

TRAFALGAR

Best of Holland

Your itinerary



● Start Location

✈ Plane

🚢 Cruise

① Over night

● Visited Location

● End Location


🚆 Train

🚢 Ferry

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.

 **Hotel** - Bilderberg Garden

 **Included Meals** - Welcome Reception

Day 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. Dive Into Culture and enjoy a Small Group Sightseeing tour of the Rijksmuseum, featuring the works of great Dutch masters, including Rembrandt's 'The Night Watch'.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 3

A Day at Floriade Expo 2022

Take a day trip to Floriade Expo 2022, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, where you'll learn all about the future of growing 'Green Cities' and explore what a green city of the future could look like. On this incredible visit to Almere, itself a new Dutch city built on land that was reclaimed from the sea, you'll Dive Into Culture and discover what it would be like to live in a city which is built with environmental sustainability at its core. Tour the location's three districts, each with their own theme – Food, Energy and Health – as you explore this tranquil setting and lose yourself amidst all that greenery. You'll enjoy a multitude of live entertainment and visit the Green Island, returning home with great insights into what a custom-made green city of the future could look like.


 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Regional Dinner

Day 4

Onwards to Delft and Nijmegen

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 80 acres (32 ha) will leave you in

absolute awe. We continue 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. Then it's on to Nijmegen where we'll stay the night.

 **Hotel** - Mercure Centre

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 5

Off to Stunning Zwolle and Groningen

Our first stop this morning is 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. There's more World War II history to follow at the Airborne Museum. Next, 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 Groningen. With its rich history and peculiar dialect, the city will be a highlight for culture and history buffs.

 **Hotel** - Apollo

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 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.

 **Hotel** - Mercure City

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Be My Guest

Day 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.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

All optional experiences for this trip

Book with your travel director when you travel

AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

Dinner In A Historic Dutch House

Join us for a delicious meal of Dutch specialties, including drinks, in the elegant surroundings of this historic house.

Adult Price: **€63.00***

*** The Optionals and pricing listed here are a guideline only and subject to change.**

AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

Hidden Amsterdam

We'll pay a visit to The Royal Palace in Amsterdam with our Local Specialist. Built in 1648, it originally served as the Town Hall and is still in use by the Dutch Royal Family today. It has also been a Napoleonic Palace, before its current role. Its rich history and the interior of this magnificent building in the heart of Amsterdam make this a must see.

Adult Price: **€48.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

Van Loon Museum

In the heart of the canal district lies Museum Van Loon, a magnificent private residence built in 1672. The former residence of the artist Ferdinand Bol, the 18th-century interior still evokes the splendour of the Golden Age. With our Local Specialist, we'll discover the large collection of paintings, fine furniture, precious silver and porcelain from several centuries. A short walking tour in the heart of the city will then take us to the Beguinage (Begijnhof), a hidden courtyard where extremely pious women lived for almost 700 years. This glimpse behind the façades of Amsterdam's world-famous canals is highly recommended.

Adult Price: **€42.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

Holland's Favorite Foods

Nibble your way through Amsterdam's international dining scene on a tasting tour led by a Local Specialist. Learn about the international flavors that have influenced Dutch cuisine, while grabbing bites at a cheese shop, beer garden and family restaurant. Savour handpicked local delicacies

including artisanal cheeses, a sweet 'stroopwafel' and the best fish in town. We'll wash them all down with a beer or Jenever.

Adult Price: **€62.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 4

Kinderdijk Exploration And Boat Ride

Join us to discover the spectacular straight line of 19 working windmills at the Kinderdijk. Part of a UNESCO Cultural Heritage site and situated below sea-level, they were built around 1740 to pump water out of the reclaimed 'polder' lands. You'll also admire the classic Dutch landscape between the Rhine river branches of the delta, during a relaxing boat ride.

Adult Price: **€34.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 4

Traditional Dinner on the Hoge Veluwe

Join us for a trip to a cosy restaurant steeped in history. Here you'll have a chance to enjoy a delicious meal of authentic Dutch specialties accompanied by drinks.

Adult Price: **€65.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 5

Holland's Green Venice Unveiled

Today we'll enjoy the charming village of Giethoorn, popularly known as 'Holland's Green Venice'. This village, without roads, is famous for having only waterways and hump-backed bridges that lead to traditional thatched houses. Due to its unique qualities, Giethoorn was included on the World Edition of the Monopoly board game, sharing space with cities like Taipei, Montreal and Sydney. We'll explore the town by boat, while savouring coffee or tea and homemade apple pie.

Adult Price: **€31.00***

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