

Amsterdam



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Amsterdam, Keukenhof and the Dutch Countryside

April 22 - 28, 2009

Air, Hotel & Tour Package

From \$2,599.00 per person

*Price is based on double occupancy. Single supplement from \$450 per person. Airfare from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport is included. Fuel surcharges and airline departure taxes (estimated at an additional \$500) are extra. Non-members of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, add \$100 to tour price.

The Gardens at Keukenhof, with over seven million bulbs planted each year, is the highlight of our tour to the Netherlands this coming spring. We'll be there during tulip season, when the tulips are being cultivated for their sale in markets throughout the world. We'll devote one day visiting Keukenhof and the Aalsmeer Flower Auction, where the flowers of Holland are bought and sold, for delivery to floral shops around the world.

But there's more to see in Holland in the springtime! You'll get a view of Amsterdam from a canal boat on the waterways of this amazing city! And we'll visit several interesting gardens in the area, from one of Europe's first botanic gardens at the University of Leiden to the Hortus Botanicus in Amsterdam—one of the oldest in the world, founded in 1638.

During our trip we will visit the city of Delft, where the world-famous blue porcelain dinnerware is made. We will have the chance to experience the Bloemencorso, a parade of flowered floats similar to our Rose Bowl Parade, winding its way through various cities en route to Haarlem.

We will also take a trip to the Dutch countryside and tour the palace and gardens at Het Loo. For over three hundred years, Het Loo was the summer residence of the House of Orange-Nassau, which became the Dutch Royal family. We're also visiting the world-famous Kröller-Müller Museum and Sculpture Garden. Here, you'll find an extensive collection of works by Vincent van Gogh, Seurat, Picasso, Léger, Mondriaan and other



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artists are also represented by important paintings. Located in the scenic woodland of Holland's largest park, you'll feel as if the Museum is a continuation of your walk in the garden and woods.

There'll also be ample time to visit many of the famous museums and attractions that Amsterdam is noted for: the Anne Frank House, the Van Gogh Museum, the Rijksmuseum, the Stedelijk Museum, and the Hermitage Museum, a satellite of the famous museum in St. Petersburg.

At the end of the journey, you'll feel energized by the wealth of attractions that you've been able to visit in and around Amsterdam. Make sure that you reserve your place on this tour early – it's a great tour **at an affordable price.**



About Keukenhof

One of the amazing facts about Keukenhof is that the garden uses layered planting to ensure a continuous display of color. Bulbs are planted on top of each other, with late-blooming tulips placed deepest in the ground; above them early-blooming tulips; and above them crocus. This way flowers will bloom at the same spot in the park, from early until late in the season.

At the end of May, all bulbs are pulled up, the gardens redesigned, new bulbs are planted, and the lawns are re-sown, ready for the next year.

About the Aalsmeer Flower Auction:

At "the world marketplace for flowers and plants", the auction sets the world price for flowers and plants. Each day, 19 million flowers and two million plants are sold at 13 auction venues. This all takes place within an area that covers nearly 70 football fields—the largest trade building in the entire world! You'll view all of this from a specially designed gallery, where you can enjoy the gorgeous flowers and experience the hustle and bustle of auction, and watch it unnoticed.

About the Gardens on the Tour

Hortus Botanicus. Founded in 1638 by the city of Amsterdam to serve as herb garden for doctors and apothecaries, it contains more than six thousand tropical and indigenous trees and plants. There is a palm house on its grounds as well as a butterfly house. This unique garden is tucked away in a small corner of Amsterdam in a residential neighborhood which defines the essence of an urban garden.

University of Leiden Botanical Garden. One of Europe's first botanic gardens, now part of the University of Leiden. It is small and beautifully kept. There is a Japanese garden as well as an historical reconstruction of the very first version of the university's botanical garden. . There is also a systematic garden named after the Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus.

The Palace Het Loo. Construction began in 1684. For over 300 years, Het Loo was the summer residence of the House of Orange-Nassau, which became the Dutch royal family. The grounds comprise distinct upper and lower areas. Symmetrical main gardens are formed from formal parterres, walkways and canals, accented by fountains and statues. A large colonnade encloses one end. In the lower garden, four parterres are planted in the "embroidered" style with swirls of clipped boxwood hedges. Colored stones and the same flowers that would have grown at Het Loo in the 17th century complete the design.

Kröller-Müller Museum and Sculpture Garden. This museum and outdoor sculpture garden is situated on 60 acres and features 20th-century sculptures from Rodin and others following him. The museum contains paintings of Van Gogh as well as of French impressionists such as Seurat and Monet.

About the Best Western Delphi Hotel:

Conveniently located in an upscale part of town, away from the hectic heart yet still within walking distance of attractions, is the Best Western Delphi Hotel. Recently renovated, this 4-star hotel offers spacious rooms with hairdryer, cable/satellite TV, wireless internet and in-room safe. There is a bar/lounge on the premises, and breakfast is provided at the hotel daily.

A tram stop is just 100 yards away from the hotel. Within minutes of the hotel you will find a wealth of restaurants as well as Vondel Park and major shopping streets.



Travel Itinerary

Wednesday, April 22

Afternoon departure from Minneapolis/St. Paul for your overnight flight to Amsterdam.

Thursday, April 23

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Upon arrival you are met by your guide for transfer to your hotel. The hotel is located in a lovely section of Amsterdam, with great shopping and restaurants nearby. After free time to refresh from the flight, we have a guided city tour of Amsterdam, ending with a canal boat cruise through the waterways of the city. Lunch is included on our tour today. Mid-afternoon we'll return to our hotel, where the balance of the day is at leisure. Dinner is on your own this evening.

Friday, April 24

B

We depart early for the Aalsmeer Flower Auction to witness the process of buying and selling flowers for distribution worldwide. Following our visit here, we depart mid-morning for the Gardens at Keukenhof. Lunch is on your own at Keukenhof. You'll spend the balance of the day here, strolling the gardens and enjoying its splendor and beauty. You'll return to the hotel in the late afternoon. Dinner tonight is on your own.

On Friday evenings, the Rijksmuseum is open until 8:30 PM for viewing, and there are also varied programs each week, with artists, guest speakers or musicians offering programs.

Saturday, April 25

B L

We start with a visit to the Botanical Gardens at the University in Leiden, one of Europe's first botanical gardens, and now a part of the University. Following our visit to Leiden we travel to Delft, home of the famous blue porcelain. There is free time available for shopping, followed by a typical Dutch pancake lunch in town. In the afternoon, we'll view the Bloemencorso parade as it winds its way from Noordwijk, on the coast, to Haarlem. The Parade is comprised of about 20 large floats and more than 20 decorated cars, marching bands and entertainers. We'll return to the hotel afterwards, and dinner tonight is on your own.



Sunday, April 26

B L

This morning we travel to Het Loo Palace in Apeldoorn for a visit. Het Loo was the former summer residence of the House of Orange-Nassau, which became the Dutch royal family. Our next stop is at the Kröller-Müller Museum and Sculpture Garden, located in the Hoge Veluwe National Park. On our return to the hotel in the afternoon, we stop at the Walenburg Castle near Utrecht, for a tour of its garden. We return to the hotel in the afternoon. Dinner is on your own tonight.

Monday April 27

B D

Today is at leisure to explore Amsterdam – the flower markets, museums, famous breweries, cafes, shops and department stores. If you didn't see enough of the tulips at Keukenhof, you can visit the Tulip Museum, which is located across the canal from Anne Frank's house.

This evening we'll have our farewell dinner at a typical Dutch restaurant.

Tuesday, April 28

B

After breakfast, we'll visit the Hortus Botanicus, one of the oldest medicinal gardens in Europe, constructed in the 17th century. After our stop here, we depart for Schipol Airport and our return flight home.

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



What's Included:

- Roundtrip airfare between Minneapolis-St. Paul and Amsterdam
- Five nights hotel accommodations at the Delphi Hotel in Amsterdam
- Breakfast daily
- Three lunches
- Farewell dinner
- Sightseeing and transfers as indicated in itinerary
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- A contribution to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
- Expert host throughout tour



Not included in the tour:

- Airline fuel surcharges and departure taxes
- Optional sightseeing activities
- Gratuities to drivers and guides
- Meals not included in itinerary
- Travel Insurance
- Any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary



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Key West February 26 - March 1
Chile October 27 - November 3
Puerto Rico December 3 - 7

Not a Member? You can still come along!

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Single Supplement

\$450 additional

Deposits:

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