

## Beautiful treasures of Holland

A five-day trip to the historic heart of Holland's heritage. The history of The Netherlands, or Holland, goes centuries back. These centuries produced beautiful architecture, culture, painters, and an ongoing battle against the sea, the water that feeds and threatens us. In five days you're going to experience a trip of a lifetime, an encounter with both ancient and modern customs. Origin of trade and art dating from so long ago, yet inspiring us tomorrow.

### Day 1

Arrival at Amsterdam-Schiphol airport. Transfer to your hotel in Amsterdam, conveniently situated close to several main attractions. Lunch. In the afternoon we're going to visit the Van Gogh museum, home of the biggest collection of art, made by this famous Dutch painter between 1882 and 1890. Dinner in the heart of Amsterdam.



Sunflowers-Vincent Van Gogh



Amsterdam by night

### Day 2

After breakfast we're going for a boat trip and admire Amsterdam from the water! Water is important in Amsterdam, and that's why we have 1281 bridges, covering 165 separate canals. Next we're off to see beautiful diamonds. The Amsterdam Diamond Stock Exchange has been known worldwide for centuries. We're showing you some diamond producers. Then we're going for lunch. After lunch we enjoy observing the skills of making the world-famous wooden shoes and taste typical Dutch cheese at an old Dutch village of Zaanse Schans near Amsterdam. Here we can also see the famous Dutch windmills. A large number of ancient mills, which are still working smoothly. Dinner in Amsterdam.



Zaanse Schans

### Day 3

We did it in the 17th century, we still do it today... The Cheese Market in Alkmaar. A traditional way of selling cheese, you'll be impressed! After lunch we're going to meet the fishing population of Volendam. A small and fascinating city of fishermen with a, sometimes, tragic history goes back many generations. Transfer back to Amsterdam and dinner. Afterwards, there's time to visit the famous red-light district. Harmless, yet very exciting!



Cheese market in Alkmaar

### Day 4

Today we're going to visit Delft, a historic and beautiful city with origins back to the 10th century. Not only an important place in Holland's history (William of Orange, 'father' of our Royal Family, was killed here), but also very picturesque in all aspects. The New Church is the location of the Royal Family's tomb. After this impressive visit we're going to enjoy the coast of **Scheveningen**, one of the most well-known and enjoyable seaside places in Holland. Lunch served there. After lunch it's time to go to **Madurodam**, the smallest city in Holland, yet it accommodates palaces, airports, squares, ports... Back in Amsterdam, we enjoy our last dinner.



Delft Blue klompen



Madurodam

**Day 5**

An impressive visit comes to an end. After breakfast it's time to check out. Transfer back to Amsterdam-Schiphol airport.



Amsterdam



Schiphol airport

**Included:**

- 4 overnights in hotel\*\*\*\*
- Breakfasts, lunches, dinners
- Non-stop professional Chinese guide
- All transfers in luxurious coach (A/C, toilet, DVD, minibar)
- Entry to Van Gogh museum
- Boat trip Amsterdam
- Tour + coffee diamond factory
- Mill / wooden shoes / cheese – Zaanse Schans
- Tour of Alkmaar, Volendam, Delft, Scheveningen
- Visit to Madurodam miniature town

**Excluded:**

- travel insurance
- drinks with meals
- tips
- personal expenses