

Colours of Holland & Belgium

May 3 - 18

Overnight flight + 14 nights 16 days
33 Meals



Highlights:

Royal Palace • Rijksmuseum • Heineken Experience • Volendam and Marken • Cheese Farm • Zaanse Schans • Van Gogh Museum • Dinner Cruise • The Hague • Panorama Mesdag • Mauritshuis • Delft • Delft Blue • Rotterdam • Spido Tour • Gouda • Saint Johns Church • Stroopwafel Workshop • Oudewater • Schoonhoven • Keukenhof • Leiden • Dordrecht • Kinderdijk • Bruges • Boat trip in Bruges • Brewery Bruges 'De Halve Maan' • Brussels • Atomium • Planet Chocolate • Ghent • St Baadscathedral • Granemsteem • Antwerp • Rubens House • Utrecht • Dom Tower • Museum of Barrel Organs



Accommodation:

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| Amsterdam | Apollfirst Hotel |
| The Hague | Parkhotel Den Haag |
| Bruges | Golden Tulip De Medici |
| Brussels | Hotel Bedford |
| Amsterdam | Corendon Amsterdam Village |



Day One:

Vancouver – Amsterdam

Meals: D

Meet the group at the airport and depart on Air Transat on an overnight flight from Vancouver to **Amsterdam**.

Day Two:

Amsterdam

Meals: D

Welcome to the **Netherlands!** After being transferred to your hotel in downtown Amsterdam enjoy some free time exploring and having lunch on your own. Tonight, meet the coach and depart to a local restaurant for a group dinner.

Day Three:

Amsterdam

Meals: B, L

Start the day with a tour of Amsterdam; a city full of history, culture, and inspiration. With a local guide, tour by coach and on foot the canals and bridges which are surrounded by beautiful 17th and 18th century mansions. Other sights include the **Royal Palace** on **Dam Square**, historic buildings along the **Amstel River**, and a colourful flower market. Visit the **Rijksmuseum**, this museum is especially known for its collection of paintings from the 17th century. It shows works by Dutch masters such as **Rembrandt**, **Frans Hals**, **Jan Steen**, and **Ruysdael**. After an included lunch, the afternoon will be spent at **Discover the World of Heineken**.

Day Four:

Amsterdam – Volendam – Marken – Amsterdam

Meals: B, L

Depart for the fishing village of **Volendam**. Walk along the old harbour, green wooden houses, and souvenir shops. Traditional costumes are still worn by many locals. Transfer on a ferry on the former South Sea, now an enormous interior lake, to **Marken** for an included lunch. Explore the island Marken - which in fact is not an island. Marken is a semi island since a dike connected the island with the main land in 1957. Our next stop is at a cheese farm. Here you will see how the famous Edam and Gouda cheese is being made in a traditional way.

Day Five:

Amsterdam – Zaanse Schans – Amsterdam

Meals B, L, D

This morning, visit **Zaanse Schans**, a delightful old hamlet on the banks of the river Zaan. After lunch, explore the **Van Gogh Museum**. At this famous museum over 200 paintings and some 600 drawings by Vincent van Gogh are exhibited. This evening join the group for a dinner cruise through the old city. Champagne is served as you step on board, followed by a fine 3 or 4 course dinner, topped off with coffee and liqueur.

Day Six:

Amsterdam

Meals B

After breakfast, enjoy a free day on your own.

Day Seven:

Amsterdam – The Hague

Meals: B, L

Depart for a city tour of **The Hague**. During the tour view the **Knight's Hall**, the **Parliament buildings**, the **Peace Palace**, and **Scheveningen Seaside resort**. Next visit the **Panorama Mesdag**, this circular painting covers 1680 meter squares of canvas, is 14 meters high, and has a circumference of 120 meters! It is one of the world's finest, and largest, surviving panoramas. After lunch, visit the **Mauritshuis**, a museum located in a small palace in **Renaissance** style, one of the most important in The Hague. The collection of paintings once belonged to the **Royal Family** and, although small, one of the finest collections in the world. Discover famous works by **Rembrandt** and **Vermeer**.

Day Eight:

The Hague – Delft – Rotterdam – The Hague

Meals: B, L

Depart for **Delft**, one of the most charming towns in Holland. After lunch visit **Delft Blue**



Should be physically active, able to walk up to two blocks on uneven rocky ground. This tour is not suitable for those who rely on a walker.

Price Per Person:

Double or Twin: **\$9,286.⁰⁰**

Single: **\$11,424.⁰⁰**

Prices include all taxes

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and participate in a workshop by making your own Delft Blue Tile. Continue to **Rotterdam** for a city tour. This very modern city has a lot of culture and is home to Europe's largest harbour. Return to the hotel in The Hague and have free time for dinner.

Day Nine: *The Hague – Gouda – Oudewater – The Hague* **Meals: B, L**
This morning visit the town of **Gouda**. Gouda is a real old Dutch town with a virtually intact town centre. In this beautiful city, visit the **Saint Johns Church**, world famous for its stained glass windows. The **stroopwafel** are a specialty native to Gouda, where they were invented in 1784. A renowned pastry chef will show you how to make your own stroopwafel. Of course tasting will be included. After lunch, visit **Oudewater**, a small historical city in the heart of Holland. Next visit **Schoonhoven**, a charming town known for its tradition of jewelry (silver work).

Day Ten: *The Hague – Keukenhof – Leiden – The Hague* **Meals: B, L**
This morning's highlight will be **Keukenhof**, the largest spring garden in the world. Visitors from all over the globe have enjoyed the splendour of over 7 million flowering bulbs for over fifty years. After lunch, explore the historical town of **Leiden**. Return to the hotel in The Hague.

Day Eleven: *The Hague – Dordrecht – Kinderdijk – Bruges, Belgium* **Meals: B, L, D**
Visit **Dordrecht**, the oldest city in Holland, with its old docks once devoted to wine trade, the city's main street with its impressive façade of the 16th century, and the Groenmarkt, which is a former vegetable market. After lunch drive to **Kinderdijk** and its 19 windmills, one of the most spectacular views of Holland! Built in 1740 and now abandoned, the windmills had the duty to drain the polder of **Alblasserwaard**. Our next stop is **Bruges, Belgium**, your home for two nights. Join the group for an included dinner.

Day Twelve: *Bruges* **Meals: B, L**
Today, explore Bruges on foot: its romantic canals, medieval buildings, and many churches and cathedrals. Next is a boat trip on the city's picturesque canals, you can admire the most beautiful places in the city from a completely different angle. After lunch enjoy a brewery tour and tasting. Return to the hotel for dinner on your own.

Day Thirteen: *Bruges – Brussels* **Meals: B, L, D**
Depart for **Brussels** for a guided tour by coach and on foot. Visit the monumental square known as **Grand Place**, tour the center with its impressive buildings, churches, and the **Royal Palace**. After lunch, visit the **Atomium**, built as the main pavilion and icon of the 1958 World Fair of Brussels. Later, visit a chocolate factory and museum. Check into Brussels hotel, your home for two nights. Later depart with the group on foot for an included dinner.

Day Fourteen: *Brussels – Ghent – Antwerp – Brussels* **Meals: B, L**
This morning depart for the historical city of **Ghent**. Walk through the town centre with old houses dating from the period between the 12th and 17th century, visit **St Bavo's Cathedral** and **Gravensteen**, a medieval castle. After lunch, continue to **Antwerp**, a lively city with narrow streets and many historical buildings. Visit the **Rubens House**, where a large part of the collection by master painter **Rubens** resides. Return to the hotel in Brussels for free time and dinner.

Day Fifteen: *Brussels – Utrecht – Amsterdam* **Meals: B, L, D**
Depart for **Utrecht** this morning. No other city on the planet has as many pedestrian quayside paths. After lunch, visit the magnificent **Museum of Barrel Organs**, established in a former church whose sound is sure to amaze you. Continue to Amsterdam and check into your hotel for a one night stay. Join the group for a farewell dinner.

Day Sixteen: *Amsterdam – Vancouver* **Meals: B, D**
After breakfast board a coach for your transfer to the airport for your flight home to Vancouver.

Tour includes:

- Round trip non-stop flight with Air Transat
- Fourteen nights accommodation
- Fourteen breakfasts
- Twelve lunches
- Seven dinners
- Meal gratuities
- All side tours and entrance fees
- Services of a local guide

*Full payment is due:
February 1, 2019.*

After this date space will be limited

**AGELESS PEACE OF MIND:
Not available for this tour**

Medical insurance is recommended.
Passport is required

