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1 – The Final Countdown

The final weeks before we start this big adventure in the intergalactic sandbox, folks! Are you ready for the Trip of a lifetime? I know I am.

Please be so kind as make sure your passports are in order, make copies of your flight tickets to scramble in the group, etc... Bring enough memory sticks for your camera (last time around I took about 1500 photos), don't bring too much luggage (you won't need it) and be in a freckin' good mood! ☺

Again, you can all crash at my place, but obviously I live in a normal house and not a hotel/motel, so you'll need to crash on couches, sleeping bags on the floor and the few spare field beds I have around the place (the most comforting beds go to the highest bidders ☺). We'll make do. It's not like we'll be sleeping a lot anyway, right?

Breakfast is on the house, the whisky is on you!

We could all take the train from Chateau Dermul to the airport and back, but not only is that a hassle, it will also cost around 30 EUR (round trip) per person, meaning 540 EUR for the group.



I opted for a special airport transportation service that costs only slightly more (600 EUR), but picks us up at the front door and delivers us right at the departures terminal (and vice versa the week after). This will enable us to start (and end) our trip in style and comfort with no hassle with bags whatsoever.

2 – Getting to Chateau Dermul

What to do once you've arrived in Belgium?

Depending on whether you come by plane or train, you simply have to follow these instructions to get to my neck of the woods.

Upon arrival in Brussels:

- Take a train to **GENT-ST. PIETERS** (approx 10 EUR), which will take 45 minutes from the airport or Eurostar station to Ghent.
- Once in Ghent: **call +32 486 300 950** (that's me)
- Go to the meeting point in front of the station
- I'll come and pick you up (I live 5 minutes away from the train station) and take you to Chateau Dermul.



This is your destination: Gent-St. Pieters station



This is the front of the station. Call me and wait for me at the entrance.

3 – Sfax Hotel

At the time of writing this Tusken Tribune, the final hotel in Sfax still had not been confirmed, but don't let that alarm you. It's typical Tunisian style. We'll probably get confirmation on the day itself or simply be taken to that particular hotel upon arrival. I've opted for the modest but comfortable Hotel Thyna, which is close to the historic city center and the Medina. I do not yet have a quote for the rooms, although this will be one of the more comfortable hotels on this trip (and hence more expensive than the others, but still very affordable).

4 – Jawa Fund Details

So far, everybody paid for their Tour Guide Fee and airplane tickets. That income has been put to good use, as you are aware.



Besides that, there has been a deposit of **320 EUR** per person into the Jawa Fund, so our total Fund is currently 5.760 EUR. I would like to express my sincerest thanks to all Pioneers for coming up with the money before the deadline (and for understanding the need for the pre-payment).

So this is what the Jawa Fund looks like today:

JAWA FUND in EUR	5.760
Trip part I (see TT4)	-3.960
Airport transportation	-600
BALANCE	1.200

We still have **1.200 EUR** left in the Jawa Fund for Trip Part II (meaning first night in Sfax, lunches and dinners, Cultural Night Program in Tozeur, driver's tip, camel ride). This does NOT include your personal expenses in the bar, phone, souvenirs, etc... but that goes without saying.

It will be very close to be sufficient for the trip, depending on the cost of the above in red.

May the sand be with you!

Mark Dermul - Tour Guide

The Tusken Tribune is an electronic newsletter that can be downloaded from the Tatooine Reunion website. If you have missed out on an issue, just send me a message per e-mail to bounty.hunter@skynet.be and I'll gladly forward it to you.



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