UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM TRAVEL PRESENTS

FLORIADE 2022 ~ Growing Green Cities

TOUR DATE: April 18 – 26, 2022

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A visit to Floriade is a feast for the senses!

- Naturally designed green cities, a floating tree forest, fragrant flowers and scented fruit trees await you.
- Horticulturists from around the world available to offer their expertise.
- Enjoy tasting international fare and garden-grown produce.
- Hands-on exhibits to inspire personal green thumb discoveries.
- Explore 148 acres of garden-graced landscapes focused on being green and in balance with nature.
- Discover an urban arboretum steeped in nature to nurture the future.

Please join Alan Branhagen on this custom 7-night/8-day personally escorted tour.

INCLUSIONS

- 7-Nights’ Accommodations
- Daily Sightseeing
- Admissions per itinerary
- Deluxe Motorcoach
- Baggage Handling
- Custom Tour Guides
- Daily Breakfast
- Welcome Reception, Farewell Dinner

PACE

This is a moderately-active itinerary with walking one to two miles at a time. This may include climbing one or two flights of stairs, walking over uneven pavement, groomed hiking trails or cobblestones. Standing up to one hour or more may be required.

PLEASE NOTE: AIRFARE ADDITIONAL
DAY 1
Depart USA via overnight flight to Amsterdam

DAY 2
Your FLORIADE CUSTOM TOUR GUIDE will meet your group at the airport and assist with luggage as you board your deluxe motor coach. When you arrive at YOUR HOTEL, check-in and get settled in your room for the 7 night stay. In the afternoon our Tour Director will take guests on a walking tour of the city.

Amsterdam is a city of culture, art and history all elaborately intertwined. One of the best ways to explore the city is on foot, wandering along the many streets and alleys that run along the banks of the canals. Discover the historic centre beginning with Dam Square, which is bordered by the Royal Palace. Take in the fine views of the canals and gabled houses of the Canal Ring.

This evening enjoy a CANAL CRUISE aboard an authentic Amsterdam salon boat.

DAY 3
- BREAKFAST is included at your hotel.
- Your LOCAL GUIDE will meet you at your hotel.
- Tour of FLORIADE EXPO 2022.

The World Horticultural Exhibition Floriade takes place in the Netherlands every 10 years. The 2022 theme of this world-renowned showcase is “Growing Green Cities” or how to make a densely developed city greener, more fun and more sustainable, so life can be enjoyed even more! Exhibitions of 40 countries are spread over 60 hectares (120 football fields) in a bold architectural setting, in harmony with nature and the environment. Visitors can enjoy a panoramic view of the entire area by cable car. Urbanization solutions, food supplies, health and energy are focus areas with biodiversity specifically highlighted. The Arboretum, a massive display of trees, flowers and plants, is the green engine of the exhibition. Floriade 2022 is a spectacle for the senses.

DAY 4
- BREAKFAST is included at your hotel.
- Your LOCAL GUIDE will meet you at your hotel.
- Visit Hortus Botanicus Leiden and Hortus botanicus Amsterdam
- Visit to the Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh Museum

The Leiden Garden was founded in the year 1575 as a medicinal garden and the first place in the Netherlands where tulips were grown. It’s a chance to see the living history of plants. The Amsterdam Garden is one of the oldest botanical gardens in the world containing more than 4,000 plant species in the garden and greenhouses. The garden is located in the plantation district at the edge of central Amsterdam. Behind the 300-year-old gates, however, the bustle of the city seems to disappear. Enjoy the ever changing garden, greenhouses with butterflies and cacti, the monumental Palmhouse and the impressive three-Climate greenhouse.

The Rijksmuseum is especially known for its collection of paintings from the 17th century. It shows works by Dutch masters such as Rembrandt, Frans Hals, Jan Steen and Ruysdael. The most famous painting of the museum is the "Night Watch" by Rembrandt. Enjoy the Van Gogh Museum, a 5 minute walk from the Rijksmuseum, as well. It has the largest collection of Van Gogh’s work in the world.

DAY 5
- BREAKFAST is included at your hotel.
- Your LOCAL GUIDE will meet you at your hotel.
- Visit the Flower Auction of Aalsmeer.
- Visit KEUKENHOF GARDENS

At Aalsmeer see millions of flowers pass on carts that are auctioned before being shipped to all parts of the world that same day. The KEUKENHOF GARDENS are the largest and the most beautiful spring garden in the world. Visitors from all over the globe come to enjoy the splendour of over 7 million flowering bulbs. The flowers are divided over different sections of the parkland; around the lake, between the ancient trees, in the formal gardens and around a true windmill. Eight garden design ideas may inspire you to redo your home yard. Among the indoor floral displays you may see many thousands of lilies, the most impressive European orchid show, bromeliad collection, chrysanthemums, and more.
DAY 6

- BREAKFAST is included at your hotel.
- Your LOCAL GUIDE will meet you at your hotel.
- Visit Trompenburg Tuinen en Arboretum
- Visit Castle Gardens of Arcen

You will begin your day with a visit to the Trompenburg Tuinen en Arboretum, a beautiful botanical garden with a large collection of trees, shrubs, perennials and flowering bulbs. The garden is located on the edge of the center of Rotterdam in the JKralingen district. With and an area of no less than 8 hectares, it is a true discovery for peace seekers and green lovers from within and outside the city. The garden is very diverse; you will find traditional English-style gardens, but also a modern food forest in development and a desert greenhouse. There is also a rich history. The first construction took place about 200 years ago when it was still wetland; first as a private country estate, but since 1958 as a foundation to guarantee its continued existence.

Continue to Arcen. Lunch enjoyed along the way. This afternoon, you’ll visit the Castle Gardens of Arcen. In the picturesque town of Arcen, nestled between the Meuse river and the German border, lies a fantastic garden complex on a 32 hectare property. Stimulate your senses, experience history, and discover a variety of unique gardens created around an historic 17th century castle.

DAY 7

- BREAKFAST is included at your hotel.
- Your LOCAL GUIDE will meet you at your hotel.
- Visit the Palace Het Loo
- Visit Kröller Müller museum

This morning, you will enjoy a visit to the Palace Het Loo, the favorite summer residence of the Royal Family of the Netherlands from 1686 to 1975. You will visit the palace, the stable houses and the garden.

Free time provided for lunch.

This afternoon, you’ll visit the Kröller Müller museum, situated in the national park Hoge Veluwe, where you can enjoy the wooded expanses, heaths and dunes. The museum houses a world famous collection of fine art, mainly from the 19th and 20th century. The main points of the museum are the extensive range works by Van Gogh and the sculpture garden.

DAY 8

- BREAKFAST is included at your hotel.
- Your LOCAL GUIDE will meet you at your hotel.
- Visit authentic villages around the IJsselmeer
- Visit the Marken Museum

The former island of Marken is today connected to the mainland via a mile long embankment. Guests will have time at leisure to explore the town and visit the wooden shoe factory to see how clogs are made. The Marken Museum is dedicated to the traditions of the former island. Continue on to Volendam. The old fishing village is known for its lovely harbour and authentic Dutch character and traditional costumes. It is also famous for smoked eel.

Return to the hotel. Enjoy a FAREWELL DINNER tonight.

DAY 9

- BREAKFAST is included at your hotel.
- Your LOCAL GUIDE will meet you at your hotel.

Depart for the AIRPORT with your fond memories of the beautiful Floriade Expo 2022 gardens.

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