



ART TREASURES
of the Netherlands

With Liz Floyd
APRIL 16–23, 2023





Dear Students and Friends,

It's a pleasure to invite you to join a trip to Amsterdam in the spring of 2023. We will spend a week in this remarkably interesting city, visit a number of world-class museums in Amsterdam and other Dutch cities, and see the tulips in full bloom.

Amsterdam and its neighboring cities offer an array of treasures and delights. Our tour will offer an exciting mix of art, history, and modernity. Out-of-the-way historic treasures usually glossed over by tour itineraries will provide thrilling experiences and unique looks at the Dutch, their art, and their history. While our full week allows us to uncover the countless layers of the city, the itinerary also takes us farther afield to discover other beautiful Dutch cities like Haarlem, The Hague, and Delft. One of the highlights will be visiting the famous Keukenhof Gardens where the tulips should be in full glory! Another highlight will be catching the first Vermeer exhibition in the history of the Rijksmuseum. With loans from all over the world, this Vermeer exhibition promises to be the biggest ever.

The itinerary for our trip has been prepared in close consultation with International Seminar Design, Inc., a tour operator based in Washington DC that has decades of experience organizing bespoke art tours.

Our base for all six nights is the four-star NH Amsterdam Museum Quarter hotel, conveniently located within walking distance of Amsterdam's Museum Quarter.

While each day is maximized with planned visits and excursions, you will still have ample opportunity to make your own special discoveries and enjoy necessary respite from time to time.

This one-of-a-kind, exclusive opportunity is not to be missed!

Liz Floyd

Tour Highlights

- Unpack only once for your stay in the four-star NH Amsterdam Museum Quarter, a comfortable property conveniently located in Amsterdam's Museum Quarter.
- From your home base in Amsterdam, explore rare and powerful works of art and architecture found in quiet corners of the city, as well as in Delft, The Hague, and Haarlem.
- Enjoy meals in optimal locations, including a fun *Rijstaffel* dinner.
- Experience one of the world's most remarkable gardens: Keukenhof, the world's largest flower garden.
- Have the chance to see the Rijksmuseum's Vermeer exhibition, featuring numerous paintings on loan from museums all over the world.

Itinerary

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Departures

Depart on independent overnight flights to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport.

Monday, April 17, 2023

Arrival in Amsterdam

Arrive at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport and take a group airport transfer to the four-star NH Amsterdam Museum Quarter, conveniently located within walking distance of many of Amsterdam's best art museums. Set out on an orientation walking tour and gain an understanding of the importance of the canal system to Amsterdam commerce during the Golden Age. Delight in the special ambiance of the Museum Van Loon, a private canal residence built in 1672 for painter Ferdinand Bol, a pupil of Rembrandt. The house has belonged to the Van Loon family since 1884. Enjoy a welcome dinner featuring Dutch cuisine.

Includes Dinner

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum

Walk to the world-renowned Rijksmuseum. Founded in 1800, the Rijksmuseum is home to the largest collection of works of art by the Dutch old masters, including Rembrandt van Rijn, Frans Hals, and Johannes Vermeer. Other collection highlights include works by Jan Steen, Jacob van Ruisdael, Pieter de Hooch, Gerard ter Borch, and Gerrit Dou, as well as a fine collection of antique delftware and silver. The building, designed by Pierre Cuypers and completed in 1885, has recently undergone a ten-year renovation to bring back Cuypers' original interior décor. The collection has been reinstalled to integrate period decorative arts with the paintings. Enjoy a guided tour of the museum's highlights, including the Rijksmuseum gallery of honor. Following free time for an independent lunch, regather for a guided tour of the Vermeer exhibition that will include masterpieces such as *The Girl with a Pearl Earring*, *The Geographer*, *Lady Writing a Letter with her Maid*, and the newly restored *Girl Reading a Letter at the Open Window*. This evening delight in a *Rijstaffel* dinner, an Indonesian feast consisting of multiple small dishes.

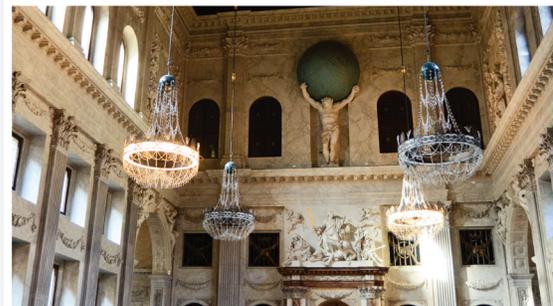
Includes Breakfast and Dinner

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Delft

Drive an hour to Delft, famous for its historic center with canals, blue-and-white pottery, and painter Johannes Vermeer. This quaint little town seems to have been forgotten by time and looks today much as it did in its Golden Age. See the Prinsenhof Museum, an urban palace built in the Middle Ages as a monastery. Today the museum tells the history of Delft and the Netherlands, and bears witness to the murder of the Prince of Orange, William the Silent, in 1584. After enjoying lunch together, set out on a short, easy walking tour with stops to see Delft's two most important churches: the Oude Kerk (Old Church), burial place of Vermeer, and Nieuwe Kerk (New Church), constructed between 1381 and 1496, home to the burial vault of the Princes of Orange. Following free time in Delft, return to Amsterdam for an evening at leisure.

Includes Breakfast and Lunch



Thursday, April 20, 2023

The Hague

Drive an hour to The Hague, the seat of the Dutch government and parliament and home of the World Court. Begin with a visit to the Kunstmuseum, designed by Dutch architect H.P. Berlage, and home to the largest Mondrian collection in the world. On a guided tour, see highlights from the museum's outstanding collection. Enjoy a short, easy walk through the Binnenhof, a cluster of historic buildings that comprise the Dutch government, and experience the centuries-old ambiance of this important diplomatic center. Following lunch, visit the Mauritshuis and admire the Royal Cabinet of Paintings, an incredible collection of Dutch Golden Age paintings with works by Rembrandt, Vermeer, Frans Hals, and Hans Holbein the Younger. Return to Amsterdam for an evening at leisure.

Includes Breakfast and Lunch

Friday, April 21, 2023

Haarlem & Keukenhof Gardens

Drive an hour to Haarlem. Upon arrival, enjoy a walking tour, including the Cathedral of St. Bavo, with its world-renowned Müller organ that was constructed in 1738 and played by Mendelssohn, Handel, and Mozart, and which continues to be played! Take in Haarlem's picturesque Market Square. Then enjoy a special tour of the Teylers Museum. The Teylers Museum's holdings are rich in art and science, and are displayed in a manner mostly unchanged since its opening in 1784. Following lunch in Haarlem, continue to the Keukenhof Gardens, home to the largest display of flowers in the world. Each autumn, seven million bulbs are donated to and planted in the park. In addition to the tulip gardens, Keukenhof features an English landscape garden, a Japanese Country Garden, and four pavilions house rotating displays and flower exhibits. Return to Amsterdam for an evening at leisure.

Includes Breakfast and Lunch

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum

Spend the morning at the Van Gogh Museum, home to the single largest Vincent Van Gogh collection in the world, as well as many of Van Gogh's contemporaries, such as Rodin, Gauguin, Manet, Monet, Seurat and many more. See Van Gogh's earliest Dutch works, discover how his approach changed in Paris when he met modern artists, and observe how he developed his famous individual style in the south of France. Enjoy an independent lunch and free time for personal pursuits. This evening, bid farewell to Amsterdam over a memorable dinner together.

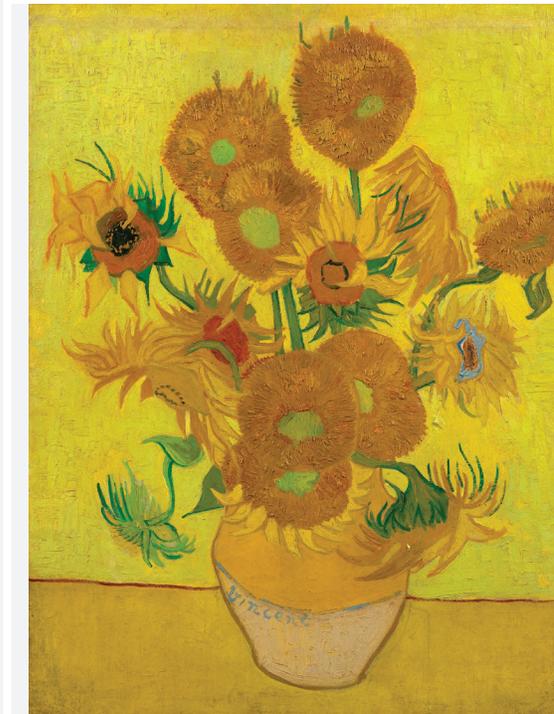
Includes Breakfast and Dinner

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Departures for the U.S

After breakfast at the hotel, take a group airport transfer or transfer independently to the Amsterdam Schiphol Airport for return flights to the United States.

Includes Breakfast



Trip Information

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DATES: April 16–23, 2023

TOUR COST:

Land Package \$4,295
Single Supplement \$795

**Tour Price is per person based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 15 paying participants.*

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Moderate, good overall mobility required.

DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT

A deposit of \$1,000 per registrant is required to reserve space on the tour, of which \$500 is nonrefundable for ISDI's registration and planning fee unless the tour is cancelled due to low enrollment. This deposit may be paid by check or by Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. Final balance will be invoiced and is due on January 5, 2023 and must be paid by check to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations are accepted after this date on a space-available basis with payment in full by check only.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

International and U.S. domestic airfare are not included in the package cost. Please do not purchase airline tickets until the operation of the tour is confirmed by ISDI.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Accommodations and meals as listed in the itinerary; all entrances as listed on the itinerary; land transport by deluxe coach, including one group airport transfer upon arrival and one group airport transfer upon departure; bottled water on coach; service charges, taxes, and gratuities for guides and drivers; two glasses of wine at dinners; and services of an ISDI tour manager.

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

International airfare, airline taxes and surcharges, and baggage fees; airport portage; individual airport transfers; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; gratuities for hotel housekeeping; personal items such as telephone calls, room service, valet service, à-la-carte orders, specialty wines and liquors, laundry charges, travel extensions, or tour deviations; entry or departure fees levied by local governments; travel insurance; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

Cancellation by participant must be made in writing to ISDI and is effective only upon acknowledged receipt by ISDI. There is a non-refundable registration and planning fee of \$500 per person regardless of cancellation date. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or before January 5, 2023: full refund minus \$500 per person registration and planning fee. Written cancellation received by ISDI between January 6 and March 2, 2023: full refund minus \$2,150 per person cancellation fee (includes registration and planning fee). Written cancellation received by ISDI on or after March 3, 2023: no refund. Tour registration is non-transferable. In the case of cancellation, substitutions are not allowed. After the tour has commenced, no refunds will be issued for any reason including, but not limited to, unused portions of tour. If the tour is cancelled by ISDI due to low enrollment, active registrants will receive a full refund of all tour payments.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

ISDI requires that all tour participants be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and have a booster shot to participate on the tour. Upon receipt of registration, ISDI will send registrant a Participant Tour Agreement detailing the full terms and conditions for this tour. This document must be signed and returned to ISDI before participant's registration is considered complete and any arrangements can be confirmed.

TRIP INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is not included in the tour cost, but participants are strongly encouraged to purchase a travel protection plan in conjunction with this tour, including coverage of trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency evacuation/repatriation, medical expenses, lost or damaged baggage, and other expenses and/or losses incurred due to unexpected situations. Should a participant cancel at any time after registering for the tour, ISDI must strictly abide by the cancellation policy outlined herein. Travel insurance information will be emailed to you from ISDI upon receipt of your registration.

FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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Enclosed is my credit card information or deposit by check made payable to International Seminar Design, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000 per person.

Name (as listed on passport)

Name (as listed on passport)

Address (billing, if using credit card)

City

State

Zip

Daytime Telephone

Cell Phone

E-mail Address Participant 1

E-mail Address Participant 2

ROOMING OPTIONS: *(please select)*

- Double Occupancy; I will share a room with _____
- Single Supplement (\$795)
- I would like a roommate but will pay the price of the single supplement if one cannot be found.

TOUR DOCUMENTS:

ISDI will send all documents pertaining to the tour by email to the email address listed above.

- If you wish to receive hardcopy versions of the tour documents by post as well, please check this circle. Paper documents will not be sent to your home address unless this circle is checked.

LAND PACKAGE DEPOSIT (\$1,000 PER PERSON):

_____ # of persons _____ Amount Enclosed

- Visa MasterCard American Express Check *Make check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc.*

Card Number

Exp. (mm/yy)

Name as it appears on credit card

Billing Zip Code (if different from above)

EACH PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN *(registration invalid without signature)*

By registering and paying the deposit for this tour, registrant acknowledges that he/she has carefully read and understands all information contained in the tour brochure, recognizes and accepts any risks therein, and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions outlined above.

Signature Participant 1 / Date

Signature Participant 2 / Date

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