

TRAVEL STYLE

At Leisure



AMSTERDAM EXPLORER

6 days - 1 country

Code: AMEX

FROM **US\$1375** PP*
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

With the buzz of a big city and charm of a little village, let Amsterdam's tree-lined canals captivate you. Wander through the city's labyrinthine streets, the smell of pancakes and spicy 'speculaas' coffee linger as you dodge the swarm of bicycles that pound the city's cobblestone roads. You'll also delve into Dutch WWII history and visit Gouda's traditional cheese market.



YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE



5 nights
Hotel accommodation



8 meals
5 hot buffet breakfast
3 dinners



On-trip transport
All transport shown
All transfers shown

YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Visit a working Dutch Windmill and see the inner workings of the machinery responsible for helping to reclaim the Netherlands from the sea. Visit the Delft Pottery factory for a look at the creation of this renowned, hand painted, porcelain. A Dutch dining experience at a cheese farm where you will also gain an insight into the making of traditional wooden clogs

SMALL GROUP SIGHTSEEING

In Amsterdam, enjoy a guided visit to the Rijksmuseum with a group size of no more than 25 guests

HIDDEN TREASURE

Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure



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YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City orientation in Amsterdam ▶ The Hague ▶ Rotterdam

Visit the Rijksmuseum ▶ Corrie ten Boom House and Museum in Haarlem ▶ Volendam ▶ Zaanse Schans ▶ The Hague ▶ Delft ▶ Kinderdijk ▶ Gouda

Scenic canal cruise in Amsterdam

Tickets for Keukenhof Tulip Bulb fields are included during the flowering season as an alternative to Gouda (April until mid-May)

WHY ARE WE THE BEST?

Read honest and unedited reviews from our guests at: www.trafalgarc.com/reviews

ITINERARY

1 Arrive Amsterdam (5 Nights)

Welcome to the vibrant and friendly city of Amsterdam where you will find more canals than in Venice. This evening enjoy a Welcome Reception and light meal on a relaxing city cruise along picturesque canals and under stone bridges - the perfect introduction to the city. **(WR)**
Hotel: Wyndham Apollo

2 Amsterdam Sightseeing including the Rijksmuseum

Enjoy a city orientation of Amsterdam with its 17th century architecture this morning. See the Mint Tower and the floating flower market and drive across Dam Square. Stop at the Rijksmuseum where you will see some of the Dutch masterpieces including Rembrandt's 'Night Watch' during a **Small Group Sightseeing** tour. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the city. This evening consider a typical Dutch meal in a local restaurant. **(BB)**

3 Amsterdam ▶ Excursion to Haarlem, Volendam and Zaanse Schans

This morning visit the Corrie ten Boom House and Museum in Haarlem with a **Local Specialist**. Corrie ten Boom was a Christian who along with her family helped many Jews escape the Nazi Holocaust during World War II. She was imprisoned for her actions and later wrote a famous book, 'The Hiding Place'. Later enjoy an excursion to a typical Dutch fishing village. Sample some famous Dutch cheeses during a visit to a windmill to discover the inner workings. Find out about the Zuider Zee and land reclamation from the sea. This evening meet some of our local friends on a farm and enjoy a meal of Dutch delicacies. **(BB, RM)**

4 Amsterdam ▶ Excursion to The Hague, Delft, Rotterdam and Kinderdijk

The Hague is the capital of The Netherlands where the parliament is located. Visit the city and find out a little about the International Courts of Justice. This is the judicial branch of the United Nations which also has its headquarters in the city. Enjoy a stop in Delft when you will find out a little about the famous blue pottery when you visit the factory for an included tour with a **Local Specialist**. Finally visit the world's largest port city of Rotterdam. This impressive city is best seen with an included visit to the top of the Euromast Tower. A picture perfect moment will be had when you stop to admire the view of a series of traditional windmills in Kinderdijk before returning to Amsterdam. **(BB)**

5 Amsterdam ▶ Excursion to Gouda (Keukenhof excursion included during Tulip Season as an alternative to Gouda)

Today visit a traditional Cheese Market which takes place in the medieval town of Gouda. The first mention of Gouda cheese dates from 1184 making it one of the oldest recorded cheeses still made in the world today. The cheese is named after the Dutch city of Gouda, not because it is produced in or near the city, but because it has historically been traded here. In the Middle Ages all the cheeses would be taken to the market square in Gouda to be sold. Enjoy seeing this ancient cheese tradition taking place

before you have free time to explore some of the other attractions. (Please note that during the opening of Keukenhof an excursion to see the tulip fields will be included instead of the visit to Gouda). This evening celebrate your time in Amsterdam with a delicious Farewell Dinner in the trendy city centre. **(BB, FD)**

6 Depart Amsterdam

Bid farewell to your travel companions and Travel Director this morning as your time in Amsterdam comes to an end. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

TRIP PLANNER

PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start	End	Twin Share	Start	End	Twin Share
◆ SU 26 MAR	FR 31 MAR	1450	SU 25 JUN	FR 30 JUN	1425
◆ SU 02 APR	FR 07 APR	1450	◆ SU 09 JUL	FR 14 JUL	1425
◆ SU 09 APR	FR 14 APR	1450	◆ SU 23 JUL	FR 28 JUL	1375
◆ SU 23 APR	FR 28 APR	1450	◆ SU 06 AUG	FR 11 AUG	1375
◆ SU 30 APR	FR 05 MAY	1450	◆ SU 20 AUG	FR 25 AUG	1375
◆ SU 07 MAY	FR 12 MAY	1450	◆ SU 03 SEP	FR 08 SEP	1375
◆ SU 21 MAY	FR 26 MAY	1425	◆ SU 24 SEP	FR 29 SEP	1425
◆ SU 28 MAY	FR 02 JUN	1425	◆ SU 11 JUN	FR 16 JUN	1425
◆ SU 11 JUN	FR 16 JUN	1425	◆ SU 01 OCT	FR 06 OCT	1425

Single Supplement (add to price above): **US\$480 p.p.**

Triple Discount (deduct from price above): **US\$90 p.p.**

◆ **Keukenhof:** Departures marked in the price panel will include tickets to the magnificent Keukenhof tulip fields instead of a visit to Gouda.

+ MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

Shared Rooming: Guaranteed Room Share is not available on this trip.

Airport Transfers: On arrival at Amsterdam Airport transfers will operate at 9am, 11.30am and 2.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Amsterdam Airport at 8am and 10am.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, US\$36 per person.

WiFi: See page 254 for details.

Book early for great savings - see pages 32-33. Extra nights' accommodation page 250.

* All prices are per person, twin share.

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A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.
(20th-century American legal scholar and judge from 1902 to 1932)

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 Insider Experience	BB Buffet Breakfast	RM Regional Meal	DW Dinner with Wine
WR Welcome Reception	FB Full Breakfast	BG Be My Guest Dining	FD Farewell Dinner
 Free time	L Lunch	D Dinner	