LUXEMBOURG - PRODUCER'S BRIEFING FOR FIRST CONTACT



Introduction: Founded in 963, Luxembourg became a grand duchy and a constituent part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands after the Congress of Vienna in 1815. When Belgium declared independence from the Netherlands in 1839, Luxembourg lost more than half of its territory to Belgium. Luxembourg gained full independence in 1867. The country is one of the six founding members of the EU.

Cultural Practices: The most common greeting is a brief handshake. Very close friends greet each other by lightly kissing on the cheeks three times, starting with the left cheek and alternating, not matter the gender. The people of Luxembourg value politeness, punctuality, are usually multilingual and hospitable.

Tipping Guidelines: A service charge of 15% is added to most restaurant bills, but leaving 1-2 euros for good service is appreciated. Tip taxi drivers 10%, bellhops and doormen 1-2 euros, and washroom attendants 50 cents to 1 euro.

Climate: Temperate; mild winters, cool summers, rainy, humid, cloudy

Religion: Christian (predominantly Roman Catholic), Muslim, other (includes Buddhist, folk religions, Hindu, Jewish)

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General Facts:

Regional Division Western Europe
Capital Luxembourg City

Airport Code / Name: LUX / Luxembourg Airport

Country Code (2 digits / 3 digits) LU / LUX Population 671,254

Language Luxembourgish, French, German

Travel Facts:

Telephone Code 352 Local Emergency Phone 112

International Driving Permit

Road Driving Side

Time Zone / Time Difference

Suggested

Right

UTC +01:00

Currency / Exchange Rate \$->€ Euros (EUR) / 1\$: 0.95€

Electricity / Voltage / Plug Type(s) 230 V / 50 Hz / C, F

Passport / Visa Requirements Yes / 90 days in 180 days

Working Permits for US Citizens Necessary

Filming incentives:

Film Commission National Yes
Film Commission Federal No
VFX Grant No

Working Conditions:

Working hours per day 10 + break Working hours per week 47,5 Working days per week 5

Overtime +25%, +50%, +100% Breaks $60 \, \text{min after 5}^{\text{th}} \, \text{hour}$

Turnaround 11 hours

Fringes / self-employed +15% social benefits

Unions No

Filming infrastructure:

Crews internationally experienced, English speaking Equipment State-of-the-art equipment available

Studios in the following cities Luxembourg city and surrounding areas

Themed backlot sets include Specials -

Landscape & Architecture: Picturesque medieval towns, verdant forests, fortified castles, vibrant cultural blend, Moselle River meanders, cosmopolitan capital, historic fortifications. Luxembourg offers a range of landscapes including medieval castles, rolling hills, dense forests, and a modern cityscape.