

AMSTERDAM AND NETHERLANDS 5 DAYS

DAY 1 Arrival to Amsterdam and transfer to hotel

Arrival to Amsterdam, a vibrant European city known for its numerous canals, historic buildings, and rich culture. It is the capital and largest city of the Netherlands. Amsterdam is also a major economic and financial hub, and it's famous for its tolerance and progressive attitude. Transfer to hotel and free time for leisure and relax.



DAY 2 Amsterdam city tour and canal cruise

After breakfast, we begin our Amsterdam city tour. We will explore the main sites of Amsterdam's Old Town, including Dam Square and the Royal Palace, with other notable stops on the way. We will deepen through the history of this forward-thinking and artistic city, as we take in the beauty of the canals and charming local neighborhoods. After a short break, we will move to one of the main attractions of Amsterdam: the canals. Getting on a luxurious saloon boat, we will spend an hour and a half floating down the historical waterways, enjoying the sights of the city from a unique vantage point. This is the perfect background for our expert guide to discuss the history of the grand canal houses, as well as how Amsterdam evolved from a fishing village to a major European capital. Afternoon free for leisure.

DAY 3 Free day or OPTIONAL Zaanse Schans, Edam, & Marken Full-Day Trip

After breakfast, free day to explore Amsterdam on your own or **OPTIONAL Zaanse Schans, Edam, & Marken Full-Day Trip**

Discover the charm and heritage of the Dutch countryside on this full-day tour from Amsterdam. Visit traditional villages, enjoy local flavors, and immerse yourself in the Netherlands' most iconic landscapes and customs.

Begin at Zaanse Schans, where you'll find a collection of working windmills, wooden houses, and artisan workshops. Learn how these historic windmills contributed to the Dutch economy and take stunning photos in one of the country's most picturesque locations.

Next, travel to Edam, the hometown of the world-famous cheese. Stroll through cobblestone streets, admire historic canals, and visit the square where the original Edam Cheese Market once took place.

Near Volendam, stop at a family-run farm for a live demonstration of traditional cheese-making techniques for Gouda and Edam. You'll also visit a clog workshop to see how wooden shoes are carved and painted by hand.

In Volendam, enjoy free time at the vibrant fishing harbor. Try classic Dutch street food like herring or kibbeling, explore souvenir shops, or simply enjoy the coastal charm.

Your final countryside stop is Marken, a quiet island village full of character. Walk past colorful wooden homes, visit the quaint harbor, and see the local Protestant church that stands as a symbol of the

village's history.

Back in Amsterdam, you can upgrade your experience with an optional canal cruise. Relax aboard a boat as you glide through the city's UNESCO-listed waterways, passing historic buildings and charming bridges. Return to Amsterdam in the afternoon



DAY 4 Free day or OPTIONAL Giethoorn Day Trip, Boat Tour, and Walking Tour

After breakfast, free day to explore Amsterdam on your own or **OPTIONAL Giethoorn Day Trip, Boat Tour, and Walking Tour.**

Leave the bustling streets of Amsterdam behind and embark on an extraordinary adventure to Giethoorn, a breathtaking village nestled in the serene Dutch countryside. Known as the "Venice of the North," this enchanting village welcomes you with stunning views and a delightful atmosphere, making it feel like you've stepped into a fairy tale.

Your journey begins with a scenic and comfortable ride aboard a luxurious coach, ensuring that your travel experience matches the beauty of your destination. We'll drop you off conveniently near the village center, allowing ample time to explore at your own pace. As you wander through enchanting pathways lined with thatched-roof houses and iconic wooden bridges, you'll find the peaceful ambiance of Giethoorn truly captivating.

One of the highlights of your visit is the exclusive boat tour provided by De Rietstulp. This tour is included in your itinerary, and as you glide along the picturesque canals, listen to live commentary from experienced skippers, all born and raised in Giethoorn. These local guides share fascinating stories about the village's rich history, revealing that behind every canal and bridge lies a captivating tale. They will even pause at stunning viewpoints, allowing you to capture memorable photos of Giethoorn's charm.

This captivating canal cruise is not just transport; it's an immersive experience that offers a unique perspective of this magical village. Floating peacefully through the waterways, the natural beauty and tranquility will envelop you, while the gentle sounds of nature create the perfect backdrop.

After your delightful boat tour, we recommend a scrumptious lunch at a local restaurant, part of the De Rietstulp family Savor traditional Dutch dishes made from fresh local ingredients, ensuring a meal that every palate will enjoy. Lunch is not included in the tour.

Giethoorn is celebrated as the most beautiful village in the Netherlands, where inhabitants travel mainly by boat, on foot, or by bike. This unique mode of transport adds to the village's charm, creating an idyllic environment devoid of car noise and congestion.

Each corner of Giethoorn holds treasures waiting to be discovered. Enjoy leisurely strolls along tranquil canals, bask in the peace as sunlight glistens on the water, and let the history of the village envelop you. Relax by the gentle waterways with a refreshing drink or relish a delicious bite while soaking in stunning views.

As your day comes to a close, saying goodbye to this enchanting village will be tough. The memories made during your visit will linger long after you leave this hidden gem of the Dutch countryside.



DAY 5 Transfer to airport - END OF TOUR

Breakfast at the hotel and free time till your transfer to Amsterdam airport. END OF TOUR

PRICE PER PERSON IN EURO	2 PERSONS	4 PERSONS	6 PERSONS
TWIN/DOUBLE ROOMS	550	520	510
CHILD 3-12 IN THE SAME ROOM WITH PARENTS	500	470	460
SINGLE ROOM	800	770	760

INCLUDED

- 4 nights in Amsterdam in 4* hotel on BB basis
- Return airport transfers
- Amsterdam city tour and canal cruise

NOT INCLUDED

- ❖ Air tickets and Visa
- ❖ City taxes (paid on spot where applicable)
- ❖ Entrances to museums and places of visit

OPTIONAL TOURS

- ❖ From Amsterdam: Zaanse Schans, Edam, & Marken Full-Day Trip € 150
- ❖ From Amsterdam: Giethoorn Day Trip, Boat Tour, and Walking Tour € 175
- ❖ Add extra night from +€ 60 per person