

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF HOLLAND

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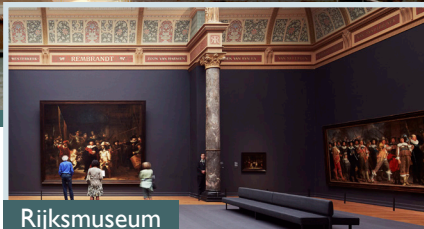
£1,139 per person*



Amsterdam



St Bavo Cathedral



Rijksmuseum



Delft

OUR TOUR 6 DAYS - 5 NIGHTS

What's included

- Return UK airport coach transfers
- Return flights from London to Amsterdam
- The services of a Tour Manager
- Return airport transfers in Amsterdam
- 5 nights bed and breakfast accommodation
- City taxes
- Portage in and out of the hotel
- Buffet breakfast each morning
- Dinner on 2 evenings of your stay
- Admissions and itinerary as stated overleaf
- Gratuities

What's not included

- Single supplement of £275.00 per person for the tour duration (double room for sole occupancy)
- Travel Insurance £38.00 per person (upper age limit 85yrs)

Throughout the centuries the Dutch have given the art world some of its most famous artists including Rembrandt and Van Gogh. Today a world leader in arts and culture, The Netherlands is home to an array of outstanding museums and galleries. Our tour will incorporate an impressive variety of classical and contemporary art and provide an impression of Dutch history and culture.

Our hotel

Mercure Amsterdam City Hotel

The 4 star Mercure Amsterdam City Hotel is set in a beautiful location by the Amstel river, just 10 minutes by public transport from the city centre. The hotel features its own restaurant and lounge and each of the hotel's classic en-suite bedrooms come equipped with TV, telephone, free WiFi access, safe and tea/coffee making facilities.



Based on two sharing a twin/double room and on a minimum of 40 members travelling, should fewer than 40 travel the cost will increase.



Panorama Mesdag

OUR ITINERARY

Day 1 – We depart, by coach, to our departure airport for the flight to Amsterdam. On arrival we will be met by our local coach and tour manager, for the transfer to our hotel. Dinner will be at the hotel this evening.

Day 2 – Today we have a full day in Amsterdam. Architecturally Amsterdam offers so much to admire as there was no major bombing during World War II. It is one of the largest historic city centres in Europe and the street pattern has been largely unchanged since the 19th century, with the centre consisting of 90 islands linked by 400 bridges. Today we include visits to the Rijksmuseum with audio guide and admission to the Van Gogh Museum with multi-media guide. One of the world's most famous museums, the Rijksmuseum houses more than 8,000 works of art inside one of the Netherlands' grandest buildings and is a "must include" visit whilst in the city. The Van Gogh Museum is home to over 200 paintings, 500 drawings, and 750 written documents, which together give a wonderful overview of his life and work. Dinner will be at leisure this evening (not included).

Day 3 – After breakfast we head to Anne Frank's House, the hiding place and museum dedicated to the Jewish wartime diarist and where she wrote her diary during the Second World War. We also visit the floating market on the Singel canal - a unique flower market located on barges in the canal. This stems from the days when flowers were brought to the city over the

canals. While the flowers now arrive by truck, the market still floats. The afternoon will be free at leisure to explore the city individually. With an array of potential visits, this is a good opportunity to spend a relaxing afternoon taking a canal cruise, or perhaps explore more of the city's museums and attractions. Dinner will be at leisure this evening (not included).

Day 4 – Today will be spent exploring Delft and The Hague, with admission to The Panorama Mesdag (with audio guide) included. Delft is synonymous with its famous Delftware, the distinctive blue-and-white pottery originally duplicated from Chinese porcelain by 17th-century artisans. Its medieval centre is popular with visitors who wander the narrow canal-lined streets. The visit to the Hague will include Panorama Mesdag, the oldest 19th century panorama in the world, still located on its original site. This cylindrical painting, more than 14 meters high and 120 meters in circumference, was painted by one of the most important painters of The Hague School, Hendrik Willem Mesdag, with help from his friends and gives a 360 degree vista of the sea, the dunes and the fishing village of Scheveningen as it was in 1881. Dinner will be at leisure this evening (not included).

Day 5 – After breakfast, we head to Rotterdam where we will enjoy a full day exploring this dynamic city. Rotterdam provides a good contrast to the other destinations in terms of its modern, futuristic architecture. Rotterdam has a

rich cultural scene centred largely around the cultural axis between Museumpark and Witte de Withstraat. Time in the city today will be for individual exploration and admissions are not included. The area includes acclaimed museums such as the Museum Boijmans van Benninghen, the New Institute and the Kunsthal, which presents a variety of art exhibitions. There are also numerous galleries around Witte de Withstraat and outside the city centre which may be worth a visit. The Markthal and flower market at Rotterdam Blaak is also worth exploring - it is a futuristic building with over 100 booths offering local food specialities. Later we return to the hotel where dinner will be served this evening.

Day 6 – After check out of our hotel, (subject to flight times) we travel to Haarlem to visit St Bavo Grote Cathedral and Frans Hals Museum. The Grote of St Bavokerk can be seen for miles, thanks to its wooden lead covered tower. Inside the unique interior includes a splendid wooden ceiling, a famous Müller Organ, rood-screen and stained glass windows. The Frans Hals Museum boasts the largest collection of paintings by Frans Hals in the world, plus work by his predecessors and contemporaries and displays of furniture, ceramics, glass, and silver. After our visits we continue on our homeward journey back to Schiphol Airport for the return flight and coach back to our local area.

The exact order of excursions may be subject to change and flight times



How to Book

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