

# Holland and Belgium

With Garden Time  
September 7-16, 2022

Join **Garden Time** hosts Judy Alleruzzo and Ryan Seely for a garden journey to Holland and Belgium! Visit some of Europe's oldest botanic gardens, farms and the Aalsmeer Flower Auction. You'll also attend the legendary **Floriade Garden Expo** in Amsterdam.

Enjoy scenic walks through the lovely Dutch countryside. Celebrate the lives of the Dutch Masters with private museum guides. Delve into Dutch history, taste delicious local cuisine and be treated to gardens bursting with color. This intimate small-group garden adventure ensures an enriching travel experience for curious and like-minded travelers who wish to experience the gardens, art, food and history of Holland and Belgium—all at a leisurely, relaxing pace.

## **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

3 Nights Amsterdam

3 Nights Ghent

3 Nights The Hague



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## JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

The Floriade Garden Expo ❖ The Aalsmeer Flower Auction ❖ The Japanese gardens of the Hague ❖ Visits to working farms ❖ Guided visits to the great museums of Holland ❖ Visiting a Delftware factory where the delicate blue and white pottery is made ❖ Kinderdijk, the UNESCO World Heritage site of windmills ❖ Learning how the Dutch have successfully pushed back the sea ❖ Enjoying locally crafted beer, chocolate, mussels and cheese in Holland and Belgium ❖ Traveling with like-minded friends who share your passion for gardening, culture, history and food.

## IT'S INCLUDED

- Hosted by Garden Time hosts Judy Alleruzzo and Ryan Seely
- Guided by an Earthbound Expeditions expert guide
- Nine nights of accommodation in superior 3 and 4 star hotels
- Multi-course dining: all breakfasts, plus 5 lunches and 3 dinners.
- Beer and cheese tastings
- Dining out in locally-loved restaurants and cafés
- Daily excursions to towns, museums, markets, castles and gardens
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers
- Activities and entrance fees for all items listed in itinerary
- Opportunities to bike and walk the many canal paths and lanes

## NOT INCLUDED

Trip insurance \* International flights \* Any items not mentioned in your custom Garden Time itinerary.

## JOURNEY DETAILS

10 Days / 9 Nights (not including air travel)  
\$4,695 per person, Double occupancy  
\$1,199 Single supplement  
Trip begins: September 7, 2022 in Amsterdam  
Trip ends: September 16, 2022 after breakfast



**SAVE UP TO \$400:** Reserve by March 1, 2022 and save \$200 | Pay your final balance by check and save \$100 | Earthbound Expeditions Alumni always save \$100

**RISK FREE GUARANTEE:** Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable until April 15, 2022.



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View Rembrandt's "The Night Watch" in Amsterdam

## *Welcome to Holland!*

### ***DAY 0: September 6 – Depart the U.S. for Amsterdam!***

Remember, you'll need to depart the U.S. no later than today.

### ***DAY 1: September 7 – Arrive in Amsterdam***

Arrive in Amsterdam and transfer to your centrally located four-star hotel. Enjoy a stroll through the old town or along the historic canals before meeting your Earthbound Expeditions guide and your Garden Time hosts for an orientation and welcome dinner.

*Sleep in the heart of Amsterdam (B, D)*

### ***DAY 2: September 8 – The Dutch Golden Age***

After breakfast, discover the hidden and historic sights of this fascinating city. Enjoy a private tour of the Rijksmuseum and see Rembrandt's famous *Night Watch*. History and art lovers may wish to visit the Van Gogh museum, Anne Frank house or the Hortus Botanicus independently. There will be free time this afternoon to pursue your interests.

*Sleep in the heart of Amsterdam (B, D)*

### ***DAY 3: September 9 – Flower Auction and Floriworld***

The Aalsmeer Flower Auction is the largest in the world. An amazing twenty million flowers from all over the world are sold daily here. This morning you'll tour the facilities and see where the auction takes place. After, we'll have an interactive experience with flowers and plants at Floriworld. Return to Amsterdam in the late afternoon. *Sleep in the heart of Amsterdam (B, D)*





“I dream of painting and then I paint my dream.”  
Vincent van Gogh

***DAY 4: September 10 - Antwerp, Belgium and on to historic Ghent***

Antwerp is a port city on Belgium’s River Scheldt, with history dating to the Middle Ages. In its center, the centuries-old Diamond District houses thousands of diamond traders, cutters and polishers. Antwerp’s Flemish Renaissance architecture is typified by the Grote Markt, a central square in the old town. At the 17th-century Rubens House, period rooms display works by the Flemish Baroque painter Peter Paul Rubens. *Sleep in charming Ghent (B)*

***DAY 5: September 11- A day in Ghent!***

The city of Ghent lies between Brussels and city of Bruges. It is often overlooked by travelers who choose to visit its more famous neighbors and thus, it has a more authentic feel. It is a prominent cultural hub and a major university town with thousands of students giving it a very lively and cheerful vibe.

After enjoying a traditional Belgian lunch together, we set out to explore the University Botanical Garden. More than 10,000 different plant species in the tropical and subtropical greenhouses of the University Botanical Garden are in bloom and appealing to all. Discover special plants, learn more about plants and their relationship with humans or simply enjoy a leisurely stroll in a beautiful setting. *Sleep in charming Ghent (B, L)*



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***DAY 6: September 12- An outing to Stunning Bruges***

Charming Bruges is the perfect, pocket-sized medieval city. Laced with canals, it was at one time, a great North European trading port. The magnificently detailed paintings of its artists, such as Jan van Eyck and Hans Memling, record its wealth in clothing, jewelry and ornament. Then it fell rapidly into decline and slept until rediscovered and restored to glory in the 19th century. Today, the city of Bruges is a vibrant cultural hub.

Enjoy a guided visit of this perfectly preserved medieval gem, a bucket of mussels and a good Belgian beer (and chocolate) before making our way back to Ghent in the afternoon.  
*Sleep in charming Ghent (B, L)*

***Day 7: September 13 - Kinderdijk and Gouda***

In the beautiful wetlands around Dordrecht, you will find the windmills of Kinderdijk. Nineteen beautiful windmills, built around 1740, stand here as part of a larger water management system to prevent floods. Today, they symbolize Dutch water management, and in 1997 they were declared to be UNESCO World Heritage.

After touring the windmills, we visit the town of Gouda! The birthplace of the Netherlands' most delicious food exports - Gouda cheese and stroopwafels - Gouda is a tasty discovery. But there's more than the legendary Gouda cheese market to put on your city itinerary. *Sleep in The Hague (B, L)*



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**Day 8: September 14 – Botanical Gardens of Leiden & the Hague:** Today we set off to explore the charming city of Leiden. Enjoy a guided tour of the city center. It's known for its centuries-old architecture and for Leiden University. The university also houses the Hortus botanicus of Leiden, founded in 1590, where the tulip was introduced to Western Europe. One of the Europe's first botanic gardens, now part of the University of Leiden. It is small and beautifully kept. There is also a Japanese garden named after

the scientist Von Siebold who carried out botanical research in Japan during the 19th century. Part of the botanical garden is a historical reconstruction of the very first version of Leiden university botanical garden. There is also a systematic garden named after the Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus.

In the afternoon we return to the Hague in order to enjoy an exclusive tour of the Mauritshuis Museum, where you will view the best of Dutch painting from the Golden Age. The compact, yet world-renowned collection is situated in the heart of The Hague, right next to the government center. Masterpieces such as Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring*; *The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp* by Rembrandt; *The Goldfinch* by Fabritius and *The Bull* by Potter are on permanent display in the intimate rooms of this 17<sup>th</sup> century monument. We then set out to discover the Japanese garden created in the early 1900's by its then-owner Baroness van Brienen on our next stop. She traveled several times to Japan and the Orient and brought back authentic items such as sculptures, water bridges, lanterns, a pavilion, plants and cherry blossom trees. *Sleep in The Hague (B, L)*



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***Day 9: September 15 - Visit the Floriade Garden Expo!***

Holland's once-in-a-decade World's Fair of Horticulture will be held in 2022! And we have managed to reserve tickets, just for you! Set across a vast, 150-acre site, more than 300 eco-homes have been built as part of the show, with plans for the area to be turned into a green residential neighborhood of 660 homes once it's finished. The theme in 2022? Building, creating and designing the green city of the future.

This evening we return to The Hague and toast to our marvelous adventure! *Sleep in The Hague (B, L)*

**DAY 10: September 16 - Homeward Bound**

After breakfast, transfer to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport for your flights home or enjoy some more time in Europe. Cities such as Paris and London are just a few hours away by high-speed train. Return home with a lifetime of happy memories!

## RESERVATIONS & QUESTIONS

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*Cape Town and is assisting families and projects in Cambodia and the USA.*

### **Environmental Commitment**

Earthbound Expeditions is proud to partner with the Carbonfund and makes annual donations so as to help offset a guest's carbon footprint.



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# Meet Your Hosts!



**Judy Alleruzzo** (Pictured with Ryan Seely) is the Co-Host of the *Garden Time* TV show which is in its 16th season! She also works for Al's Garden & Home as the perennial plant buyer and the houseplant buyer.

Over 20 years ago, Judy arrived in Oregon to visit friends in Canby on a glorious April day. She remembers it as a spectacular sunny day and "Everything was in bloom." Having lived in Chicago all her life, she was awed by the colorful landscape in the month of April. Of course, the Oregon weather turned back to its true self of cool and rainy weather, but she was smitten. She returned to Chicago, packed up and returned by September.

Needing a job, she walked into Al's, then called, Al's Fruit & Shrub, and was lucky there was a job opening for a cashier. Working for what was a small company at the time, Judy was excited to learn many different jobs including stocking, planning and buying in perennials for the retail stores. Judy has an Ornamental Horticulture degree but never worked at a garden center before beginning her job at Al's. It has been a busy and rewarding job, as Al's has grown to 4 retail stores and doubled their growing facility.

Over 10 years ago, she said yes to becoming the houseplant buyer. It was a challenging job to learn and remember a whole other palette of plants. Many years ago, Judy worked for a plant rental company in Chicago during the indoor plant mania of the 80's. She is now in the middle of another indoor plant trend and not only helps to take care of the plants, but orders in tropical plants grown in Oregon, Washington, California, Hawaii and British Columbia. These days her work week is touring each store to check out the perennial and houseplant departments and meeting with the Al's Perennial Head Grower to help with the retail store's availability.

Filming *Garden Time* each week is an adventure. It allows Judy even more opportunities to learn about all kinds of plants, meet local gardeners, tour gardens around the area and overseas, visit plant festivals and learn new gardening tips.

She says it's amazing to be exposed to the depth of the horticulture and agriculture industry in the Northwest. Judy enjoys meeting the people she interviews and the people that watch the show. "Our viewers are such nice people and loyal fans of *Garden Time* and our sponsors."

Judy's two careers of talking about plants on *Garden Time* and buying and caring for them at Al's Garden & Home is a great match as she loves all kinds of plants. She is always happy to meet that next gardener or grow that new plant!



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**Ryan Seely** is the co-host of *Garden Time* and excited to join us on this trip. As a 6<sup>th</sup> generation native Oregonian, he grew up in Wilsonville, and graduated from Oregon State University (go Beavs!) with a Bachelor of Science in business. Immediately following graduation, he joined with two other partners to establish a local retail garden center in the Wilsonville and North Plains locations. After fourteen years, he transitioned to the wholesale side of the garden industry and is currently the Sales Manager at Little Prince of Oregon in Aurora.

As a child, he was always drawn to farming and gardening, choosing to work out in the three acre family garden or playing in his grandfather's onion farm in Salem. After graduating from Oregon State, he furthered his plant education by taking several horticulture classes at Clackamas Community College, and has remained active in the gardening community by attending local gardening events, conferences, and trade shows. He particularly enjoys the new and emerging trends in the gardening industry.



**Jeff Gustin** is the president of Gustin Creative Group and the producer and owner of *Garden Time*. He has been in the broadcasting industry over 30 years as a photographer, editor, writer, producer and director. He spent most of that time at KPTV in Portland, Oregon where he helped produce numerous specials including *The Rose Festival Airshow*, *The Oregon Coast Aquarium*, and the Portland Art Museum *Oregon Trail* specials. He also worked on the *Good Day Oregon* show, the *In the Garden* show and started *Good Day Lifestyles*. In 2005, he left the station and started Gustin Creative Group. The *Garden Time* show is just one of the many parts of GCG. In addition to the show, GCG produces commercials, corporate videos and other projects.

**Therese Gustin** is the business manager of Gustin Creative Group. She has a degree in Horticulture from Univ. of Illinois, which helps when we need some fact checking on the *Garden Time* TV show. She has been the guiding hand on the business side of GCG. Her previous management expertise keeps the company moving in the right direction. She is also a mean continuity director and assistant on field productions and has become a legend as a fill-in talent person and hand model. When not working in the field she is also organizing our 'Gardenpalooza' and 'Subaru Garden Dayz' events in addition to editing the *Garden Time* on-line magazine.



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## *Know Before You Go!*

All guests will be required to present proof of full vaccination against the Covid-19 virus at least two weeks (four weeks for the Johnson and Johnson vaccine) before departure in order to travel on an Earthbound Expedition.

### **Physical and Medical Requirements:**

In addition, in order to make the most of your custom journey and join all included activities, you should be able to walk at a moderate pace, independently, for one to three miles, often over uneven cobblestones. You should also feel comfortable standing for an extended period of time during walking or museum tours or visits to other sights. Naturally, you may always choose to bow out of an activity and enjoy the sites while sipping a tea or coffee in a café. You can also hire a taxi, pedicab or horse-drawn carriage at your own expense to get you to the next attraction. Remember, you'll also need to be able to maneuver your luggage through the airport. Some museums may not have an elevator, so you'll need to climb a few stairs in order to participate.

**Dress:** In general, we suggest “casually smart” dress and a good pair of walking shoes. You may leave your formal attire and please, leave your treasured family jewels at home. You may also wish to check the average monthly temperatures for your destination before you go.

**Travel Insurance:** Earthbound Expeditions strongly encourages the purchase of travel insurance coverage. We include information on trip insurance in your deposit information.

**Concerts and Events:** If a planned concert or event is cancelled for any reason, another concert or event will be included in its place. This is not cause for refund. Concerts and events are subject to change.

**Hosted Journeys:** The inability of a host to participate in a tour is not grounds for a full or partial refund.

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**About Earthbound Expeditions:** Founded by veteran guides, Matthew and Danna Brumley in 1997, Earthbound Expeditions has over 100 years of combined experience. Our savvy team is frequently out in the field, meeting guests and looking for new and exciting activities and destinations. We look forward to traveling with you!



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