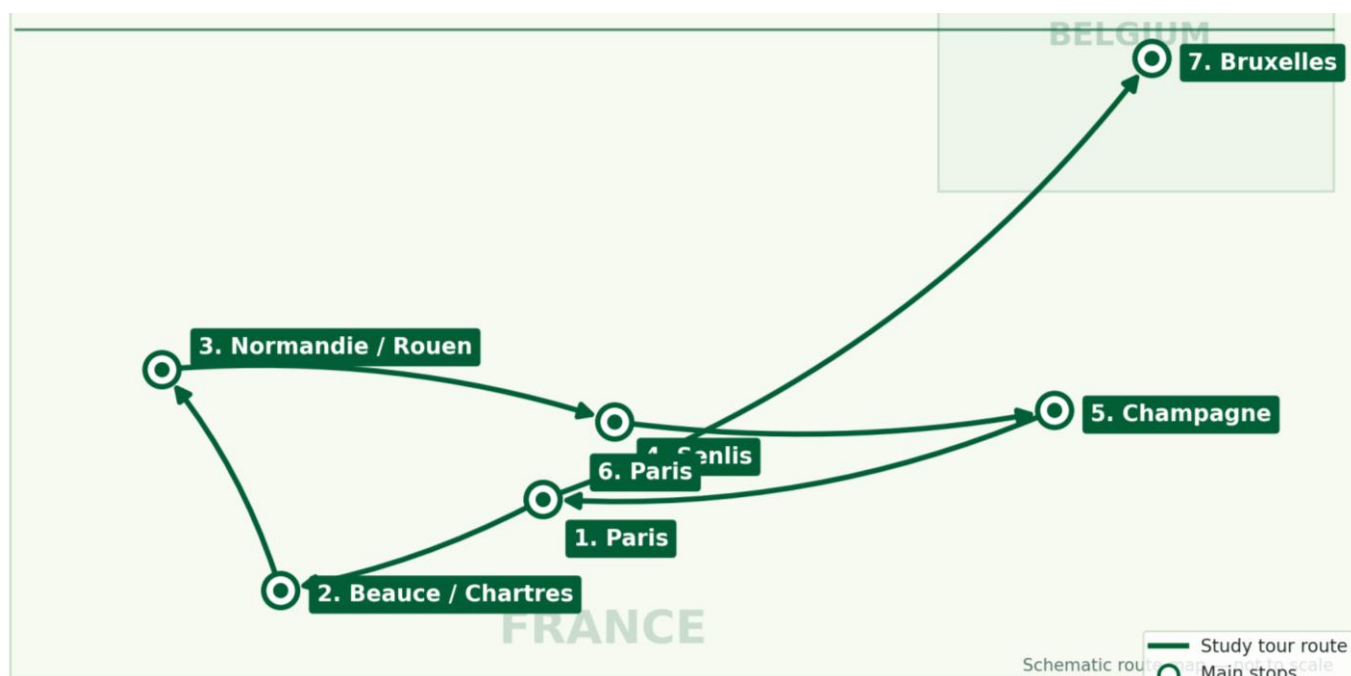


France & Belgium Study Tour

Agriculture, markets and EU policy from the inside | 25-31 October 2026

Paris, Beauce/Chartres, Normandie/Rouen, Senlis, Champagne, Paris, Bruxelles



DATES

25-31 October 2026

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DFA members and specially invited guests

INDICATIVE PRICE

approx. EUR 3,000 pp.
depending on group size

Why join?

Insight. Access. Peer discussion. Inspiration. Stronger connections.

France and Belgium offer a unique combination of large-scale crop production, complex market structures, strong regional identities and direct access to European agricultural policy-making. The programme is built for DFA members who want to understand how production, land access, logistics, regulation, investment and food security are connected in practice.

For many participants, the value will not only come from the visits. It will also come from the conversations in the bus, around the table and between peers – including members who already know each other well and new leaders joining the DFA network.

Agricultural production at scale

Large-scale crop production, irrigation, conservation agriculture, mixed farming, pig production, dairy, biogas and diversified farm business models.

Markets, land and logistics

SAFER land access, MATIF wheat pricing, cooperative structures, grain trading, export flows and the port of Rouen.

EU policy and food security

European Parliament, Copa-Cogeca, CAP, sustainability, competitiveness and the future of European food security.

Culture and leadership conversations

French agricultural mindset, farmer profiles, regulation, investor access, land ownership and the business culture behind the numbers.

Programme route

Paris, Beauce/Chartres, Normandie/Rouen, Senlis, Champagne, Paris, Bruxelles

DAY 1

Sun 25 Oct

Arrival in Paris / Chartres - First conversations and welcome dinner

- Arrival at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport.
- Meet the guide and driver, then transfer to the Chartres region.
- Optional short visit of Chartres Cathedral or free time, depending on timing.
- Dinner and overnight in Chartres.

DAY 2

Mon 26 Oct

Beauce / Rouen - Crop production, irrigation, diversification and land access

- Full day in Beauce, one of France's most productive agricultural areas.
- Farm exchanges on wheat, durum wheat, maize, onions, potatoes, sugar beet, barley, rapeseed, strawberries and irrigation.
- Focus on SAFER - the French land agency system and what it means for land access, succession, ownership and foreign investment.
- Travel to Rouen and dinner in the city centre.

DAY 3

Tue 27 Oct

Rouen - Pig production, crops, biogas and grain export

- Visit to a mixed farm with 900 sows farrow-to-finish, 330 ha crops and a 1.5 MWe agricultural biogas cogeneration unit.
- Discussion on manure treatment, circular economy, heat use, income diversification and farm integration.
- Afternoon focus on grain trading, MATIF wheat pricing, export flows, French grain market structures and cooperatives.
- Dinner and overnight in Rouen.

Between the stops, our guide Chloé will add context on French farm life, regulation, land ownership, investor access, farmer profiles, regional culture, agricultural politics and market structures – and answer the questions that naturally come up along the way.

DAY 4

Wed 28 Oct

Normandy / Picardie - Diversification, dairy, no-till and competitive crop

- Visit to a diversified farm with crops, dairy and red fruit production, including robotic milking and seasonal labour.
- Discussion on resilience, labour, dairy modernisation and mixed farming systems.
- Continue to Picardie – strong in sugar beet, potatoes, peas and endives.
- Compare conventional crop production with no-till direct drilling under cover crops.

DAY 5

Thu 29 Oct

Champagne / Paris / Brussels – Cereal supply chains, cooperatives and champagne

- Visit to a key cereal farm in Champagne, with focus on grain quality, export chains and cooperative decision-making.
- Expected dialogue with strong representation from French cereal organisations.
- Visit to a local Champagne winemaker or Champagne house, including vineyard/cellar visit and tasting.
- Return towards Paris for the TGV train to Brussels.
- Evening train from Paris to Brussels.

DAY 6

Fri 30 Oct

Brussels - EU agricultural policy, Copa-Cogeca and food security

- Full day dedicated to European agricultural policy and institutional insight.
- Expected focus: European Parliament, EU governance, Copa-Cogeca, CAP, sustainability, competitiveness and food security.
- Additional high-level institutional meetings may be added, subject to availability and confirmation.
- Dinner and overnight in Brussels.

DAY 7

Sat 31 Oct

Departure from Brussels - Breakfast, check-out and return travel

- Depending on flight times, an optional short city tour of Brussels may be possible.
- Departure from Brussels Airport.

Indicative price

The final price depends on group size, confirmed services and the signed agreement.

20-29 participants

approx. EUR 3,000
+ EUR 445 – single supplement

What is included - and what is not

Included

- Ground transportation by exclusive coach during the tour
- English-speaking tour leader throughout the tour
- Hotel accommodation in twin/double rooms with breakfast
- 5 lunches and 6 dinners according to the programme, without drinks
- Farm, institutional, tasting and tourist visits according to the final confirmed programme
- Agrilys agency fees + DFA organization costs

Not included

- International flights / transport to France and home from Belgium
- Personal expenses
- Drinks unless explicitly stated
- Personal travel insurance, cancellation insurance, health and repatriation insurance
- Optional visits such as Chartres Cathedral or Brussels city tour
- Meals not mentioned in the programme
- Tips for guide and driver
- Anything not specifically mentioned as included

Important conditions

- The final programme will be confirmed when the agreement is signed and services are booked.
- Farm visits, institutional meeting, route details and timing may be adjusted depending on availability, logistics and final group size.
- DFA will request a meeting with the Danish Ambassador in Paris/Brussels.
- Prices may change until all services are reserved and confirmed.
- Participants must ensure they have adequate insurance coverage for the full trip.
- DFA will confirm final payment and registration terms before binding enrolment.

Ready to join?

Seats are limited, and registration is now the next step. This trip is for DFA members and specially invited guests only. To register: Send an email to Pia with participant name(s), company and full invoice details.

Payment: Invoice on enrolment. Binding registration. Contact: ph@danishfarmersabroad.dk