

The Netherlands

Grand Tulip Tour

Small as the country by the North Sea may be, it has a dazzling number of historical, cultural and engineering sights. From the Dutch masters of painting to sober medieval and ornate renaissance architecture. Explore historic monuments, see artworks of the Dutch masters, visit The Hague, and, to pique your gustatory senses, enjoy a tremendous variety of cheeses and chocolate.

These are just a few of the many exciting and interesting things the country has to offer. Come with us and see the very best of them, enhanced by fascinating lectures and guided tours executed by local experts. Bikes will be on board and will be available for organized tours.

You will discover the Netherlands in an unusual way via its most typical element: the water. Rivers, canals, and lakes abound, and you will sail many of them on the lovely Fiep. This comfortable barge will be both your main mode of transportation and your group's hotel for the entire trip. The Grand Tulip tour gives you a wonderful insight into the heart and soul of The Netherlands.

For More information, visit us at www.uaf.edu/summer/travel

Important note: Travel insurance is always recommended for any travel out of the United States. There are several ways to purchase coverage. Some credit card companies insure trips that are purchased with their card. Another option is to check with a local travel agency. Travel insurance is also available via CampDoc, our travel program registration system.

Tour Dates:

March 19-April 2, 2022

Tour Cost:

\$4,500.00

Inclusions

- 24/7 Tour Director/Guide
- Accommodations
- Ground Transportation
- Entry fees
- Three meals per day
- Gratuities

Transportation costs to and from The Netherlands are NOT included in this tour price. All travelers must arrange their own transportation to and from the starting and ending cities.

Day 1, Mar 19: Amsterdam

- Arrival on board the Fiep. Travelers will have to arrange their own transportation from their arrival location to the Fiep.
- Official welcome and introduction by the guide and crew. Enjoy a bubbly welcome drink and dinner aboard the ship.
- Evening presentation of the tour itinerary and familiarization with the boat.



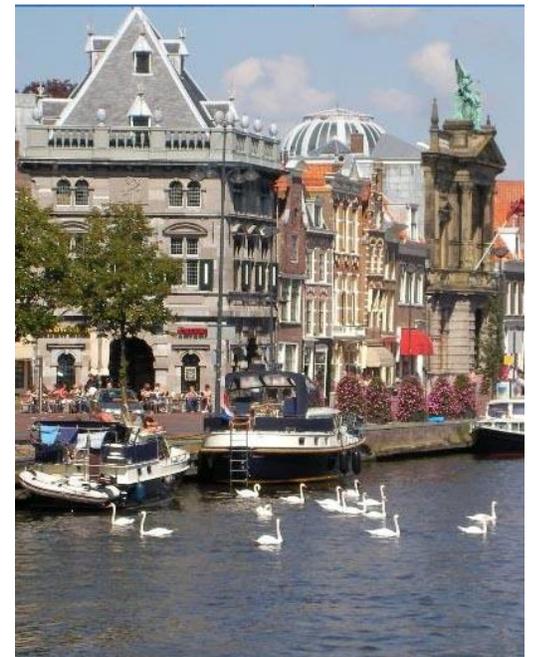
Day 2, Mar 20: Amsterdam

- Morning walk to the stunning Rijksmuseum of Dutch art and history, where a knowledgeable local guide will show you some of its absolute highlights.
- Afternoon visit to the Anne Frank house and a short trip by canal boat. A very different experience from strolling around its streets!
- Dinner aboard the Fiep.



Day 3, Mar 21: Amsterdam-Zaanse Schans

- While you're having a leisurely breakfast, the ship sails to Zaanse Schans. This small village looks like an open air museum, but the lovely original wooden homes are still inhabited, its windmills from the nineteenth century still used. A guide takes you to and through paint mill De Kat.
- Lunch aboard the Fiep.
- Afternoon bus trip to the village of De Rijp and a visit to mill/museum The Schermer. At the end of the afternoon you can join your tour leader on a short bike ride through the charming farmland of the Zaan area.
- Dinner aboard the Fiep.



Day 4, Mar 22: Zaanse Schans-Haarlem

- Morning arrival in Haarlem. On board enjoy a lecture on Dutch painters, with specific attention to the works of Frans Hals.
- Lunch aboard the Fiep.
- Afternoon walk in Haarlem, sometimes nicknamed little Amsterdam. Visit to the grand Saint Bavo church and a demonstration of the sound of its famous organ, followed by a guided visit to the Frans Hals museum.
- Dinner aboard the Fiep. Talk about Dutch water management and tulips.





Day 5, Mar 23: Haarlem-Leiden

- Take a bus to explore the tulip fields of the Keukenhof.
- Lunch on own in Keukenhof.
- Afternoon visit to Leiden center, birthplace of painter Rembrandt and home of the oldest university in the Netherlands. Tour the American Pilgrim Museum.
- Dinner aboard the Fiep.

Day 6, Mar 24: Leiden-Delft

- Morning arrival in Den Haag (The Hague), a city along the North Sea on the western coast of the Netherlands, where a tram takes you to town for a guided visit of the houses of parliament.
- Visit Mauritshuis to see Dutch masterpieces, including Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring.
- Lunch on own in Den Haag.
- Afternoon bus transport to Delft to meet the Fiep.
- Dinner aboard the Fiep.



Day 7, Mar 26: Delft-Rotterdam

- Morning visit to the city center of Delft, exploring old and new churches, where much of Dutch royalty is laid to rest.
- Lunch aboard the Fiep.
- Afternoon walk to the famous Delft Blue pottery for a guided visit. This place has been producing iconic blue and white ceramics since the 17th century.
- Dinner aboard, en route to Rotterdam.



Day 8, Mar 27: Rotterdam

- Morning tour to Rotterdam city center, some of its water storage projects and the recently built market hall. A lecture on water storage will make you an informed visitor. Rotterdam is a striking contrast to many of the medieval and renaissance cities in the Netherlands. The harbor town boasts an abundance of avant garde architecture and is the home base of many world-renowned architects like Rem Koolhaas and Francine Houben. One look at the city's skyline and you'll understand why it's proudly called Manhattan on the (river) Maas.
- Lunch on own in Rotterdam Markthal.
- Dinner at the Hotel Restaurant New York. This beautiful building dating back to 1901 used to be the headquarters of shipping company Holland America Line. From its quay, thousands of European emigrants left for a new future in North America. One or more of your ancestors may have been among them!
- Return to the Fiep via water taxi.



Day 9, Mar 27: Rotterdam-Dordrecht

- Morning arrival to the village of Kinderdijk. Explore nineteen beautiful wind mills, constructed in the 18th century to pump water out of the surrounding lowlands. The mills are on the UNESCO cultural heritage list. Your tour leader will organize a short optional bike ride along the nineteen windmills.

- Lunch aboard the Fiep en route to Dordrecht.

For many visitors, Dordrecht is a lesser known or even unknown town. Unjustly so, because it's brimming with history! The ship docks in the historical Kuipershaven, perfect for a town walk and enjoying some time on your own.

- Dinner aboard the Fiep.

Day 10, Mar 28: Zeeland-Kuipershaven

- Morning tour by Watersnoodmuseum Ouwkerk in the province of Zeeland for a guided visit. The museum memorializes the disastrous springtide in 1953 that flooded large parts of Zeeland and the provinces South Holland and North Brabant. This tragedy triggered the development of the "Delta Works," an elaborate engineering project built to protect the Netherlands against future flooding.

-Lunch at a brasserie overlooking the Oosterschelde River, then on by bus to the greenhouses of Tomatoworld, where the proud owner will tell you all about this 'industry' in the Netherlands.

-Dinner aboard the Fiep, docked in Dordrecht.

Day 11, Mar 29: Dordrecht-Gouda

- Morning departure to Gouda. From Ouderkerk you may hop on bikes to Gouda. But you can also enjoy the scenery while cruising on the Fiep.

- Lunch aboard the Fiep.

- Afternoon visit to Gouda's Market square, where farmers from the area still trade their cheeses during the weekly Thursday market from April through August. A guide shows you around the 123 majestic meters long Saint Jan's church with its 72 stained glass windows, depicting many biblical and historical scenes.

-Dinner in Gouda on your own.





Day 12, Mar 30: Gouda-Uithoorn

- Morning bus departure to the medieval university town of Utrecht, which you'll explore on foot.

The heart of the old center is the cathedral's bell tower, forever separated from the main body of the church in 1674 by a raging tornado. The many street, café, and church organs in the nearby museum "van Speelklok tot Pierement" will raise your spirits with their lively tones.

- Lunch on your own in this food lover's paradise.
- Afternoon tour of a cheese farm for a visit and cheese tasting.
- Dinner aboard the Fiep, which will be meeting you in the town of Uithoorn.

Day 13, Mar 31: Uithoorn-Amsterdam

- After an early small breakfast, a bus takes you to the world's biggest flower auction in the town of Aalsmeer. Here, in the wee morning hours of every workday, millions of flowers are auctioned off and immediately afterwards sent off to all parts of the world.

- Afternoon departure to Amsterdam.
- Visit to THIS IS HOLLAND, an experience unlike any other, allowing you to feel like you are flying through the countryside, using modern technology to give you the sensations of being there.
- Dinner aboard the Fiep.

Day 14, Apr 1: Amsterdam

- Free day in Amsterdam to explore at your leisure.

The Van Gogh museum and the Stedelijk Museum (specializing in contemporary art) are wonderful choices, but the city has plenty to offer. Your guide will have tips and suggestions to help you plan your day.

- Farewell dinner aboard the Fiep.

Day 15, Apr 2: Amsterdam

- Breakfast aboard the Fiep before departing.
- End of tour.

