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## Chicago Farmers

# The Netherlands

20.04. - 26.04.2015

### Day 1: Mo 20.04.15 Arrival – Flower auction - Monsanto

- 06.55 Arrival in Amsterdam in the morning
- Meeting with your permanent English speaking guide
- Distribution of an audiosystem
- 09.00 Bustransfer in a modern tour coach to Aalsmeer, ca. 10 km
- 09.30 Visit at Flora Aalsmeer flower auction
- The flower auction is one of the biggest worldwide. Daily about 20 million flowers and plants are auctioned.
- 11.00 Transfer to Wageningen, ca. 90 km
- 12.00 Lunch
- Meeting with an agricultural experienced guide
- 14.00 Visit at Monsanto Vegetable Seeds Division facility for open field and protected crops
- 16.30 Transfer to indhoven, ca. 85 km
- 17.30 Check in at your 4\*\*\*\* hotel Park Plaza, Eindhoven
- 18.30 Dinner in the hotel  
Overnight at Eindhoven (1 of 2)
- (-/L/D)



**Day 2: Tue 21.04.15 Gerbera – strawberries - Eindhoven**

Breakfast in the hotel

08.30 In the morning meeting with your agricultural experienced guide

Half day roundtour through the intensive horticultural production area, ca. 120 km

- Visit of an intensive gerbera greenhouse production
- Visit of an intensive strawberry greenhouse production
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13.00 Lunch break: Typical Limburg style Dutch coffee tafel

14.00 Return to Eindhoven, ca. 45 km

15.00 Free time in Eindhoven  
– Informations given by the permanent guide

E.g. you can walk through the Genneper Parks. This is an area of natural beauty with many recreational possibilities. Cycling and walking routes will take you past the most beautiful spots. Eindhoven, the so called City of Lights, because of the Philips company, is famous for its innovations and design which are reflected in architecture. The conference centre named Evolution looks like a just landed ufo. The “blob” called shopping centre looks very futuristic made by glass and steel. The Van Abbemuseum is one of Europes leading museums for modern and contemporary art. Its collection hosts works of Picasso, Chagall, Kandinski, El Lissitzky, Theo van Doesburg, Mondrian and Appel

Dinner on their own  
Overnight at Eindhoven (2 of 2)

(B/L/-)



**Day 3: Wed 22.04.15 Dairy cattle farm – Kinderdijk**

Breakfast in the hotel

09.00 Check Out at the hotel

09.30 Transfer to Oosterhout region, ca. 60 km

10.30 Visit at a dairy cattle farm

- Farm that invests in different innovative technologies
- Ca. 100 cows and 60 calves
- Usage of two milk robots

Incl. coffee and tea

13.00 Transfer to Kinderdijk, ca. 50 km

14.00 Visit the windmill park with its 19 mills, film documentation, visit of one windmill and a pump from inside.



- 16.30 Transfer to Rotterdam, ca. 15 km
- 18.00 Check In at your 3\*\*\* hotel Maritim Rotterdam
- The 4\*\*\*-hotel Maritim is closely located to the city centre and the Erasmus bridge. *(the hotel is on opposite side of the river shown)*
- 18.30 Dinner in the hotel  
Overnight in Rotterdam (1 of 2)
- (B/-/D)



#### **Day 4: Thu 23.04.15 Food market - Oysters and mussels**

Breakfast at the hotel

- 09.30 Short guided city tour with explanations about the architectural highlights in Rotterdam, the Dutch capital of architecture

Visit of the brandnew indoor food market

The horse shoe-shaped building with the biggest artwork of the Netherlands. It is a unique combination of looking, tasting, eating, cooking, buying and selling with both local producers and well-known names (over 100 market booths, open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)



Lunch on their own

- 13.00 Transfer to Zeeland region, ca. 100 km
- 14.30 Visit of a mussel factory or oyster basins and harbor
- Sightseeing tour by bus through Zeeland and Zuid Holland to Rotterdam with explanations about this much of the sea affected region, ca. 100 km
- 18.30 Dinner at Rotterdam  
Overnight in Rotterdam (2 of 2)
- (B/-/D)



#### **Day 5: Fri 24.04.15 Keringhuis – Tulip fields route ca. 100 km**

Breakfast at the hotel

- 09.00 Check Out of the hotel
- 09.30 Transfer to the north of Rotterdam, ca. 35 km
- 10.00 Visit of the Keringhuis information centre
- Informations about the Maeslantkering (Maeslant Storm Surge Barrier, part of the Europoort Barrier) and about water management in the province of South Holland (The Netherlands).
- 11.00 Departure towards Amsterdam, ca. 100 km
- Stop over at the Dutch capital The Hague and Scheveningen, Hollands most famous seaside resort.



Lunch on their own

Drive along the tulip fields route

The arrival of tulips in Holland from Turkey and Iran hundreds of years ago was the beginning of a prosperous flower industry. Today Holland is the main producer of commercially sold flowers and plants.



17.30 Check In at your 3\*\*\*\*- hotel Best Western Delphi

Dinner on their own  
Overnight in Amsterdam (1 of 2)

(B/-/-)

### **Day 6: Sat 25.04.15 Amsterdam – Noord Holland**

Breakfast in the hotel

09.00 Transfer to Zaanse Schans, ca. 20 km

09.30 Free time for own discoveries at Zaanse Schans

In previous centuries the surrounding Zaan region was an important industrial area and hundreds of windmills there helped produce linseed oil, paint, snuff, mustard, paper and other products. Many of the village's characteristic houses are now museums, gift shops or workshops while others are still used as private residences. The outdoor parts are free of admission, indoor attractions may cost an entrance fee.



11.30 Transfer to the Volendam region, ca. 20 km

12.00 Visit and lunch at a cheese producing farm

The farmstead overlooks the beautiful IJsselmeer. This unique rural setting forms the framework for the time-honoured Dutch business of making cheese! In traditional costumes the personal treats you to a professional demonstration of the cheese-making process.



14.00 Return to Amsterdam, ca. 20 km

15.00 Cruise on the "Grachten" of Amsterdam (ca. 1 hour)

Discovery of the charming city with its famous water ways

Free time for own visits.

Amsterdam is crossed by a net of grachten (waterways). In the Rijksmuseum paintings of the big Dutch masters from the 17th century are shown. The Anne-Frank-house is often visited. Here Anne Frank, her family and other Jews hit from the German occupiers and she wrote her world famous diary from this time. Other points of interest may be the baroque kings palace, the Amsterdam museum and the Rembrandt house.



19.30 Farewell Dinner  
Overnight at Amsterdam (2 of 2)

(B/L/D)

**Day 7: Sun 26.04.15 Amsterdam - Departure**

- 08.00 Breakfast in the hotel
- 09.00 Check Out of the hotel
- To early to say goodbye to your tour guide and the Netherlands
- 09.30 Transfer to the international airport Shiphol/Amsterdam
- 12.40 Flight to Chicago (**organized by Chicago Farmers**)
- (B/-/-)



Changes in the programme are possible!  
Distances without guarantee!

- 1 Flughafen Amsterdam-Schiphol
- 2 Aalsmeer
- 3 Blauwe Kamer 14, 6702 Wageningen
- 4 Wageningse Afweg 31, 6702 Wageningen
- 5 Eindhoven
- 6 Horst
- 7 Smakt
- 8 Eindhoven
- 9 Raamsdonk
- 10 Kinderdijk
- 11 Rotterdam
- 12 Yerseke
- 13 Rotterdam
- 14 Hoek van Holland
- 15 Den Haag
- 16 Scheveningen
- 17 Apollolaan, 1077 Amsterdam
- 18 Zaanse Schans
- 19 Hotel Katwoude
- 20 Apollolaan, 1077 Amsterdam
- 21 Flughafen Amsterdam-Schiphol

