

MARLOW NATIONAL TRUST



Presents

SPRINGTIME in HOLLAND



WHAT'S INCLUDED

6 days / 5 nights' duration

Monday 26th April—Saturday 1st May 2027

Executive coach travel from Marlow

Return short channel crossings

5 nights half board

4* Golden Tulip Leiden Centre – all shower rooms

Excursion package as overleaf + 1 x lunch

PRICES & SUPPLEMENTS

Minimum 30+ persons **£1799pp** two share

Single supplement **£199** (5 nights) - max. 15 rooms

Deposit **£250pp** (non-refundable/ non-transferable)

Balance due in full by the **19.02.2027**

Optional Travel Insurance - **£49pp** up to 79 years

£74pp (80-89 years) **£122pp** (90-94) years at booking)

Insurance Handling fee **£5pp** (email) or **£10pp** (post)

100% cancellation charges after balance due date

HIGHLIGHTS

- Historic Ypres
- Guided tour Rijks Museum - Amsterdam
- Private 90-minute Wine & Cheese Cruise
- Leiden Guided Walking tour
- Keukenhof Gardens
- Gouda Cheese Market
- Guided Visit Mauritshuis - The Hague
- Zaanse Schans
- Anne Frank's House (*pre-bookable optional*)
- Royal Delft Museum + Lunch

HOW TO BOOK

Complete the attached booking form and return with your non-refundable deposit, insurance premium & handling fee if applicable to:

Simply Groups,

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Keukenhof



Rijks Museum



Gouda



Zaanse Schans

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Sample Itinerary

Day 1 – Departing around 7am we travel to the coast for a short channel crossing to Calais. A stop will be made in the historic town of **Ypres**, which boasts a historic Cloth Hall, impressive Cathedral and medieval Market Square. Despite centuries of history, this city is best known for what happened here during WW1, when this area was the site of numerous battles. Known as the ‘City of Peace’ these events are still commemorated daily at the Menin Gate memorial. Continuing north to Holland, dinner is included at your hotel in Leiden.

Day 2 – Breakfast included. Today we travel to **Amsterdam**, beginning with an included **guided tour of the Rijks Museum**, the national museum of the Netherlands, located in a breathtaking historic building surrounded by a peaceful garden. From Rembrandt’s Night Watch and Vermeer’s Milkmaid to masterpieces by Frans Hals, Vincent van Gogh, and Jan Steen, this is where Dutch history comes to life. There will be **free time** afterwards during which you can buy lunch & explore at your leisure or even visit the famous ‘**Flower Market**’ on the Singel canal, the world’s only floating flower market. Established in 1862, it features vibrant houseboats overflowing with tulips, bulbs, and souvenirs. Today concludes in a leisurely fashion with a **private 90-minute Wine & Cheese cruise**, whilst cruising some of the city’s canals. Returning to the hotel – a **welcome drink** + dinner is included.

Day 3 – Breakfast included. Today begins with an included **Best of Leiden Guided Walking tour**, taking in the most important buildings and beautiful spots. Walk along glittering canals with their stately canal houses and see beautiful bridges whilst learning about the rich history of the city. You will visit a traditional courtyard, be shown some of the many museums & hear about Rembrandt’s youth in Leiden. **Free time** for local market + to buy early lunch. Afternoon included free flow visit to the **Keukenhof Gardens**. In 1949 a group of 20 leading flower bulb growers and exporters decided to use the estate to exhibit spring-flowering bulbs, hence the birth of Keukenhof. Nowadays, during an 8-week period annually, one of the world’s most beautiful public gardens also known as the ‘Garden of Europe’ springs to life. Today, there are more than 32 hectares dedicated to the beauty and scents of seven million tulips – in colours and horticultural designs you would never think possible. **Hotel** dinner included.

Day 4 – Breakfast included. Today begins in **Gouda** & its traditional Thursday **cheese market**, a spectacular and historic scene where farmers in local dress negotiate the price with traders in front of the Waag (the Weighing House). The deal is still sealed with a handshake as it has been for centuries. The cheeses are delivered to and from the market on traditional wagonettes and weighed after the sale in the monumental Golden Waag building. This is a colourful event not to be missed where you will also be able to buy some of the local produce & crafts. The pretty town centre is also worth exploring & an early lunch can be purchased before visiting the country’s capital city, **The Hague**. A **guided visit to Mauritshuis** is included, said to be the city’s most beautiful museum. It houses world-famous paintings from the Golden Age, including Vermeer’s *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, Potter’s *The Bull* and Rembrandt’s *The Anatomy Lesson*. It is a stylish 17th-century city palace located next to the Binnenhof (government buildings) where you can admire over 250 masterpieces by Dutch and Flemish painters. The combination of world-class art, intimate rooms with silk wall hangings and chandeliers make this a must see. There will be a little **free time** afterwards before returning to Leiden, where a hotel dinner is included.

Day 5 – Breakfast included. Today begins with an included visit of **Zaanse Schans**, a picturesque, open-air heritage village which brings to life the sights & sounds of the 18th & 19th centuries. It is famous for its beautifully preserved historic windmills, traditional green wooden houses and artisan workshops. In the Zaanse Museum, see regional costumes, model windmills and interactive exhibits on chocolate making. Artisan workshops demonstrate rare handicrafts including wooden clog carving, barrel making and pewter casting. Lunch can be purchased here before a **free afternoon in Amsterdam**. Hotel dinner included.

Optional visit to Anne Frank’s House: *Pre-bookable, payable with deposit. Specific time slot, subject to numbers.*

This museum is partly housed in a tall canal house with steep stairs and small spaces & therefore, not all areas are accessible to everyone.

Day 6 – Checking out of the hotel after breakfast, today’s final included visit + audio guide to the **Royal Delft Museum**. Here, brushes gently touch the white pottery whilst elsewhere, clay is poured into handmade molds. Craftsmen have been creating the iconic Delft Blue for almost 400 years & this is the last remaining pottery factory from the 17th century in Delft, that still makes Delft Blue according to age-old traditions. During this visit, you will also discover the museum rooms with an extensive historical and modern collection of Delft Blue. Learn all about the history, craft and innovation of this royal museum. Included is a **set lunch** before continuing on to Calais for an early evening crossing to the UK and onwards to your original departure points.

Simply Groups reserve the right to make minor changes to this itinerary due to circumstances beyond our control.