



Netherlands



ITINERARY

Day 1 - Thursday

Arrive Amsterdam

Upon arrival at Amsterdam airport, you will transfer to your centrally located hotel, where your Abercrombie & Kent Tour Director will be waiting to greet you.

This afternoon you will have time to relax in the hotel, before departing this evening on a cocktail cruise followed by a welcome dinner in the hotel.

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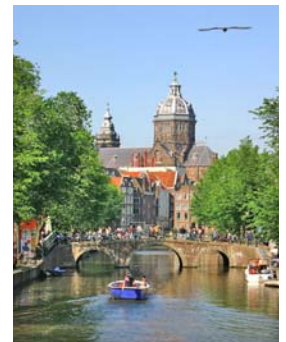
Day 2 – Friday

Amsterdam

This morning you will begin the sightseeing tour of Amsterdam with a visit to the stunning Van Gogh museum, whose collection of paintings and drawings honors the short but prolific career of the 19th century Dutch painter and also includes letters by the artist. View this remarkable artist's most famous paintings such as "The Sunflowers" and "The Potato Eaters" – the museum is chronologically organized in five periods, each representing a different phase in his work and life. Afterwards a visit will be made to Anne Frank's house, in which the 13-year-old girl hid from the Nazis until she was betrayed and deported in 1944. After lunch the remainder of the afternoon will be at leisure for shopping or sightseeing independently or you may choose to join your Tour Director for a guided tour and private champagne party at one of the largest diamond polishing factories in the Netherlands.

Tonight there will be an opportunity to enjoy a guided tour of the world-renowned Rijksmuseum, before enjoying dinner in one of the museum's private rooms.

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Day 3 - Saturday
Keukenhof



This morning drive to the world's most vibrant spring time park, Keukenhof, just outside Lisse. Set in 77 acres of wooded park, Keukenhof was established in 1949 as a showcase for Dutch bulb-growers. The park features beds of tulips, crocuses, daffodils and other flowers, and more than seven million buds explode into bloom. It is strategically laid out, with paths that weave their way through different sections of the park, guiding the visitors through spectacular flower displays. Enjoy a guided tour of the gardens

followed by lunch. After lunch we will watch the 'Bollenstreek' (bulb-growing area) Flower Parade. It is the first and biggest parade held in Holland every year. Fifty years ago, the organizers of several small parades which were held in the local villages decided to join forces and create one big parade. It has now become the calling card of the flower bulb culture.

[Return to Amsterdam for the remainder of the day at leisure.](#)

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Day 4 - Sunday
The Hague & Delft

This morning we travel by coach to The Hague, Holland's seat of government, where we take a guided tour of the peace palace and gardens which was a gift from the American Andrew Carnegie and houses the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the International Court of Justice, the Hague Academy of International Law and a library of books on international law. This palace was given the name of Peace Palace, to express the great importance attached to the endeavor to solve disputes and so to maintain world peace. After a lunch in Den Hague we will depart for Delft where we will visit the Royal Delft china factory where we will be escorted on a VIP by a factory guide and explained the long history of the company, after a drink in the sun room the company will provide each person with a commemorative Dutch tile to help you remember your visit. We will then return to Amsterdam for an evening at leisure.



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Day 5 - Monday
Aalsmeer & Haarlem

Begin the day with an early visit to the Aalsmeer Flower Auction, where some 19 million flowers and plants a day begin their journey to florists around the world. Continue to the pretty town of Haarlem for lunch followed by a sightseeing tour including the gothic St. Bavo's cathedral and the Grote Markt – the heart of the historical district surrounded by beautiful buildings from the 15th through to the 19th century. Enjoy some time at leisure to indulge in Haarlem's excellent shopping opportunities before you return to Amsterdam.

This evening enjoy a wonderful private farewell dinner in the garden room of the Greenhouse restaurant.

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Day 6 - Tuesday
Return USA

Transfer to the airport for your return flight.

Inclusions:

- Buffet breakfast daily
- 5 nights in a Deluxe room at the Hotel de l'Europe, Amsterdam
- Porterage
- Arrival transfer by Mercedes E Class based on 2 pax sharing each vehicle
- Departure transfer by Mercedes E Class based on 2 pax sharing each vehicle
- Private luxury coach with mineral water on board for all touring as detailed in the itinerary
- Cocktail cruise on arrival day
- Lunches on day 2, 3, 4, 5 - 2 courses with wine, mineral water, tea/coffee,
- Dinners on day 1, 2, 5 - 3 courses with ½ bottle wine, mineral water, coffee/tea per person
- Expert local English-speaking guides for sightseeing as detailed in itinerary
- Entrance fees to Van Gogh Museum, Anne Frank House, a guided tour of Rijksmuseum & Diamond factory in Amsterdam, to Keukenhof garden in Lisse, to the Peace Palace in the Hague, to Delft China factory in Delft, and to the Flower Auction in Aalsmeer.
- The services of an **AkornTour Director** from Day 1 (arrival day) to departure day
- Welcome pack
- All gratuities, **except** to your Tour Director
- All taxes
- 24 hour emergency contact service

Exclusions:

- All transatlantic air travel and associated costs, except for the flight stated above.
- Room service for breakfasts
- Meals except breakfast other than stated above
- Gratuities to your A&K Tour Director
- All items of a personal nature (e.g. beverages, telephone calls, laundry, personal insurance)
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the "Inclusions" list above