



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM TRAVEL PRESENTS  
**FLORIADE & FLOWER CARPET 2022**

Tour Dates: August 10 – 18, 2022

Distinguished Host: Peter Moe, Arboretum Director

A visit to Floriade is a feast for the senses with emerald cities dressed in natural designs, a floating tree forest, fragrant flowers and scented fruit trees, expert insights by horticulturists from around the world, tastings of international fare and garden-grown produce, and hands-on exhibits for personal green thumb discoveries. Explore 148 acres of garden-graced landscapes themed with green as you discover an urban arboretum steeped in nature to nurture the future. Please join the Arb on this custom 7-night/8-day personally escorted tour.

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**INCLUSIONS**

- ~ 2-Nights' accommodation in Brussels
  - ~ 5-Nights' accommodation in Amsterdam
  - ~ Hotel portorage on arrival and departure
  - ~ Sightseeing per itinerary
  - ~ Private transport by luxury coach
  - ~ 2 bottles of water per day provided on vehicle
  - ~ Whisper audio system for each guest
  - ~ Expert Tour Director from arrival to departure
  - ~ Daily buffet breakfast, traditional Rijsttafel Dinner, Pancake Lunch
  - ~ Private one hour evening canal cruise with two glasses of wine/beer/soft drinks per person
  - ~ Gratuities for all services included except the Tour Director.
  - ~ All taxes
  - ~ 24-Hour emergency contact service within Europe
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**TOUR COST**

- ❖ Double Occupancy           \$3895 per traveler
- ❖ Single Supplement           \$1495 per traveler

Please note: All air travel not included, additional cost.



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## DAY 1

Depart USA for overnight flights to Brussels

## DAY 2

Your CUSTOM TOUR GUIDE will meet your group at the Brussels airport and accompany you to your hotel.

After checking into the hotel this afternoon, the tour guide will take guests on a walking tour of the Old Town, situated in the heart of the city centre. Explore the lovely narrow streets lined with beautiful historic buildings and end at the Grand Place which is where the famous **BRUSSELS FLOWER CARPET** has been unveiled and will remain on show until the 15<sup>th</sup> August.

## DAY 3

Today, you will be taken on a full day sightseeing tour to the beautiful city of Bruges.

En-route stop in Ghent for a short walking tour. This undiscovered Flemish jewel of a city is well worth a visit and guests will have the opportunity to visit St Bavo's Cathedral to see one of Belgium's most famous works of art – the Mystic Lamb by Van Eyck.

Continue on to Bruges with its canals, cobbled streets and medieval buildings. Once one of the biggest and richest towns in Northern Europe, this medieval city has managed to preserve its rich history and charm. The Market square is the bustling heart of the city.

## DAY 4

After breakfast this morning leave Belgium and travel to Amsterdam – the capital city of the Netherlands. Stop en-route in the Hague, home of the Dutch Royal Family and the administrative capital of the Netherlands. Guests will have a guided walking tour and a visit to the Mauritshuis Museum which holds one of the world's finest collections of paintings. Lunch is at leisure. After departing the Hague a short stop will be made at the impressive Three Sisters Windmills in Stompwijk. Lastly, visit the Botanical gardens of the University of Leiden, which were laid out in 1594 by the famous botanist Carolus Clusius and are said to be where the famous tulip was first cultivated. During the visit you have a chance to see the living history of plants. Arrive in Amsterdam by early evening. Dinner is at leisure this evening.

## DAY 5

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 center 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 morning, you will visit the Rijksmuseum, the Netherlands' greatest museum. It houses a truly remarkable collection of paintings, sculptures and objects covering 800 years of Dutch History and is home to the Dutch masters Rembrandt, Vermeer and Van Gogh.

Entrance to the Van Gogh Museum is also included today (a 5-minute walk from the Rijksmuseum). After a quick but delicious lunch at a traditional Pancake House a visit to the Hortus Botanicus Amsterdam is included this afternoon. The Hortus Botanicus Amsterdam is one of the oldest botanical gardens in the world. Today, more than 4,000 plant species grow in the garden and greenhouses. The hortus is located in the plantage district at the edge of the hectic center of 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 Tree-Climate greenhouse.

This evening enjoy a one hour private canal cruise with refreshments aboard an authentic Amsterdam salon boat.

## DAY 6

After breakfast this morning, depart for a full-day sightseeing into the province of Gelderland to discover The Hoge Veluwe National Park. On arrival in the park, visit the Kröller-Müller Museum which contains a significant collection of Van Gogh's paintings, some of which were inspired by the landscape of the park. Stroll through the sculpture gardens which include works by Rodin, Moore and Hepworth among others, and have been continually updated with new designers throughout the years. Lunch at leisure.

After lunch, a visit to Kaastel de Haar has been arranged. The Kaastel de Haar is the biggest and most luxurious castle in the Netherlands and has links to the Van Zuylen and Rothschild families. In the true style of a fairy-tale castle, it rises majestically from the stunning landscaped gardens. You will have a tour of the castle and time to explore the park and gardens which cover over 135 acres. Dinner is at leisure this evening.

## DAY 7

Today, you will enjoy a tour of **FLORIADE EXPO 2022**. The World Horticultural Exhibition Floriade takes place in the Netherlands every 10 years. In 2022, the 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 and biodiversity specifically is highlighted. The Arboretum, a massive display of trees, flowers and plants, is the green engine of the exhibition. Dinner is at leisure this evening.

## DAY 8

Today, you will enjoy a full day sightseeing tour to the authentic villages around the IJsselmeer. The first visit of the day will be to the town of Edam which holds its famous cheese market on a Wednesday morning. Continue to Volendam, the old fishing village is known for its lovely harbor and authentic Dutch character and traditional costumes. It is also famous for smoked eel and guests will have time to visit the eel smokehouse and sample some of the local delicacy.

Lunch is at leisure.

After lunch take a short boat trip to the former island of Marken. Marken is today connected to the mainland via a mile long embankment but boats still run between Marken and Volendam. Guests will have time at leisure to explore and could visit the wooden shoe factory to see how clogs are made. The Marken Museum is dedicated to the traditions of the former island.

A traditional Rijssfafel Dinner is included at a local restaurant this evening

## DAY 9

BREAKFAST is included this morning 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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