



Flower Garden

NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM & PARIS

FEATURING HISTORIC BRUGES & FLORIADE 2012



THE DIFFERENCE STARTS AT YOUR DOOR

Receive complimentary roundtrip home to airport sedan service*

11 DAYS • 13 MEALS

INCLUDED FEATURES

- ✓ 9 Nights Accommodations
- ✓ 9 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners
- ✓ Floriade
- ✓ Amsterdam canal cruise
- ✓ Bruges walking tour
- ✓ Eiffel Tower dinner
- ✓ Services of a professional tour manager
- ✓ Baggage Handling from hotel to hotel

And when you purchase our airfare:

- ✓ Airport to hotel transfers

*Available on air inclusive tours. See page 105 for details.

ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES

- ★ Enjoy a **candlelight canal cruise** in Amsterdam and a walk through the red light district.
- ★ Experience the **Floriade** horticultural exhibition.

PERSONALIZE YOUR VACATION

Purchase optional activities in advance of your tour! See page 101 for some of our most popular and visit our website for a complete listing.

Book By 01/31/12 and save up to \$200 per couple on select departures!
Call 1-800-258-2732 for details.

Day 1: Overnight Flight On this special tour you will enjoy immersion in the culture of the Benelux region. Cruise the canals of Amsterdam by candlelight, stroll through the colorful displays of Keukenhof Gardens, explore historic Bruges and stroll the boulevards of Paris, France. Your journey begins with an overnight flight to Amsterdam, “Venice of the North.”

Day 2: Amsterdam, Netherlands - Tour Begins Your tour begins today in Amsterdam, the 800-year-old thriving capital of Holland. **★Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a delicious welcome dinner in a local restaurant, followed by a candlelight canal cruise.★ (D)**

Day 3: Amsterdam A comprehensive sight-seeing tour highlights Amsterdam’s historic city center, the Royal Palace, and a visit to one of Amsterdam’s famous diamond-cutting artisan workshops. Then, the vibrant colors and sweet scent of spring come alive with a visit to the world-famous Keukenhof Flower Gardens. Here you will have ample time to explore row after row of over seven million blooming flowers. (B)

Day 4: Amsterdam - Floriade - Amsterdam **★Spend the day captivated by the beauty of nature and awed by humankind’s efforts to understand it at the world-famous Floriade horticultural exhibition.★** Held just once every 10 years, Floriade is the ultimate global cultural event, featuring flora from around the world, as well as more than 300 cultural and green-tech presentations across the 165-acre park in Venlo, Netherlands. Also on display are living cultural exhibitions representing more than 30 countries from around the world. (B, D)

Day 5: Amsterdam - Brussels, Belgium After breakfast, travel to Brussels, the capital of Belgium and home of the EU Parliament.

Upon arrival in Brussels, enjoy a panoramic tour of the city including the Royal Gardens and castle, Atomium, Arch of Triumph, the Art Nouveau houses and of course, the world-famous Grand Place. The balance of your day in Brussels is free. (B)

Day 6: Brussels - Bruges - Brussels Travel to the Imperial city of Bruges. Lined with typical patrician houses, Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage site, conveys the splendor of by-gone days. **★Allow yourself to journey back into medieval times with a leisurely-paced walking tour, guided by a local resident, of one of Europe’s most perfectly preserved medieval cities.★** Then, spend time at leisure independently exploring Bruges. (B, D)

Day 7: Brussels Today is yours to explore Brussels on your own, or you may choose to join an optional excursion to the Belgian and French countryside for an artisanal afternoon visiting various local farms and food producers. (B)

Day 8: Brussels - Paris, France Today you travel through the Ardennes forest and French countryside to the “City of Lights.” Upon arrival in Paris you will have free time to relax or explore the city independently. You may also join your fellow travelers for an optional dinner and cabaret show in the city. (B)

Day 9: Paris - Giverny - Paris Your day begins with a panoramic tour of Paris. See the breathtaking architecture of the Arc de Triomphe; the Gothic cathedral of Notre Dame with its lovely rose windows dating to the 13th century; the historic Place de la Concorde and its commanding obelisk from the tomb of Ramses II in Egypt; Place Vendome; and the Champs-Élysées, the famed promenade that is known around the world for its people-watching. **★Next, Claude Monet’s famous painting “Water Lilies” comes**

★ *Enjoy the vibrant colors of the flowers of the Netherlands region.*

- ① Overnight stay*
- Visit
- Standard Tour
- *—number indicates length of stay

0 100 miles
0 100 kilometers



COLLETTE
VACATIONS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

Leisurely **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** Very Active

See page 105 for details.

YOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Day 2 - 4 Convent Hotel, Amsterdam
- Day 5 - 7 Crowne Plaza, Brussels
- Day 8 - 10 Les Jardins du Marais, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

STAY ANOTHER NIGHT

Add a pre night stay in Amsterdam or a post night stay in Paris. Prices start at \$165 per person, double.

EXPERIENCE IT!

FLORIADÉ Floriade is the World Horticultural Expo held only once every ten years in the Netherlands. "Floriade 2012" presents visitors with the opportunity to enjoy the world's most exquisite and exceptional flowers, plants, trees, fruits and vegetables in a 165-acre country setting along the German border. The daily cultural program includes musical shows, dances representing countries around the world, theatre and sustainable architectural designs that have never been seen before. Floriade is truly a pioneering event in the areas of horticulture, sustainability and cultural exchange that offer countless opportunities for visitors to learn about the world. There are various restaurants serving regional cuisines and welcoming European cafes offer visitors the chance to savor delicious local and international cuisine, naturally prepared with organic and locally grown ingredients. Afterwards, you can lounge in the green parks surrounded by flowers and trees on the banks of the water and watch the cultural parades go by. Floriade 2012 is about people from all over the world coming together and experiencing nature, and about humankind's relationship with its environment. Using the senses of sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell, you can experience first-hand the influence horticulture has on the quality of our daily lives.

to life with a visit to the artist's lovely home and palatial gardens in Giverny. ★ (B)

Day 10: Paris Today is free for you to explore Paris on your own and perhaps take an optional excursion to the world-famous Louvre Museum or Louis XIV's magnificent Palace of Versailles, or sit in a café on the Champs-Élysées and watch the world go by

Parisian-style – it's Paris your way! ★ **Cap off an incredible trip with a fabulous dinner in the world-famous Eiffel Tower. Savor delicious cuisine and sip wine while enjoying the majestic Parisian skyline.** ★ Afterwards, relax and soak up the atmosphere of the city while on a romantic Seine River cruise. (B, D)

Day 11: Paris - Tour Ends (B)



Giverny



Amsterdam



Bruges



Enjoy dinner at the Eiffel Tower.

LAND ONLY - PER PERSON

April 2012- April 2013 DOUBLE

Floriade Exhibition Included

April 30, 2012	\$2699
May 7, 2012	\$2699
May 14, 2012	\$2699
June 4, 2012	\$2699
June 25, 2012	\$2399
July 9, 2012	\$2399
July 23, 2012	\$2399

CALL ABOUT ADDITIONAL DATES AND GUARANTEED DEPARTURE DATES.

August 13, 2012	\$2399	November 5, 2012	\$2499
September 3, 2012	\$2699	March 11, 2013	\$2499
September 10, 2012	\$2699	April 15, 2013	\$2599
September 17, 2012	\$2699		
September 24, 2012	\$2699		
October 1, 2012	\$2699		
October 8, 2012	\$2599		
October 15, 2012	\$2599		

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT

Add \$1000

TRIPLE ROOM REDUCTION

Deduct \$30

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Floriade 2012 is open April 5 - October 7, 2012. The visit to the horticultural exhibition is included on departures during this time only.
- The visit to Keukenhof Gardens is included April 2012, select May 2012 and April 2013 departures only. A visit to Hortus Botanicus will be included when Keukenhof is closed.
- Single accommodations are limited.

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