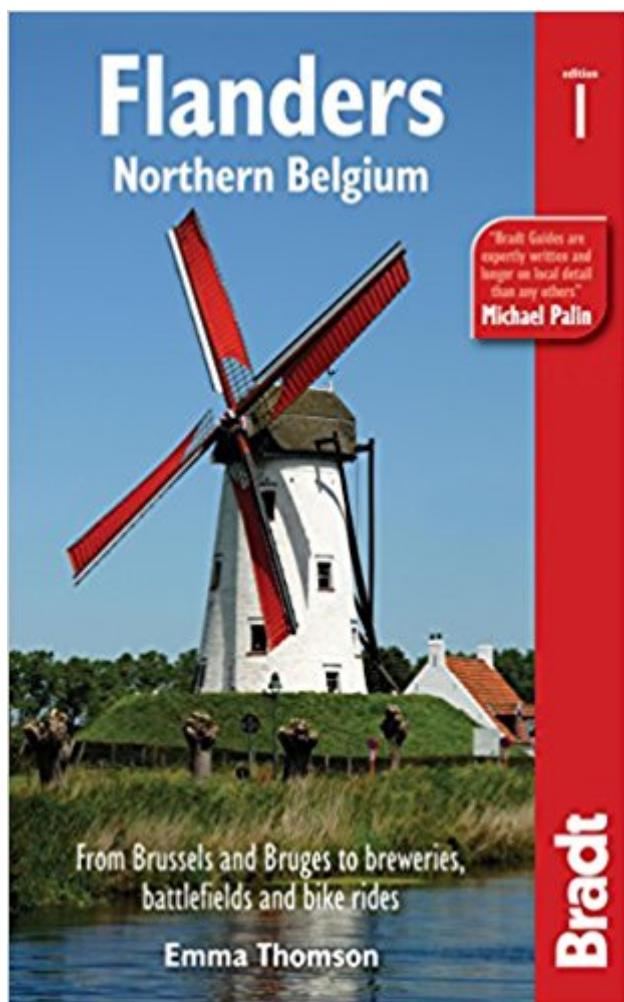


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# Flanders: Northern Belgium: Brussels, Bruges And Beyond (Bradt Travel Guide)



## Synopsis

Most people think they have Flanders — the northern half of Belgium — figured out: beer, chocolate and the EU. Once labeled “boring,” the region is now being radically reappraised. Emma Thomson introduces travelers not only to the World Heritage Sites of Brussels — Grand Place or Bruges — romantic canals, but also to snug off-the-beaten-track spots, like the bewitched village of Laarne, and Geraardsbergen — the real home of Manneken-Pis. Flanders has something for everyone: the business tourist; the wildlife and outdoor enthusiast; the traveler wanting to eke out villages; and the visitor who fancies a bit of luxury and pampering.

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Great little guide book for an area that's a little 'out of the way' for many travellers. The maps were great, the attractions and hotels recommended were accurate. We spent most of our time in the more rural parts of Flanders, rather than the cities (Bruges, Ghent, Brussels) except for Ypres, where we spent a somber day visiting the WWI sights and cemeteries. As I said, it is a great book, but I would give this book a 5-star rating just for its recommendation of the Hof ter Doest in Lissiwege, just north of Bruges. If we could only go back to one place on our trip, which included Reykjavik, London and Paris, this would be the place.

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