

# Horticultural Heaven

 **Rotary**  
Botanical Gardens



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Netherlands Tour • April 10 - 17, 2012

Join Mark Dwyer, Director of Horticulture, and  
Kelli Cameron, Executive Director, on this once in a lifetime  
opportunity to see the greatest horticultural sights of the Netherlands.



*Keukenhof Gardens*



## ***Tour Itinerary—April 10-17, 2012***

### ***April 10***

Depart Janesville midday for Chicago O'Hare, board overnight flight to Amsterdam.

### ***April 11 — Amsterdam & Hortus Botanicus***

Welcome to Amsterdam! A local coach and guide are provided for our transfer from the airport to our hotel with a panoramic tour en route. Amsterdam is often referred to as one of the most colorful cities in the world. And rightly so! With its beautiful tree lined canals, world famous museums, 17th century townhouses, infamous coffee shops and flower markets, there is something for everyone. You can't fail to fall for Amsterdam's relaxed charm. Lunch is arranged in a traditional local restaurant. This afternoon we visit Hortus Botanicus in Amsterdam. Overnight at the die Port van Cleve Hotel, Amsterdam.

### ***April 12 — Aalsmeer Flower Auction & Costerustuin Botanical Gardens***

This morning we visit the Aalsmeer Flower Auction, after which we head down to Costerustuin Botanical Gardens. The auction welcomes early birds, and a visit is more than worthwhile. Witnessing a flower and plant auction at close range is a fascinating experience. From the Visitor center, visitors go along a walkway through the auction complex. Take a peek in the auction rooms, and watch flowers being auctioned in front of the clock, arrangers displaying the products, and buyers working from the auction rooms. All activities are carried out under the watchful eye of the auctioneer. Marvel at the hundreds of carts of flowers below on the auction floor, ready to be auctioned or sent to the customer. Lunch is arranged in a traditional local restaurant. Next we visit the Costerustuin Botanical Gardens. As early as 1920, biology scholar Jan Costerus recognized the importance of Holland's native flora and founded Hilversum's first educational garden. In 1930, the garden was established at its current location. The Costerustuin is a botanical garden in the sense that plants are arranged not by color or flowering season, but by family, on the basis of the Eichler plant taxonomy system. Wild plants from all over Het Gooi and vicinity can be found here. Dinner by own arrangement. Overnight at the die Port van Cleve Hotel, Amsterdam.



### **April 13 — Keukenhof Gardens & Royal Delft**

Today we enjoy a full day excursion to Keukenhof and Delft. Every spring, Keukenhof is a feast for the eye, when millions of tulips and other bulb flowers are then in bloom. An overwhelming display of color in a beautiful setting covers an area of 32 hectares that incorporates elements of traditional and modern landscape gardening. Visit [www.keukenhof.nl/en/](http://www.keukenhof.nl/en/) for more information. Admission to Royal Delft. Royal Delft is the last remaining Delftware factory from the 17th century still producing entirely handmade Delftware. During your visit you will see pieces of antique Delftware as well as the chance to visit the Showroom for some souvenir shopping. Lunch by own arrangement. Dinner is arranged in a traditional local restaurant. Overnight at the die Port van Cleve Hotel, Amsterdam.

### **April 14 — Gardens of Het Loo Palace, De Tuinen van Appeltern & Eindhoven**

This morning, we meet our tour coach and tour guide and depart Amsterdam to travel south to Eindhoven. En route we stop first of all in the fortified town of Naarden. Next we visit the Gardens of Het Loo Palace. Het Loo Palace is located in the woods near Apeldoorn. From 1686 to 1975 it was the favorite summer residence of the Dutch Stadtholders and the Royal Family. Palace Het Loo has been a museum since 1984. The palace and the gardens were faithfully restored to their 17th-century grandeur. Afterwards, we head down to Appeltern Gardens en route to Eindhoven. What does De Tuinen van Appeltern have to offer? More than 200 model gardens, the largest collection of plants in the Netherlands, the National Fixed Plant Garden, lounge gardens, a vast sculpture garden, a charming plant market, the latest garden trends, and all information about products, plants, horticulturalists and designers. Continue to Eindhoven. Eindhoven combines a big city atmosphere with the characteristic features of the villages from which it sprang. Holland's first multinational company, Philips, was set up here and the world-famous Design Academy and University of Technology means that now-a-days Eindhoven enjoys a dynamic mix of professionals and young international student crowd. Lunch and dinner by own arrangement. Overnight at the Art Hotel Eindhoven.

### **April 15 — Floriade: World Horticultural Expo**

Today we enjoy a full day at Floriade. Floriade is a World Horticultural Expo staged once every ten years in the Netherlands. During the period from April until mid-October 2012, the sixth edition of Floriade will be organized in Venlo. The participating countries, businesses and horticultural companies and public and semi-public bodies present visitors to Floriade 2012 with the opportunity to enjoy the world's most exquisite and exceptional flowers, plants, trees, fruits and vegetables. But Floriade 2012 offers much more. Each day features a cultural program of music, dance, literature, theatre and visual art from all over the world. Sustainable, pioneering architectural eye catchers, as never seen before, will be shown for the first time at Floriade 2012. With countless exciting, innovative and educational attractions and activities, Floriade 2012 is a spectacular voyage of discovery. Visit [www.floriade.com](http://www.floriade.com) for more information. Various characteristic restaurants and friendly, welcoming cafes offer visitors a place to savor delicious local and international cuisine, naturally prepared with home grown ingredients. Or enjoy a picnic surrounded by flowers and trees, lounge on the banks of the water and delight in the countless shows and parades. A lunch voucher is provided. Dinner is arranged at the hotel this evening. Overnight at the Art Hotel Eindhoven.

### **April 16 — De Locht Farmstead & Utrecht**

This morning we enjoy a visit to the De Locht Farmstead and its National Asparagus and Mushroom Museum. The north of Limburg is Holland's most important region for the production of both asparagus and mushrooms. The De Locht Farmstead museum is housed in an old barn that was rebuilt in the traditional way. It shows the old and modern methods of cultivating these products. Historical, biological, economic and culinary aspects are also dealt with. Lunch is arranged in a traditional local restaurant. Afterwards we continue to Utrecht. Located in the heart of Holland, this surprising and friendly city boasts cultural and historical highlights. The city's ultimate symbol is the beautiful Dom Tower. In addition, Utrecht offers great shopping and a pleasant cafe culture. Farewell dinner is arranged at a local restaurant this evening. Overnight at the NH Utrecht.

### **April 17**

Today we depart for our return flight to Chicago where we will be picked up and transferred home.



#### **This private tour includes...**

- Round-trip airfare from Chicago to Amsterdam
- 6-nights accommodations in Four Star hotels
- Continental breakfast daily; lunch and dinner where notated
- Private coach and guide service daily
- Admissions to gardens and activities
- Round-trip airport transfers, taxes and fees
- Travel insurance

## **\$4399\***

\*Minimum of 20 participants required.  
Prices are per person, based on double occupancy; subject to change.  
Some restrictions may apply.

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April 17	Return

**WORLD  
EXPO**

# Reservation Form

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## Passenger Information

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport and attach a copy of each passport to this reservation form.

### Passenger 1)

Name as on passport \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Second person address/contact information if different

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Passenger 2)

Name as on passport \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Second person address/contact information if different

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*Double Occupancy Standard—\$4399. Price is per person, based on double occupancy and is subject to change based on a variety of factors including but not limited to hotel availability, exchange rates, tax increases and fuel surcharges. Airline baggage fees, excess luggage charges, items of a personal nature, meals not included on the itinerary, liquor and gratuities are not included. Some restriction may apply. In the event we are unable to obtain a minimum of 20 participants by October 31, 2011, the entire tour is subject to cancellation with deposits being refunded.

Payment Information— Deposit 1) \$500 per person due October 31, 2011  
Deposit 2) \$1000 per person due December 31, 2011  
Final payment will be due February 15, 2012

**Please make check payable to Travel Scope and mail with a copy of your passport and reservation form to:**

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## Terms & Conditions

### Deposit Requirements

An initial deposit of \$500 per person is required. The form of payment is check and should be made payable to Travel Scope and sent with a copy of passports and reservation form. If we reach our 20 person minimum by October 31, 2011, a second deposit of \$1000 per person, payable by check will be due by December 31, 2011. The final payment will be due by February 15, 2012 and can be made by check or credit card; a 3% surcharge will be added for credit card payments.

### Cancellation Policy

In the event we are unable to reach the 20 person minimum threshold, the entire group program cancels and deposits will be refunded.

If we reach our goal of 20, then cancellation penalties will apply:

November 1 - December 31, 2011: \$75.00 per person

January 1 - February 14, 2012: \$150.00 per person

February 15 - March 10, 2012: \$1500.00 per person

March 11 - April 10, 2012: No Refund

Please note however that should a passenger cancellation result in the overall group size dropping below 20 passengers, then additional cancellation charges may be levied over and above those quoted above.

### Single Occupancy

Pricing is based on double occupancy. The single room supplement is \$850.00, the availability of single rooms cannot be guaranteed and is dependent upon individual hotel properties and in some cases, where a large number of singles is required, it may be necessary to charge a further supplement over and above the single supplement quoted.

**Baggage**—Porterage of baggage is included based upon a maximum of one piece of standard 50 lb airline baggage per person. For the sake of passenger comfort, it is required that passengers limit baggage to one suitcase per person, plus one small carry-on.

**Gratuities**—Gratuities are not included to the motor coach driver and tour guide. These are at the participant's discretion. We suggest a guideline of \$5.00 per person per day for the guide and \$3.00 per person per day for the driver.

**Drinks Policy**—All breakfasts include juices, tea and coffee. Lunches and dinners include tea and coffee, but do not include mineral water, wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages.

**Taxes**—The prices include all European government taxes levied. In the event that additional taxes are introduced by governing bodies or existing taxes increased, these additional charges will be passed on to tour participants.

**Insurance**—Travel insurance has been included for all participants and includes: trip cancellation, trip interruption, travel delay, medical expense and baggage delay. A full list of coverage and information is available and will be included with documentation.

**Visa & Passports**—US citizens require a valid passport to enter the European Community. Entry visas are currently not required. Non US Citizens may require an entry visa and should check with the appropriate local consulate offices, allowing good time to complete the necessary paperwork prior to departing the USA.

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