



BEST OF HOLLAND

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 9 MEALS | FROM **US\$2175pp***

TRACE THE STEPS OF THE DUTCH MASTERS, RAMBLE THROUGH RAINBOW FIELDS AND EXPLORE CENTURIES-OLD MARITIME HERITAGE, ENDING YOUR DUTCH DISCOVERY WITH DIGNIE AND GINA IN GRONINGEN.



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CITY TOUR in Zwolle

TICKETS for Keukenhof Bulb fields are included during the flowering season (end March until mid-May)

ORIENTATION of Amsterdam, Rotterdam and guided bicycle tour in Groningen

VISIT the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Aalsmeer or Keukenhof (when open), Royal Delft Pottery, a trip up Euromast Tower in Rotterdam, National Liberation Museum at Groesbeek, Hoge Veluwe Park, Kröller-Müller Museum in Zutphen and Volendam

CRUISE of Rotterdam Harbour

VIEW the John Frost Bridge in Arnhem

SMALL GROUP SIGHTSEEING in Amsterdam, enjoy a guided visit to the Rijksmuseum with a group size of no more than 25 guests



● START ● OVERNIGHT ● SIGHTSEEING
● END

DAY

YOUR Holiday

1 ARRIVE AMSTERDAM (2 NIGHTS) What better place to start your jaunt through Holland than Amsterdam? Spend your day strolling through its pretty streets and tree-lined canals, stopping for a coffee and *speculaas* along the way. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening on a scenic canal cruise, including a light meal and welcome drinks, admiring the centuries-old façades. **(WR) Hotel: Bilderberg Garden**

2 AMSTERDAM SIGHTSEEING Delve into the Golden Age and its extraordinary art, architecture and history traversing the city's inner labyrinth of canals and narrow streets, along which hundreds of sturdy Dutch bicycles rattle day and night. Enjoy a Small Group Sightseeing tour of the Rijksmuseum, featuring the works of great Dutch masters, including Rembrandt's 'The Night Watch', before visiting a historic diamond-polishing factory. Here you'll 'Dive Into Culture' and gain insights into Amsterdam's centuries-old diamond cutting traditions. **(BB, 🍷)**

3 AMSTERDAM - AALSMEER/KEUKENHOF - THE HAGUE - DELFT - ROTTERDAM We rise with the birds this morning, taking a trip to Aalsmeer to visit the vibrant flower auction and see the vividly hued blooms for which Holland is so famous. Alternatively, during the flowering season (end March until mid-May), we'll enjoy an included visit to the tulip fields of Keukenhof - the mesmerising sight of several million flowering bulbs planted across 32 hectares will leave you in absolute awe. This afternoon, we travel through The Hague to the historic town of Delft and 'Dive Into Culture' at the Royal Delft Pottery workshop where we'll gain insights into the manufacturing of this delicate hand-painted blue and white porcelain. We continue to edgy Rotterdam, where we'll have an opportunity to 'Dive Into Culture' twice in one city this afternoon. Board a Spido boat cruise along the most important river port in Europe and ascend the iconic Euromast Tower for panoramic views of the city. This evening, we stay on board the SS *Rotterdam* - one of Trafalgar's 'Stays With Stories' and a former flagship of the Holland America line. **(BB, 🍷, 🍷) Hotel: SS Rotterdam**

4 ROTTERDAM - GROESBEEK - ARNHEM - OOSTERBEEK Explore the tragic history of Operation Market Garden in Groesbeek, whose residents were forced to flee intense battles which obliterated the city during World War II. We'll visit the National Liberation Museum, built on one of the landing sites of this airborne operation and learn about the occupation and liberation of Holland. We travel north to Arnhem to see John Frost Bridge, so named to pay tribute to the commander of the British forces that held the bridge for four days with a mere 750 soldiers, during the World War II Battle of Arnhem. This afternoon, we'll also visit the Hoge Veluwe Park and the Kröller-Müller Museum, featuring the second-largest Van Gogh collection in the world. **(BB) Hotel: De Bilderberg**

5 OOSTERBEEK - ZWOLLE - GRONINGEN We head north to the beautiful Hanseatic city of Zwolle, where we'll join our Local Specialist for a walking tour through its medieval centre. Ending

our day in Groningen, we'll 'Connect With Locals' joining Dignie and Gina on their farm for a hearty Be My Guest dinner and meet-and-greet with their neighbour's cows, just in time to see them being milked. **(BB, DW, 🐄)**

Hotel: Apollo Groningen

6 GRONINGEN - VOLENDAM - AMSTERDAM 'Dive Into Culture' and saddle up to explore the university city of Groningen during a guided bicycle tour of its medieval centre. Ramble along the city's ring of canals like a local, before enjoying a stunning drive through the mesmerising Frisian Lake District en route to Volendam, a former fishing port on the edge of IJsselmeer. 'Dive Into Culture' learn about the craft of wooden clog making and Dutch cheese, followed by a celebratory Farewell Dinner. **(BB, FD, 🍷) Hotel: Mercure City**

7 DEPART AMSTERDAM For now we say a fond *tot ziens* to Amsterdam and our newfound friends, closing the door on a memorable Dutch experience. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Airport Transfers: On arrival at Amsterdam Airport transfers will operate at 9am, 11.30am and 2.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Amsterdam Airport at 8am and 10am.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, US\$68 per person.

TRIP CODE: EBHO



TRAFALGAR Tip

Volendam, a little fishing village on the IJssel lake in Holland, renowned for preserving its traditional culture offers a variety of Dutch treats. Be sure to try the little pancakes, called *poffertjes*, served with a variety of toppings. My favourite is the cheese & chutney!

Kevin Sykes, Travel Director

YOUR HOLIDAY Planner

Price PP			Price PP		
Start Amsterdam	End Amsterdam	Twin Share	Start Amsterdam	End Amsterdam	Twin Share
◆ SU 07 APR	SA 13 APR	2275	SU 23 JUN	SA 29 JUN	2175
◆ SU 14 APR	SA 20 APR	2275			
◆ SU 21 APR	SA 27 APR	2195	SU 07 JUL	SA 13 JUL	2175
◆ SU 28 APR	SA 04 MAY	2195	SU 21 JUL	SA 27 JUL	2175
◆ SU 05 MAY	SA 11 MAY	2195	SU 04 AUG	SA 10 AUG	2175
◆ SU 12 MAY	SA 18 MAY	2195	SU 18 AUG	SA 24 AUG	2175
SU 19 MAY	SA 25 MAY	2175			
SU 26 MAY	SA 01 JUN	2175	SU 01 SEP	SA 07 SEP	2195
			SU 15 SEP	SA 21 SEP	2195
SU 09 JUN	SA 15 JUN	2175			

Single Supplement (add to price above): US\$470 p.p.

◆ Keukenhof: Departures marked in the price panel will include tickets to the magnificent Keukenhof tulip fields, instead of the Aalsmeer flower auction.



EARLY BIRD SAVINGS

SAVE UP TO
US\$228 p.p.

★ Young traveller discount:
SAVE US\$210

★ Multiple trip discount:
SAVE up to US\$57

★ Triple room discount:
SAVE US\$10 p.p.

★ Past guests:
Unlock VIP benefits

TRIP Highlights

Here's just a sample of the many special handcrafted Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

CONNECT WITH LOCALS



Join Dignie and Gina on their farm in Groningen for a hearty Dutch Be My Guest dinner and meet-and-greet with their neighbour's cows just in time to see them being milked. **(Day 5)**

STAYS WITH STORIES



Spend the night on the restored SS *Rotterdam*, the former flagship of the Holland America line, which now rests on the Maas river. **(Day 3)**

DIVE INTO CULTURE



Explore Holland's long diamond heritage at a historic diamond-polishing factory in Amsterdam. **(Day 2)**

Visit the Delft Pottery factory to see how this delicate, porcelain is created. **(Day 3)**

See *Rotterdam* from the water on a Spido boat cruise and enjoy city views from the top of the Euromast Tower. **(Day 3)**

Take a guided bicycle tour of Groningen and discover how wooden clogs and Dutch cheese are made. **(Day 6)**

WR Welcome Reception **L** Lunch
BB Buffet Breakfast **D** Dinner
FB Full Breakfast **RM** Regional Meal

DW Dinner With Wine
FD Farewell Dinner

🍷 Dive Into Culture
🏠 Stays With Stories
🤝 Connect With Locals