

Classic Netherlands

8 days – 7 nights

Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Zaanse-Schans, Volendam, Marken, The Hague, Utrecht, Haarlem, Alkmaar, Delft

Discovery, Fun, Culture, History

**This program may be operated for individual or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize**

A small territory completely flat, enlarged thanks to conquests on the sea (the famous polders), the Netherlands have long turned to the outside and are distinguished for their tolerance and open-mindedness. If Amsterdam is a flagship destination to spend a weekend, the rest of the country, it is a little left out; While the capital is a fine foretaste of the culture and history of the Netherlands, there is no doubt that the rest of the country deserves equally passionate attention.

The Netherlands is aptly named: they are among the world's lowest-altitude countries, with a quarter of its territory even below sea level. Something had to be done to expand the area, and Dutch have become masters in the art of gaining ground on the sea, by landscaping many polders on the coast.

It is therefore not surprising that polders can be used to gain water and swamp water, as is the case, for example, in the country's largest cities, Rotterdam, The Hague and Amsterdam, the capital, exotic destination and easily accessible from France.

Day 1: Amsterdam

Upon arrival at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport you'll be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Brussels. The rest of the day is free. An optional dinner can be arranged for this evening.

Recommended restaurant: Senses by Lars Bertelsen (4.6)

Day 2: Amsterdam

Enjoy one day in Amsterdam. Visit the Westerkerk, one of the oldest churches, built in Dutch Renaissance style. Enjoy the view of the world-famous Concert Gebouw, the city's premier classical music venue. Continue on to Ann Frank House and learn more about the terrible circumstances the Jewish teenager had to endure to survive World War II. Visit one of the oldest diamond factories Coster Diamonds. Get to know some of the winning formulas of Heineken in its museum. Enjoy a canal cruise and get a different view on the city. [B]

Recommended restaurant: Zaza's (4.6)

Day 3: Amsterdam (Rotterdam)

Explore Rotterdam with its spectacular modern architecture. Go to the Old Harbor, one of the most memorable sights in Holland. See the quirky, cube-shaped houses, the yellow Cube Houses, the Kijk-Kubus. See the dark-red Nieuwe Willemsbrug, and a single-span suspension bridge Erasmusbrug. Visit the Museumpark and explore all aspects of modern architecture. See Windmills De Ster and De Lelie, very handsomely situated on the side of the Kralingse Plas Lake. Return to Amsterdam for overnight. [B]

Recommended restaurant: Gartine (4.7)

Day 4: Amsterdam (Zaanse-Schans, Volendam, Marken)

Departure to the 'Zaanse Schans', a well-known typical village with many interesting windmills. Explore the typical Dutch countryside of polders and little canals. Visit a wooden shoemaker here. Continue on to the world-famous fishing villages of Volendam and Marken. See wooden houses and locals wearing their colorful dresses. Visit one of the very few cheese farms where the cheese is still made in the traditional way. Return to Amsterdam for overnight. [B]

Recommended restaurant: Sazanka (4.7)

Day 5: Amsterdam (The Hague)

Departure to The Hague, the seat of the Dutch government, and the residence of Queen Beatrix. Explore the working palace of Queen Beatrix and her staff, the splendid neoclassical Paleis Noordeinde and continue to the official royal residence, Paleis Huis ten Bosch in the Haagse Bos. Visit the famous museum Madurodam and see "Holland in a Nutshell". Explore Typical Dutch town landscapes and famous landmarks. Feel a bit like Gulliver viewing Lilliput Return to Amsterdam for overnight. [B]

Recommended restaurant: Adam (4.6)

Day 6: Amsterdam (Utrecht, Haarlem)

Departure to Utrecht, a central Dutch city with a long history. Visit Dom church, the major religious building in the city. Explore the exterior, a lavishly decorated example of Dutch Gothic architecture. Continue to the 368-foot tall Domtoren, the highest church tower in the Netherlands. Climb up the stairs and enjoy the magnificent view. Travel to Haarlem. Visit Frans Hals Museum, the only good memory of the painter Toulouse-Lautrec about the Netherlands. Return to Amsterdam for overnight. [B]

Recommended restaurant: Ciel Bleu (4.7)

Day 7: Amsterdam (Alkmaar, Delft)

Drive to Alkmaar. Explore the Old city with all the historic buildings, the 16th century town-hall, Grote St. Laurens Church. Visit the famous Cheese market and Museum. Continue to Delft, a beautiful, unspoiled town with traditional architecture, canals, bikes, and the world famous blue and white ceramics. Explore the home to the Dutch royal family, The House of Orange. Return to Amsterdam for overnight. [B]

Recommended restaurant: La Rive (4.8)

Day 8: Amsterdam, USA

Breakfast at the hotel and some free time depending on your flight schedule. At the appointed time you'll be picked-up and transferred to the airport to board your flight back home.

[B] = Breakfast



Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-Amsterdam
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 7 nights' accommodation at hotel of your choice
- Breakfast daily
- Visits of:
 - Westerkerk in Amsterdam
 - Concert Gebouw
 - Coster Diamonds
 - Rotterdam Old Harbor
 - Nieuwe Willemsbrug in Rotterdam
 - Kralingse Plas Lake
 - Zaanse Schans
 - Gouda cheese farm
 - Queen Beatrix residence, the Hague
 - Paleis Noordeinde
 - Paleis Huis ten Bosch
 - Haagse Bos
 - Holland in a Nutshell exhibition
 - Dom Tower in Utrecht
 - Frans Hals Museum in Haarlem

- Grote St. Laurens Church in Aakmar
- The Dutch royal family home in Delft
- Admire Delft blue ceramics
- Entrance fees where required
- English speaking tour guide
- Transportation be A/C vehicle
- All local taxes

Tour does not Include

- Any taxes and surcharges relating to airfares
- Lunches and dinners
- Travel insurance
- Wi-Fi at hotels
- Optional tours and activities
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out (Most hotels begin check-in around 2:00pm).
- Expenses of personal nature
- Any service not specifically listed under "included"

Recommended hotels for your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Superior Tourist		
Amsterdam	Jaz Amsterdam	4.5
First Class		
Amsterdam	INK Hotel Amsterdam MGallery by Sofitel	4.5
Deluxe		
Amsterdam	De L Europe	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

From: \$2,715 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

This program can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- Airfare
 - We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares
- Program
 - You may add or remove;
 - Trip days
 - Cities and sites
 - Meals
- Other options
 - The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
 - If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.
- Quotation
 - Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web [Group Quote Request](#).

In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days.

- Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the lad journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.