

Nationwide Netherlands

Done with Amsterdam? Discover the most beautiful sites nationwide during this six-day trip! Beyond the horizon of Amsterdam you can experience the classical Holland with the true Dutch landscape of windmills, dikes, flowers and green pastures inhabited by the famous black and white cows. High dikes surround polders where pedigree cattle graze in rich pastures and historic lifting bridges are silhouetted against the clouds just as you remember them in old Dutch paintings.

But it's not just the timeless natural beauty and the bracing air that makes Noord Holland so inviting. It is also one of Holland's most culturally rich regions, careful to preserve its long standing traditions and industries, packed with historic towns and villages, rich in museums and artifacts, and boasting outstanding architecture.

Day 1

Arrival at Amsterdam-Schiphol airport. Transfer to The Hague and check-in. After lunch visit to the smallest city in The Netherlands, Madurodam. The most detailed representation of famous Dutch buildings and landmarks. Afterwards we visit the impressive coastline of Scheveningen, where the famous beaches are open throughout the year. Transfer back to The Hague and dinner. Possibility to visit the Holland Casino Scheveningen after dinner.



Madurodam



Scheveningen Casino

Day 2

We start with an interesting guided tour in The Hague, the seat of the Dutch government, the International Court of Justice and Queen Beatrix, who resides in palace Huis Ten Bosch. Furthermore, 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. Lunch in Delft. Then we're going to check out the world's largest port - Rotterdam. We get on a luxurious modern boat in the centre of Rotterdam that takes us around that huge port.

A fascinating place to visit. Transfer back to The Hague for dinner and our last night here.



Binnenhof – The Hague



Boat trip in Rotterdam

Day 3

Early rise and shine. First the famous windmills of Kinderdijk are worth your visit. Over 30 still-working examples are located close to one another, offering a tremendous sight and proving their right to be present on the Unesco's world-heritage list. Time to make some pictures and visit a mill. Unique! En route to the southern city of Maastricht we enjoy lunch near Eindhoven, home of both Philips and the soccer team PSV. Maastricht is such a lovely place to visit, dating back to the Roman Empire. Here, the European Union (formerly the European Economic Commission, or E.E.C.) was more or less born. The ancient Vrijthof, the central square, is a great place to see. Dinner and stay near Maastricht.



Kinderdijk



Maastricht

Day 4

After breakfast we head north-east. The famous Kröller Müller museum and the Hoge Veluwe National Park will please you for hours. The museum offers a large collection of paintings by Van Gogh, Mondriaan, and Picasso. The sculpture garden covers 25 hectares and accommodates one of Europe's largest collections of sculptural art. Fascinating! After lunch it's just a short drive to Palace Het Loo in Apeldoorn, the favourite summer residence of the Stadtholders and the Royal Family of the Netherlands from 1686 to 1975. The palace with its fine interiors dating from the Stadtholder-King William III and Queen Mary II up to the reign of Queen Wilhelmina, reflects

the lifestyles of members of the family of the Dutch House of Orange-Nassau over no less than three centuries. Dinner and stay near Utrecht.



Het Loo Palace



Veluwe

Day 5

Today it's time to check out the Afsluitdijk, the dam that turned the Zuiderzee (Southern Sea) into the IJsselmeer (Lake of IJssel) in 1932 and provides a connection between the provinces North-Holland and Friesland. Close by there are many typical fishing villages, like Volendam, Urk, Hoorn and Marken. We are going to visit at least one of these remarkable places, which offer a dramatic history. Lunch offered there. We're also visiting the world-famous windmills at Zaanse Schans, an old Dutch village. Here we're also going to try the Dutch cheese and see how the klompen – wooden shoes are made. For our last dinner and stay we end the day near Amsterdam.



Afsluitdijk



Zaanse Schans

Day 6

Our final day of the Grand Tour. Transfer to Amsterdam-Schiphol airport after breakfast.

Included:

- 4 overnights in hotel****
- Breakfasts, lunches, dinners
- Non-stop professional Chinese guide
- All transfers in luxurious coach (A/C, toilet, DVD, minibar)
- Visit to Madurodam miniature town
- Tour of The Hague, Delft, Maastricht
- Boat trip Rotterdam
- Visit to Kinderdijk (UNESCO)
- Visit to Kroller Muller Museum
- Visit to Het Loo Palace
- Tour of Afsluitdijk
- Mill / wooden shoes / cheese – Zaanse Schans

Excluded:

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