

Jewels of the Netherlands



The Netherlands is a unique holiday destination, with plenty to enjoy and explore. Imagine all the best bits of every holiday you have ever had, put all these bits together and you can imagine the Netherlands.





DAY 1 GORINCHEM

Our walking tour starts with the visit to the **Windmill de Hoop**, which was built in the 18th century. Our itinerary continues towards **Dalem Gate**, where you can see the **Salmonfisher**, a bronze statue created by the Dutch artist, Marcus van Ravenswaaij.



From here it is easy to reach **Market Square**, where you can admire the **Fountain**, with the statue of Queen Wilhelmina in her role of Diana, goddess of hunting, and you can visit the **Gorcum Museum**, which was Gorinchem

Town Hall in the past. Afterwards we head off to **The Grote Kerk**,a church dedicated to St. Yanstoren built in the 15th century.

We suggest you have lunch at **De Gasterij**, a nice restaurant in Market Square, where you can taste typical Dutch food.

In the afternoon you have time at leisure to go shopping and have a cycling tour around the city.

Dinner at the restaurant **Le Bon Apart** located in the centre of Gorinchem. It is a modern brasserie-style restaurant, which serves French cuisine.







DAY 2 KINDERDIJK - THE HAGUE

After breakfast we leave Gorinchem by coach and we head off to **Kinderdijk**, which is a village located near the industrial area of Rijnmond.



Kinderdijk is recognised as one of the best UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Kinderdijk has undoubtedly a unique collection of 19 authentic **windmills**, which are considered a Dutch icon all over the world.



The village of Kinderdijk is surrounded by 'Groene Hart' (Green Hart): an oasis of peace right in the middle of a very busy conurbation, 'De Randstad'.

During our walking tour we can admire the typical Dutch landscape dotted with its famous windmills, which were built between 1738 and 1740 and were used for water drainage in the past.

We have packed lunch and after lunch we have free time to visit one of the most typical windmills, buy souvenirs in the small gift shop and take photos and videos.



In the afternoon we leave Kinderdijk and we head off to **the Hague**, which is a city located on the western coast of the Netherlands, the capital city of the province of South Holland and the seat of the Dutch Parliament, the Supreme Court and the Council of State.

Most foreign embassies in the Netherlands and 150 international organizations, such as the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court, are located in the city.

Our walking tour starts with the visit to **Palace Noordeinde** featuring a gracefully landscaped garden. Nowadays King Williem-Alexander and his staff have their offices in the elegant rooms of Palace Noordeinde.



Leaving the Palace behind us we head off to the **Binnenhof**, the Inner Court, which is an irregular group of buildings built around a large courtyard. It dates back to 1250 and houses both Chambers of Parliament.



The wonderful Mauritshuis is worth a visit. It is a monumental yet elegant

residence built in classical style in 1641. Nowadays it is one of The Hague's most important museums. It houses valuable objects, along with amazing paintings by Rembrandt and Vermeer.

After visiting the museum we head for the splendid **Peace Palace**, which plays an important role internationally. It houses the



International Court of Justice, which is the principal judicial body of the United Nations, the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the Hague Academy of International Law and the Peace Palace Library.

Later we visit the old town, where we can wander through the famous **Molenstraat** and **Oude Molstraat**. From here it is easy to reach **Zeeheldenkwartier**, the most beautiful district in The Hague.

Finally we go shopping in **Hofkwartie**, a famous shopping district .We suggest you have dinner at **The Hague Marriott Hotel**.



DAY 3 AMSTERDAM

Our coach tour takes us to Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands. The city was a dam of the river Amstel, which is the river flowing through the city. Today we will visit the famous **Van Gogh Museum**, the splendid **Rijksmuseum**, **Anne Frank's House**, the city centre and the harbour.



In the morning we visit the **Rijksmuseum**, where we can admire paintings by famous painters such as Rembrandt, Vermeer and Hals. Inside the museum there are important cultural works of art.





After the visit we can enjoy a canal tour on the most important canals:

Herengracht, Keizersgracht and Prinsengracht. During the canal tour we can admire amazing buildings, canal houses, bridges and monuments located along the canals.

Afterwards we head off to **Dam Square**, where we can admire the 17th-century **Royal Palace** in the Baroque style and visit the 15th-century Gothic **New Church** and **Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum**.



The National Monument, a white stone pillar dating back to 1956 and commemorating the victims of the Second World War, dominates the square.

We suggest you have lunch at the restaurant **Majestic**, where you can taste typical Dutch specialties such as pan-fried pumpkin, steak with boiled potatoes and vegetables, meatballs, bacon, Dutch sausages and delicious cakes.

After lunch you have free time and you can wander through the streets of the city, flanked by buildings in the Baroque style, cafés, restaurants and shops.





Dinner at the restaurant **Van Kerkwijk**, a typical Dutch restaurant.

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