

Best of Holland

7 Days

1 Country

9 Meals

From **US\$2050** Per person, twin share

Saddle up for a wild ride through the best of Holland on this epic Netherlands trip. You'll see the works of great masters at the Rijksmuseum, cycle through medieval Groningen like a local and soak up some of that characteristic *gezellig* spirit with a family on their farm.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Zwolle and Groningen (on bicycle tour) with a Local Specialist
- **Discover** Amsterdam and Rotterdam
- **Visit** Aalsmeer or Keukenhof (when open), Royal Delft Pottery, the Airborne Museum in Arnhem, Hoge Veluwe Park, Kröller-Müller Museum in Zutphen and a cheese and clog factory in Volendam
- **View** the John Frost Bridge in Arnhem
- **Tickets** for Keukenhof Tulip Bulb fields are included during the flowering season (end of March until mid-May)



Day

- 1 **Welcome to Amsterdam** 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 **Explore Amsterdam's Art and Architecture** 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'. **(B)**
- 3 **Journey to Aalsmeer/Keukenhof, The Hague and 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 of 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, which was rebuilt from the ground up after being destroyed during World War II. Your orientation tour will reveal an innovative city with architectural treasures worth capturing on camera and a vibrant multicultural scene around every turn. **(B, RD, 📷) Hotel: Bilderberg Parkhotel**



See how Delft Pottery is made. It takes skill and a steady hand to paint Delft's delicate white and blue porcelain. You'll get to see local artisans at work as they have for centuries. Read more at trafalgar.com.

- 5 **Off to Stunning Zwolle and 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 before making our way to way to Groningen. With its rich history and peculiar Fries dialect, the city will be a highlight for culture and history buffs. **(B) Hotel: Apollo**
- 6 **Venture to Volendam and Return to 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* and learn about the craft of wooden clog making and Dutch cheese, followed by a celebratory *Be My Guest* Farewell Dinner with the Pauw family as you *Connect With Locals* over a traditional Dutch meal. **(B, BMG, 📷, 🍷) Hotel: Mercure City**
- 7 **Farewell Amsterdam** For now we say a fond *tot ziens* to Amsterdam and our newfound friends, closing the door on a memorable Dutch experience. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)**



Travel Director Tip

When in Zwolle, pay a visit to the Zwolle Balletjeshuis candy store and imagine yourself in grandmother's time with the sweet scent of traditional old Dutch sweets such as polka chunks and wine balls. The real Zwolse Balletjes (balls) are made according to a traditional and secret recipe.

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- 4 **Onwards to Arnhem and Oosterbeek** 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. We stop for a visit of the Airborne Museum to learn about the 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. **(B) Hotel: Fletcher De Buunderkamp**

Your holiday planner

Start Amsterdam	End Amsterdam	Start Amsterdam	End Amsterdam
● SUN 04 APR	● SAT 10 APR	● SUN 20 JUN	● SAT 26 JUN
● SUN 11 APR	● SAT 17 APR	● SUN 04 JUL	● SAT 10 JUL
● SUN 18 APR	● SAT 24 APR	● SUN 18 JUL	● SAT 24 JUL
▲ ● SUN 25 APR	● SAT 01 MAY	● SUN 01 AUG	● SAT 07 AUG
● SUN 02 MAY	● SAT 08 MAY	● SUN 15 AUG	● SAT 21 AUG
● SUN 09 MAY	● SAT 15 MAY	● SUN 29 AUG	● SAT 04 SEP
● SUN 16 MAY	● SAT 22 MAY	● SUN 12 SEP	● SAT 18 SEP
● SUN 23 MAY	● SAT 29 MAY		
● SUN 06 JUN	● SAT 12 JUN		

- **Keukenhof:** We've included tickets to the magnificent Keukenhof tulip fields instead of the Aalsmeer flower auction on these dates.
- ▲ **King's Day** is a national holiday in the Netherlands. Celebrations will be taking place throughout the Netherlands on 27 April.

Your 2022 Holiday Planner

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