

# Best of Holland

7 Days | 1 Country | 9 Meals | Balanced Activity

Delight in the best of the Netherlands on this in-depth exploration. Visit Delft and Volendam to learn about regional traditions. You'll see the works of great masters at the Rijksmuseum and soak up some of that characteristic gezellig spirit with a family on their farm.





**Day 1 Welcome to Amsterdam** What better place to start your jaunt through the Netherlands than Amsterdam? Spend your day strolling through its pretty streets beside tree-lined canals, stopping to enjoy coffee and speculaas along the way. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening on a scenic canal cruise, including a light meal and welcome drinks, admiring the centuries-old gabled façades of canal houses. **(D)**  
**Hotel: Bilderberg Garden**

**Day 2 Explore Amsterdam's Art and Architecture** Delve into the Dutch Golden Age and its extraordinary art, architecture and history. Enjoy a Small Group Sightseeing tour of the Rijksmuseum, featuring the works of great Dutch masters, including Rembrandt's 'The Night Watch'. Spend the rest of the day exploring the city your way. Visit the floating flower market or stroll along the canals to admire Amsterdam's pretty gabled façades. This evening perhaps join an Optional Experience to enjoy a meal in the Dutch countryside. **(B)**

**Day 3 Journey to Aalsmeer/Keukenhof, The Hague and Rotterdam** We rise with the birds this morning to visit Aalsmeer and its vibrant flower auction, filled with the vividly-hued blooms for which Holland is so famous. Alternatively, during the flowering season (late March until mid-May), we'll enjoy an included visit to the tulip gardens of Keukenhof. The mesmerizing sight of millions of flowering bulbs planted across 32 hectares will leave you awestruck. This afternoon, we travel via The Hague to the historic town of Delft and **Dive Into Culture** at the Royal Delft Pottery workshop where we'll gain insights into the production of this delicate hand-painted blue and white porcelain. We continue to edgy Rotterdam, which was rebuilt from the ground up after being destroyed during World War II. Your orientation tour will reveal an innovative city with architectural treasures worth capturing on camera and a vibrant multicultural scene around every turn. **(B, D)** **Hotel: Bilderberg Parkhotel**

**Day 4 Onwards to Arnhem and Oosterbeek** Enjoy a morning at leisure, or perhaps consider joining an Optional Experience to visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed village of Kinderdijk, famous for its 19 monumental windmills. Later we travel east to Arnhem to see the John Frost Bridge, so named as a tribute to the commander of the British forces that held the bridge for four days with a mere 750 soldiers, during the World War II Battle of Arnhem. Learn about this famous battle, inspiration behind the film 'A Bridge Too Far', on an included visit to the Airborne Museum at Oosterbeek. You will have time to explore Oosterbeek at your own pace as it's our home for the night. **(B)** **Hotel: De Bilderberg**

**Day 5 Off to Stunning Zwolle and Groningen** Today we head north to the beautiful Hanseatic city of Zwolle, where we'll join our **Local Specialist** for a walking tour through its historic center. Later we continue to Groningen, where the rich history and peculiar dialect will certainly be a highlight for culture and history buffs alike. **Dive Into Culture** and explore this university city the way the locals do on a guided walk with a **Local Specialist** along its medieval canals and streets. **(B)**  
**Hotel: Leonardo Groningen**

**Day 6 Venture to Volendam and Return to Amsterdam** Embark on a beautiful drive through Friesland en route to Volendam, a former fishing port on the edge of IJsselmeer. **Dive Into Culture** and learn about the craft of wooden clog making and Dutch cheese. Then meet Tom, miller of Katwoude, for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Visit the mill and learn about the important role the mill plays in managing rising water levels. This evening, enjoy a celebratory **Be My Guest Farewell Dinner** with the Pauw family as you connect with locals over a traditional Dutch meal. **(B, D)** **Hotel: Mercure City**



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*Visit a mill in Katwoude and learn about the important role the mill plays in managing rising water levels.*

**Day 7 Farewell Amsterdam** For now we say a fond tot ziens to Amsterdam and our newfound friends, closing the door on a memorable Dutch experience. Find out more about available airport transfers at [trafalgar.com/freetransfers](https://trafalgar.com/freetransfers). **(B)**

## Find your tour

### Departure months

Mar - Sep

### Special Events & Dates

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## Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore** the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Zwolle and Groningen with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Amsterdam and Rotterdam

**Visit** Aalsmeer or Keukenhof (when open), Royal Delft Pottery, the Airborne Museum in Arnhem and a cheese and clog factory in Volendam

**View** the John Frost Bridge in Arnhem

**Tickets** for Keukenhof Tulip Bulb gardens are included during the flowering season (end of March until mid-May)

**Be My Guest** dine with the Pauw family on their Dairy Farm, savoring local cheeses



*"The tour, tour guides, the friends I made were all amazing. The country, food and sea of tulips were beautiful."*

- Jeanine Boyll

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As rated by Past Guests

Included meals: Breakfast **(B)** Lunch **(L)** Dinner **(D)**

Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Trip code: EBHO



# Best of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg

10 Days | 3 Countries | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

Experience all the highlights of the Low Countries on this Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg trip. Buzzy capitals, quaint merchant towns and lush countryside are the backdrop to the fascinating stories of these tiny nations.



- Key
- Start
  - End
  - ① Overnight
  - Optional
  - Sightseeing



**Day 1 Arrive Brussels** Launch your vacation in Brussels. Later, you'll meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner. **(D) Hotel: Martin's**

**Day 2 Brussels Your Way** Today, your Travel Director will take you on an orientation of Brussels, see the Atomium, Mannekin Pis and the exquisite Grand Place. After, explore the capital as you wish. Stroll past the Royal Palace and through the leafy lanes of Brussels Park or indulge in chocolate tasting. Your Travel Director will assist you to make the most out of your remaining day at leisure. **(B)**

**Day 3 Continue to Ghent and Bruges** Delve into centuries of trade heritage in the medieval port city of Ghent. See the three famous towers - Saint Nicholas Church, the Belfry and Saint Bavo's Cathedral - before continuing to Bruges. Consider joining a Ypres Excursion and Last Post Ceremony. Travel with your **Local Specialist** to the historic town of Ypres, a 'city of peace' known for its involvement in World War I. Visit two well-known cemeteries and attend the famous Last Post Ceremony, which commemorates the fallen of the British Army and her allies on the surrounding Flanders Fields. You'll also have the chance to visit Ypres' lovely market square and take in the atmosphere of this unique location. **(B) Hotel: De' Medici**

**Day 4 Uncover the Treasures of Bruges** Wake up in beautiful Bruges and join a **Local Specialist** for a walking tour of the town. Take to the water and enjoy a whimsical sightseeing cruise along the city's wonderful canals lined with Gothic façades. **Dive Into Culture** next and admire the delicate art of Belgian lace. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. **(B, D)**



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*Taste acclaimed Orval Trappist beer, renowned for its fruity flavors. Brewed in the monastic tradition, it has been produced respecting the natural environment, using low power energy and with minimal waste.*

**Day 5 Journey to Luxembourg** En route to the Duchy of Luxembourg, we stop in Dinant, a picturesque town set on the banks of the Meuse River, protected by a rocky cliff. Dinant is also known for being the birthplace of Adolphe Sax, the inventor of the saxophone. This afternoon, we visit Orval Abbey renowned for its monastic heritage, Medieval buildings of yellow ochre stone. Get a taste of their sustainable Trappist beer, a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. **(B, D) Hotel: Parc Alvisse**

**Day 6 See the Sights of Luxembourg City** This morning, we pay tribute to Allied Forces hero, General George S. Patton, whose final resting place is the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial. Later, we embark on a leisurely walking tour of Luxembourg City with a **Local Specialist**. Our route takes us past the Cathedral and the Grand Ducal Palace, with its Flemish Renaissance façades, and includes spectacular views of the gorge of the rivers Alzette and Petrusse. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. **(B)**

**Day 7 Onwards to Bastogne, Maastricht and Amsterdam** Continue on to Bastogne, the site of bloody skirmishes in the World War II Battle of the Bulge. Next the fortified city of Maastricht takes center stage, we spend some time strolling through its town center before journeying to the magical city of Amsterdam. **(B) Hotel: Apollo Amsterdam, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel**

**Day 8 Explore Amazing Amsterdam** Explore Amsterdam's historic city center this morning. **Dive Into Culture** and as you join a Small Group Sightseeing tour of the Rijksmuseum with a **Local Specialist**. Celebrate spring and enjoy an included visit to Keukenhof (subject to season) where you'll stroll through an enchanting wonderland of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths. **(B)**

**Day 9 Discover Delft and Rotterdam** Soak up the *gezellig* Dutch atmosphere this morning, before heading to Delft via The Hague. We **Dive Into Culture** during a visit to the Royal Delft Pottery workshop and admire the delicate blue and white porcelain that has made this historic town famous. We continue our journey south, arriving in the edgy port city of Rotterdam, where we will enjoy an informative orientation tour. Tonight, we join together for a **Be My Guest** Farewell dinner. **(B, D)**

**Day 10 Depart Amsterdam** We bid Amsterdam a fond farewell this morning as we prepare to close the curtain on a memorable vacation. Find out more about your free airport transfer at [trafalgar.com/freetransfers](https://trafalgar.com/freetransfers). **(B)**

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**Discover** Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Maastricht, Ghent and Brussels

**Visit** General George Patton's Grave in Luxembourg City, Orval Abbey, Dinant and a lace making workshop in Bruges

**View** The American Memorial at Bastogne

**Scenic Cruise** on the canals of Amsterdam and Bruges

**Be My Guest** Dine with the Pauw family on their dairy farm savoring local cheeses



*"What stood out for us were the fellow travelers that we were fortunate enough to meet along the way. The common desire to explore made this trip."*

- Nick Riloff

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