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# Netherlands Special

## 7-Day, 6-Night Journey Amsterdam

Embark on this meticulously crafted tour of the Netherlands. Visit Amsterdam's major attractions and enjoy a delightful canal cruise. Our stress-free tour uses Amsterdam as our base. You'll visit several different regions of the Netherlands, as well as the city of Bruges in Belgium's Flemish region. Explore old windmills, picturesque canals, great museums, and colorful gardens. See authentic local handicrafts, and enjoy delicious local cheese and cuisine on this memorable journey.



Amsterdam Canal



Boats & Houses in Volendam



Railway Station, Amsterdam



Traditional Dutch houses



Windmills in Zaanse Schans



Lighthouse, Marken Island

| Inclusions   | Exclusions                 |
|--|----------------------------|
| <ul> <li>Hotel Accommodations</li> </ul>                 | ► International Air Fare   |
| <ul> <li>Daily Breakfast &amp; Selected Meals</li> </ul> | ► Government Tourism Fee   |
| (See tour plan for details)                              | ► Travel Insurance         |
| ► English-speaking guide                                 | ► Medical Expenses         |
| <ul> <li>Private Airport Transfers</li> </ul>            | ► Visa Fee (if applicable) |
|  | ► Gratuities               |
|  | ► Personal Expenses        |

### Nearby Airport

Amsterdam – Schiphol Airport (AMS)

# Itinerary

#### 6 NIGHTS IN AMSTERDAM

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE AMSTERDAM

Arrive at Schipol Airport and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free. [Meals: None]



#### DAY 2: AMSTERDAM WALKING TOUR

Explore Amsterdam on your morning tour (group, 2.5 hours @11am). Go past the Oude Kerk (Old Church), Royal Palace,

and Dam Square. Explore the canals of Amsterdam. Visit Westerkerk, a historic Reformed church in Amsterdam, renowned for its stunning Dutch Renaissance architecture and its iconic bell tower. [Meals: Breakfast]

### DAY 3: ZAANSE SCHANS, VOLENDAM, AND MARKEN DAY TRIP

Today's **Zaanse Schans, Volendam**, and **Marken** Day Trip (group, 6 hours, @9:15am) showcases three charming villages and offers a glimpse into traditional Dutch culture and lifestyle. You'll encounter the famous windmills and learn about traditional Dutch crafts. Discover the historic village of **Zaanse Schans** which showcases the industrial heritage of the Netherlands. You'll see the iconic windmills which provide the power for sawing wood, grinding spices, and producing oil.

Taste traditionally-made Dutch cheese and admire the colorful wooden houses and boats. Stop at the island community of **Marken** to explore its narrow streets and alleys, and visit the wooden clog workshop. Explore the charming fishing village of **Volendam**. [Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 4: BRUGES DAY TOUR

After breakfast, you will start the Bruges tour (group, 12 hours @8:30am). A day trip to the city of **Bruges** (UNESCO World Heritage site) which is one of the best preserved medieval towns in Belgium's Flemish region. Admire the picturesque Dutch and Belgian countryside during your trip. Learn about the rich history and

culture of Bruges from your guide. Enjoy plenty of free time to explore the historic churches (like the brick tower of the Church of Our Lady), canals, and shops of Bruges on your own. Don't forget to sample some famous Belgian beer and chocolate, and browse the lace shops!

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 5: THE HAGUE, DELFT AND ROTTERDAM EXCUSION

Explore three of the Netherlands' most interesting cities (**Rotterdam, Delft,** and **the Hague**) on a guided group tour (group, 10 hours @9:30am).

**Rotterdam**: This is a modern and dynamic city that is known for its architecture and great commercial harbor. Enjoy the impressive skyline and the various ports of Rotterdam on a guided river cruise. **Delft**: This is historic town is famous for its blue pottery (Delftware) and its connection to the Dutch royal family.

**Hague**: This is the seat of the Dutch government and the residence of the royal family. You can marvel at government buildings such as the Binnenhof, the Peace Palace, and the International Court of Justice. Visit Madurodam miniature park.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 6: AMSTERDAM

Free day. [Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 7: END OF TOUR

After breakfast, transfer to Schipol Airport (AMS) for your flight home to the USA or Canada.

[Meals: Breakfast]

\*Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.

\*The duration and start time of excursions are subject to change without prior notice.