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Cher Amis,

I am pleased to attach my outline Programme for 2020. The theme is Engineering in Medicine – with a little latitude!

Jane and I have planned an exciting program for our Voyages 2020.

In May we will travel by coach to stay in the fortified town of Bergues in French Flandres. For science and political history we visit Dicksmuide on the IJzer where, in Flemish Flanders, they built a Tower. After WW2 and its demolition they built a bigger one. Why? Homebound we visit Lijssenthoek, a Military War Cemetery of over 10,000 graves. Here, an Allied Military Hospital received over 300,000 wounded, discharging home some 97%. The modern visitor centre sets out very vividly the stories and achievements of early 20th Century medicine. The Flemish are big meat eaters - join us!

In September we journey by Eurostar to Paris and onward by coach to Troyes in southern Champagne-Ardenne. This 'Ville Sainte du Vitrail' has many buildings in the centre dating from the 16th Century, both timber and stone. Our scientific visits look to future centuries and we will visit ANDRA which France has selected to manage the shallow burial of low level Radioactive waste and for the investigation of future deep burial of waste. We will break our homeward journey to visit the Musée de Camille Claudel in Nogent-sur-Seine. Born here, the young artist Camille was referred to the Atelier of Auguste Rodin, where she studied.

Jane and I look forward to welcoming you in 2020!

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