



FLORAL FLANDERS



THE GARDEN OF DE WIERSSE

EXPLORING THE GARDENS OF BELGIUM & HOLLAND WITH MARIAN ST. CLAIR MAY 8TH - MAY 18TH 2017

It is said that God created heaven and earth – except Holland. The Dutch people made that! The ingenious use of windmills, dikes and canals has created large flat and fertile areas that, for hundreds of years, have been cultivated with the most colorful flowers. This spring we explore the gardens and culture of this region.

Marian St. Clair and Discover Europe have once again joined forces to create an itinerary that highlights the gardens, the museums, and the landscape of the region in full bloom. The pace is never frantic, yet the days are pleasantly full and there are bound to be some unexpected diversions and adventures along the way.

Journeying from Arnhem in Holland to Antwerp in Belgium, we'll visit gardens both large and small - from private gardens of modern designers to the manicured parklands surrounding castles and royal palaces. We'll also spend a day among the canals and museums of medieval Bruges.

We end in Amsterdam, a city built on a network of canals with its tall, narrow brick houses reflected in the glimmering water. We plunge into the excitement of the Aalsmeer Flower Auction and have free time in the city to explore the world-famous Rijksmuseum and to pay a visit to Anne Frank's House.

This May, join Marian and other fellow garden lovers on an unforgettable journey through a country that is bursting with the color and the joy of springtime on FLORAL FLANDERS.

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED):	\$3480
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 990

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 9 nights accommodation in first-class hotels.
All hotel taxes and service charges included.
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary.
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 3 dinners.
- GUIDES:** Fully qualified Discover Europe tour guide throughout.
- EXPENSES:** Portage of one large suitcase per person.
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary.

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour.
Insurance information will be mailed to each registration
on
receipt of deposit.*



MONDAY, MAY 8TH - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

TUESDAY, MAY 9TH - Upon arrival at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport, you will be met by your tour guide and coach for the short ride to our hotel in the city of Arnhem. After checking in, there will be free time to relax and find lunch, before we visit the Castle Rosendael, a 14th century castle set in magnificently landscaped 17th and 18th century gardens, located just outside the city. A welcome dinner is included at the hotel this evening. **(D) OVERNIGHT: ARNHEM**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH - After breakfast we will head east to the garden of De Wiersse for a private tour. De Wiersse, a moated manor house, is often described as the most beautiful garden in Holland. This afternoon we visit the private garden of renowned author and planting designer, Piet Oudolf, before returning to our hotel for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: ARNHEM**

THURSDAY, MAY 11TH - Today we begin with a visit to the Royal Het Loo Palace. Originally built by Prince William III in the 17th century as a hunting lodge, the palace was a royal residence until 1975. Its extensive gardens have been restored to their former glory and the palace is a fascinating record of three centuries of royalty. This afternoon we drive the short distance to the Hoge Veluwe National Park and the superb Kroller-Muller museum and Sculpture Park. The largest in Europe, it has an extensive collection, including works by Rodin and Henry Moore, and is set in a lovely landscape garden. We return to our hotel where the rest of the day is free to explore the city and dine at a local restaurant. **(B) OVERNIGHT: ARNHEM**

FRIDAY, MAY 12TH - Leaving Arnhem, our first stop today is at de Tuinen van Appeltern, a changing exhibition of garden design with over 200 model gardens on display boasting the largest collection of plants in the Netherlands. From here we stop in Eindhoven for lunch at Garden Mania. This is a fabulous



community garden project in the middle of the city and our lunch will be provided from locally-sourced fresh ingredients. This afternoon, after free time in Eindhoven, we drive the short distance to our hotel just south of Antwerp. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. **(B, L, D) OVERNIGHT: ANTWERP**

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH - Our excursion today takes us south to the outskirts of Brussels, the capital. We begin at National Botanic



Gardens of Belgium. This is one of the largest botanical gardens in the world with an extensive collection of living plants in addition to a herbarium of over 3 million specimens. We'll stop in the center of Brussels and have free time for lunch, before continuing to the suburb of Uccle to visit the Van Buuren museum and gardens. This is a wonderful Art Deco house surrounded by 4 acres of gardens. We return to our hotel where the evening is free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: ANTWERP**

SUNDAY, MAY 14TH - We'll spend a full day today in the beautiful town of Bruges. Bruges is the capital of West Flanders and is known as the "Venice of the North," owing to the myriad canals that criss-cross the city. A morning walking tour with a local guide will introduce this wonderfully-preserved, ancient city and include a visit to the Groeninge Museum, with its world-class collection of Flemish Primitive and later Dutch Masters. The rest of the afternoon is free for individual exploration - perhaps a visit to Market Square, the Choco-Story Museum, or the De Halve Maan Brewery. We return to Antwerp where the evening is free for dinner. **(B) OVERNIGHT: ANTWERP**



MONDAY, MAY 15TH - We drive back north to Amsterdam today, passing through acres of colorful bulb fields at the peak of spring bloom. This afternoon we will visit the glorious Keukenhof Gardens, in the heart of the bulb-growing industry. We'll explore the many themed gardens and pavilions. In addition to the glorious abundance of blossom, works of art by Dutch artists are on display throughout the park. We continue to our hotel in Amsterdam where the evening is free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: AMSTERDAM**

TUESDAY, MAY 16TH - An early start this morning as we head for the Aalsmeer Flower Auction. We view the whole operation from raised galleries running across the huge hall with windows looking into each of the five auction rooms. The display of color, sound and movement is extraordinary as the flower carts need to move quickly once purchased. Returning to the city center, we take to the canals for a tour of this beautiful city, best seen from the water. Our tour will take us past the floating flower market, founded in 1862, and the only one in the world. The rest of the day and the evening will be free for individual exploration. **(B) OVERNIGHT: AMSTERDAM**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH - This morning we travel just to the east of the city to the town of Weesp. Here we visit the private garden of the renowned Dutch garden designer, Jacqueline van der Kloet. Apart from other examples of her work that we have encountered along this trip (at de Tuinen van Appeltern and Keukenhof), you may be familiar with her from her designs in the Brooklyn Botanical Garden and Battery Park. Returning to the city center, we have a final free afternoon - perhaps a visit to the fabulous Rijksmuseum near our hotel, or to Anne Frank's House. We gather this evening for a farewell dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: AMSTERDAM**

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH - Morning transport to Amsterdam Airport for returning flights to the U.S. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner



REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- i). Please type or print.
- ii). Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
- iii). Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
- iv). Complete both sides of this form.
- v). Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person. Keep the top section for your records.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:

1. PASSENGER DETAILS

- i). Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport.
- ii). Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
- iii). Passport Details. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.
- iv). Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
- v). Health Information. A fair amount of walking is involved in this trip and includes stairways. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

PASSENGER DETAILS FOR FLORAL FLANDERS (0508/GSH)

Name(s): 1. _____
 2. _____
 Address: _____

 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Telephone: (_____) _____
 Work Telephone: (_____) _____
 E-mail: _____
 Date(s) of Birth: 1. _____ 2. _____
 Passport #1 _____ Exp.Date: _____
 Passport #2 _____ Exp.Date: _____

2. EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

3. INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS.

If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost.

4. ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

- Please check the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.
- i). If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
 - ii). A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Other Comments or Notes: _____

TRIP DETAILS

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

Departure Airport or City: _____

Please return this form to:
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 95 Adams Street, Keene, NH 03431

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Instructions to aid you can be found on overleaf.
3. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
4. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
5. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., and Marian St. Clair, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
6. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities, host or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.

2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 15-20 participants. Should we end up with less than this, Discover Europe will work with Marian St. Clair to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe Ltd. reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

REFUND POLICY

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$500 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw less than 90 days and more than 60 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$2000 cancellation penalty.
3. Participants who withdraw less than 60 days prior to the day of tour departure will not receive a refund unless they have purchased travel insurance.
4. Trip cancellation insurance is not included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Discover Europe will be happy to provide information describing the services of a recommended insurance company, which will fully detail the coverages, provisions, limitations, and exclusions of the insurance offered.
5. All cancellation requests must be received in writing (either by mail or e-mail).
6. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

1. All inclusions on *Floral Flanders* are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): transatlantic airfare, travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s): 1. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (____) _____

FLIGHT INFORMATION

(Please check one)

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights : Yes No

Flight details (if self-arranged): _____

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

(Please check one)

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

I will be sharing with: _____

We would like a double twin-bedded room

PERMISSIONS

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. Yes No

SIGNATURES

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____