

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary

Amsterdam

Saturday, April 14 – Saturday, April 21, 2012

The Travel Club offers you a true “**Dutch treat**”—an amazing spring fling in Amsterdam! You’ll enjoy free time to explore as you’d like: the Anne Frank House, the open-air Zaanse Schans museum and the van Gogh Museum, or leisurely cruising Amsterdam’s charming canals. And at night, you can walk on the wild side through de Wallen, the city’s racy red light district. The centerpiece of your trip is a journey to the largest flower garden on earth in Keukenhof: 70 acres packed with more than 7 million blooming flowers—from daffodils and hyacinths to (of course) more than 1,000 varieties of tulips!

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Amsterdam
- Six nights’ four -star accommodations
Convent Hotel
- Breakfast daily
- Full-day excursion to Keukenhof Gardens
- Round-trip, airport/hotel transfers
- Sightseeing and touring
- Services of a professional multilingual Tour director

Rates

\$1,999 per person double occupancy
\$2,489 single reservations
Add \$180 taxes, fees, charges and surcharges.
Passport required. Per person deposit is \$500

Optionals

Half day city tour, half-day excursion to Volendam and Zaanse Schans, full-day excursion to Delft and the Hague, evening canal cruise with dinner

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Amsterdam

Your journey begins with a regularly scheduled overnight flight to Europe on an internationally recognized airline.

Day 2 - Amsterdam

Touch down in Amsterdam. A representative greets you at the airport and escorts you to your hotel. Begin exploring the city’s culinary delights for dinner. **Included meals: breakfast (in flight)**

Day 3 - Amsterdam

Explore all the charm of Amsterdam on your own this morning, or opt to join a guided walking tour of the city, from its canals to its gabled 18th-century homes. The tour includes a visit to the Anne Frank House. Here, you can climb to the attic room where a young Anne Frank and her family lived in hiding for two years during World War II. You’ll also embark on a cruise through Amsterdam’s iconic canals and visit a working diamond-cutting factory. **Included meals: breakfast**



\$59 USD Amsterdam Sightseeing

Discover more of Amsterdam during a guided sightseeing tour. From its canals to its gabled 18th century homes, you'll make your way through the city to the Anne Frank House. Here, you can climb to the attic room where a young Anne Frank and her family lived in hiding during World War II. Next, enjoy a narrated canal cruise through the city's famous waterways. Your excursion also includes a visit to a working Dutch Diamond-cutting factory.

Day 4 - Amsterdam

Enjoy another free day in Amsterdam, where you can explore its many wonderful shops. Or you can join an optional excursion to the rural fishing village of Volendam and Zaanse Schans, an open-air museum. Tonight, enjoy an optional Indonesian dinner, where you can sample the profound influence of the South Pacific in the Netherlands. **Included meals: breakfast**



\$69 USD Volendam & Zaanse Schans

This excursion will take you into the countryside, where you'll visit the charming towns of Volendam and Saanse Schans, in addition to a clog factory and a cheese-making factory before heading back to Amsterdam.

Day 5 - Amsterdam

With its millions of flowers growing on 70 acres of gardens, Keukenhof has been a showplace for the Dutch floral industry for over the past 50 years. En route to this full-day special excursion, you'll stop at the Aalsmeer Flower Auction. Then you'll arrive at Keukenhof, home of the largest flower garden on Earth, where you'll view over 7 million flowers in bloom, including yellow daffodils, crocus, narcissi and hyacinths, as well as over 1000 colorful and original varieties of tulips. **Included meals: breakfast**

Day 6 - Amsterdam

You'll have a full day to take in the sights of Amsterdam on your own. If the art of the Dutch masters interests you, plan to visit the recently renovated van Gogh Museum or the Stedelijk Museum (a collection of modern art). Instead, you might consider an optional excursion to two more Dutch cities, The Hague (European seat of the United Nations) and Delft, along with a visit to a flower market.

Included meals: breakfast



\$95 USD Delft & The Hague

Your first stop on this excursion is a visit to a flower market for a close-up look at one of Holland's best-known national exports: its brilliantly hued tulips. Continue to Delft, a charming village of canals, cobbled alleyways and medieval architecture. Your final destination is The Hague, seat of the Dutch Parliament and home to Queen Beatrix.

Day 7 - Amsterdam

Today is free for you to spend how you wish. Enjoy a lazy day people-watching from one of the city's many cafés, or take a racy turn through de Wallen, the city's infamous red light district. You might also discover the city's heart with a walk along the 17th-century concentric canals known as the Grachtengordel. Or bone up on more culture with a visit to the Rijksmuseum, which possesses the largest and most important collection of classical Dutch art, followed by a stroll through the 19th century Vondelpark. This evening, celebrate your last night in the city with an optional Canal Cruise with dinner. **Included meals: breakfast**

\$115 USD Canal Cruise with Dinner

Travel along the canals of Amsterdam on a low-slung house boat, enjoying the view of row houses lit up for the night. Your tour will take you through the center of town as you enjoy a wonderful Dutch feast by lantern light.

Day 8 - Amsterdam

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. **Included meals: breakfast**

***Proof of Citizenship** is required for all trips outside the United States. U.S. citizens require a valid Passport for travel with at least 6 months' validity. Passports are the responsibility of each traveler.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*