

BEST of the NETHERLANDS


TOUR 4820—7 days from Amsterdam to Amsterdam

Priced From **\$999**^{US}



ZANSE SCHANS

YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

Individual headsets 

SIGHTSEEING: Visits Aalsmeer Flower Auction or Keukenhof gardens, Delft Royal Pottery, Groesbeek National Liberation Museum, Arnhem John Frost Bridge, Staphorst, Giethoorn, Groningen, Zaanse Schans workshops, Volendam

■ Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description including admission charges where applicable.

GUIDES: Local Guides for city sightseeing in Amsterdam, Rotterdam; professional Tour Director while touring

TRANSPORTATION: Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach

HOTELS: Listed below or equivalent. Rooms with private bath or shower; hotel taxes, portorage, tips and service charges

AMSTERDAM AREA Tulip Inn Airport (ST) or Corendon Village (ST), **ROTTERDAM** Bilderberg Parkhotel (ST), **ARNHEM AREA** De Bilderberg (F), **GRONINGEN** Apollo (F)

MEALS: Buffet breakfasts (B) daily; 3 dinners (D), including a farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Amsterdam

MyACCOUNT: Personalise your tour ahead of time with additional excursions. Visit our website for details and conditions.

Day 1, Sat. ARRIVE IN AMSTERDAM AREA, HOLLAND. Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore Amsterdam on your own. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers. (D)

Day 2, Sun. AMSTERDAM AREA. For centuries, this tiny nation of seafaring traders played a leading role in world history. It reclaimed 40% of its territory

from the sea, and produces a healthy agricultural surplus in the midst of Europe's most densely populated area—yet Holland manages to remain quaint and scenic. Your day begins with sightseeing with a Local Guide pointing out the city highlights. Later, see the city from a different perspective on the CANAL CRUISE. Watch skilled craftsmen cut and polish precious stones at a DIAMOND CENTRE. Time in the afternoon



KEUKENHOF



AMSTERDAM



JOHN FROST BRIDGE



to explore on your own or to join an optional excursion. (B)

Day 3, Mon. AMSTERDAM AREA-AALSMEER/KEUKENHOF-THE HAGUE-DELFT-ROTTERDAM. Begin your day with a visit to the fascinating AALSMEER FLOWER AUCTION or, when the tulips bloom, see some of the 7 million flowers on your visit to world-famous KEUKENHOF

(departures 0407-0505), one of the world's largest flower gardens (weather permitting). Carry on to historic Delft for a visit of the famous ROYAL DELFT POTTERY FACTORY. See how this precious pottery is made and marvel at its magnificent collection of hand-painted earthenware. Continue on to Rotterdam, the world's busiest port to marvel at the city's futuristic architecture. (B)

dating back to the 13th century when monks began cultivating the area's bogs and swamps. Inhabitants today still live according to strict Calvinist principles. Stop in the quaint village of Giethoorn, built on canals but very different from busy cities like Venice or Amsterdam. Spend the night in the provincial capital of Groningen. (B)



DELFT

Day 4, Tue. ROTTERDAM-GROESBEEK-ARNHEM AREA. Today is all about recent history. Visit Groesbeek, where Allied forces launched Operation Market Garden during WWII, the largest airborne battle in history and the only major Allied defeat of the northwest Europe campaign. Also, explore the NATIONAL LIBERATION MUSEUM, which commemorates Holland's occupation and liberation during the war. Next is Arnhem, site of the disastrous Battle of Arnhem, where you will see John Frost Bridge, named for the commander of the British forces that held the bridge for four days. Enjoy time on your own to do some independent exploring. (B,D)

Day 6, Thu. GRONINGEN-ZAANSE SCHANS-VOLENDAM-AMSTERDAM AREA. Explore Groningen this morning, an important trade centre in the 13th century that today is hailed as the "World Cycling City." Later, enjoy a scenic drive through the lovely Frisian Lake District. Cross over the 19-mile Barrier Dam, which is part of an incredible system of 1,200 miles of dikes, dams, and dunes built over the last 900 years to protect the part of Holland that is below sea level. Visit a renowned WOODEN CLOG and DUTCH CHEESE WORKSHOP in Zaanse Schans. Continue to the fishing village of Volendam, then arrive back in Amsterdam to enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Day 5, Wed. ARNHEM AREA-STAPHORST-GIETHOORN-GRONINGEN. This morning, head for the rustic town of Staphorst,

Day 7, Fri. AMSTERDAM AREA. Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

TOUR 4820 DATES & PRICES

										US\$	
Departure Number	Start Amsterdam	End Amsterdam	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Amsterdam	End Amsterdam	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Amsterdam	End Amsterdam	Land Only
0407	Sat 07 Apr	Fri 13 Apr	1179	0602	Sat 02 Jun	Fri 08 Jun	1179	0901	Sat 01 Sep	Fri 07 Sep	1179
0414	Sat 14 Apr	Fri 20 Apr	1179	0623	Sat 23 Jun	Fri 29 Jun	1139	0908	Sat 08 Sep	Fri 14 Sep	1179
0421	Sat 21 Apr	Fri 27 Apr	1239	0630	Sat 30 Jun	Fri 06 Jul	1139	0922	Sat 22 Sep	Fri 28 Sep	1179
0428	Sat 28 Apr	Fri 04 May	1239	0728	Sat 28 Jul	Fri 03 Aug	999	0929	Sat 29 Sep	Fri 05 Oct	1119
0505	Sat 05 May	Fri 11 May	1239	0804	Sat 04 Aug	Fri 10 Aug	999	1006	Sat 06 Oct	Fri 12 Oct	1119
0526	Sat 26 May	Fri 01 Jun	1179	0825	Sat 25 Aug	Fri 31 Aug	1119				

Prices are per person, based on double room occupancy. Single room supplement \$324; guaranteed shares: see page 5; no triple room reduction.

Extra nights per person in Amsterdam: in single room \$163, in twin / in triple \$98