



# **Amsterdam & the Keukenhof Gardens**

# 6 days | 8 days with Amsterdam extension

For nearly 60 years, Keukenhof Gardens (translating to "kitchen garden") has been a playground-meets-showplace for Dutch florists. Over 70 brightly-hued acres burst with seven million flowers in bloom, from daffodils to hyacinths to the country's most famous export: The tulip. Spend some time getting to know the charming city of Amsterdam before escaping to the peaceful, perfumed gardens.



#### Your tour package includes

- 4 nights in a well-located hotel
- 4 breakfasts
- 1 dinners with beer or wine
- 1 sightseeing tour

Expert Tour Director & local guides Private deluxe motor coach

# Included highlights

Keukenhof Gardens Amsterdam canal cruise Bloemenmarkt Van Gogh Museum Aalsmeer Flower Auction Quaint windmills

### Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills.

# Group size

15-38

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# Overnight Flight → 1 night

#### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Amsterdam today.

# Amsterdam → 4 nights

#### Day 2: Arrival in Amsterdam

Included meals: welcome dinner
Welcome to the Netherlands! Meet your Tour
Director and fellow travelers at tonight's
welcome dinner.

## Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Amsterdam

Included meals: breakfast

Take to the water on today's sightseeing tour as your local guide introduces you to Amsterdam's unique character.

- Cruise by icons like the Dutch National Opera house and the Skinny Bridge
- Reflect on the city's history as you pass by a former Jewish neighborhood
- See the dancing houses, the narrowest houses in Amsterdam, and "flower bikes" decorated by a local known as the Flower Bike Man
- Disembark near the Rijksmuseum, and stroll to the iconic Van Gogh Museum for a tour with an audio guide

Spend a free afternoon in the city or add an excursion.

+ Food of Amsterdam Walking Tour

## Day 4: Free day in Amsterdam

Included meals: breakfast
Enjoy a free day in Amsterdam or add an excursion.

+ A Day in Charming Delft

#### Day 5: Keukenhof Gardens

Included meals: breakfast

Visit the Keukenhof Gardens with your Tour Director today. With millions of flowers growing on 70 acres of gardens, Keukenhof has been a showplace for the Dutch floral industry for over 50 years.

- Stop at the Aalsmeer Flower Auction en route to Keukenhof
- Arrive in Keukenhof, home of the secondlargest flower garden on Earth

 Explore the grounds of Keukenhof, where more than 7 million flowers burst into bloom each spring, including yellow daffodils, crocus, narcissi, hyacinths, as well as over 1,000 colorful and original varieties of tulips

This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

# **Flight Home**

#### Day 6: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to continue exploring Amsterdam.

#### + Amsterdam extension

Extend your stay in the Dutch capital with plenty of free time to do as much or as little as you please. Wander through Dam Square, step inside the Rijksmuseum, or continue exploring the region alongside your Tour Director.

# Amsterdam → 2 nights

# Day 6: Free day in Amsterdam

Included meals: breakfast
Enjoy a free day in Amsterdam or add an
excursion.

+ Van Gogh & the Dutch Countryside

# Day 7: Free day in Amsterdam

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day to explore Amsterdam on your own.

Tonight, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

#### Flight Home

# Day 8: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.ca/AWF | 1-800-754-5066** 

#### Day 3: Food of Amsterdam Walking Tour

\$129CAD/\$139CAD\* (2.5 hours, departure time varies)

Get a taste of sweet and savory Dutch dishes on a culinary walking tour through Amsterdam. Meet your local guide at Beursplein Square, which is located in front of the Amsterdam Stock Exchange, and walk through the old city center, an area once known as the Red Light District. Make your way to your first stop, a chocolate and spice shop set along Amsterdam's oldest canal. There, you'll taste award-winning chocolate and an iconic Dutch sweet, the stroopwafel, as you learn about Amsterdam's role in the 17th-century spice trade. Continue on to a cheese shop to sample several varieties made by a local family. Next, follow the bustling Zeedijk (or sea dike, in Dutch) through the heart of Chinatown and visit a family of fishmongers who have been in business since 1938. There, taste raw herring and kibbeling, or battered, fried fish. Wrap up your tour with a visit to an award-winning microbrewery, where you'll enjoy beer and a selection of Dutch snacks. Spend some free time in the city before heading back to your hotel. Please note: This excursion is only offered from mid-May through December.

### Day 4: A Day in Charming Delft

\$175CAD/\$185CAD\* (8 hours, departs in the morning)
Pay a visit to the world-famous flower market at
Aalsmeer for a close-up look at one of Holland's bestknown national exports: its brilliantly hued tulips.
Continue to Delft, a charming town of canals, cobbled
alleyways and medieval architecture. Visit the Old and
New Churches on a guided tour, and then enjoy free
time to grab lunch and explore the town, perhaps
visiting the former home of the famous painter,
Vermeer. Please note: A visit to the Hague will replace
the flower market on days when the market is closed.

### **Extension excursion options**

#### Day 6: Van Gogh & the Dutch Countryside

\$185CAD/\$195CAD\* (9 hours, departs in the morning)

This morning, leave the busy streets of Amsterdam for the tranquil Dutch countryside. Your destination is the heaths and sand dunes of Hoge Veluwe National Park, one of the largest nature preserves in this small country. Once you arrive at the park, you'll have the day to explore as you like. Rent one of the free bicycles the park provides to visitors, or step inside the Kröller-Müeller Museum and sculpture garden, home to the world's largest collection of van Gogh art. The museum also houses masterpieces from Mondrian, Seurat, Gauquin, and Picasso.