

## Netherlands: Gardens and Waterways Floriade April 5-15 2022



The Netherland's **Floriade Expo** occurs just once every ten years- and in 2022, guests have the rare opportunity to experience this fascinating and world- reknown horticultural exhibition in the city of Almere, close to iconic Amsterdam. Stroll among stunning gardens and innovative sustainable gardening exhibits; enjoy live entertainment and talk shows.

Join us for our exclusive 1 night prior to boarding the Scenic Jade river cruise and 2 night post cruise stays filled with exclusive and uniquely Dutch horticulturally oriented experiences, culminating with a private highlight tour of Floriade's opening day!

### **Pre-Cruise Experience**

#### **DAY ONE- APRIL 5 Arrive Amsterdam**

Make your own way to the **Hotel Pulitzer** in **Amsterdam**.\*

\*Please contact us for airport transportation options for the approximately 30-minute drive to the Hotel Pulitzer

**Afternoon** Meet and greet with your English-speaking guide in the hotel lobby, from where you will be taken to the front of your hotel (boat dock). Here, you will board a historic **Saloon Boat** for a private cruise through the Amsterdam canals, the most relaxed way to get to know Amsterdam with VIP treatment! Your guide will explain about all the sights you will see along the way. A light lunch will be served with coffee and tea. The cruise will end right in front of the famous **Anne Frank House**, a well-known museum and one of the top sights in Amsterdam. Because active guiding inside is not allowed, this tour will include an audio guide. Your private guide will give you a detailed explanation. [www.annefrankhuis.org](http://www.annefrankhuis.org)

From here, your hotel is just a short scenic walk away, where you have the remainder of the day and evening at leisure.

## DAY TWO APRIL 6

In the morning we will join a private guided tour of the world's largest flower auction, Flora Holland. Experience the hustle and bustle of the auction floor, watch traders bidding against the clock as 30 million cut flowers in more than 30,000 varieties flowers are traded.

[www.floraholland.com](http://www.floraholland.com)

We continue with a short drive to a local grower for an exclusive tour. This is a special experience as tours are normally not offered by these family-owned companies. It will be possible to see African Violets, Orchid, Rose, Tulip, Hydrangea, Gerbera Daisy or other blooming flowers.

After a scenic drive through small picturesque villages back to Amsterdam, you will be dropped off at the **Scenic Jade river cruise ship** in time for **embarkation**.

## POST CRUISE EXPERIENCE

### DAY THREE APRIL 13 DISEMBARKATION

After breakfast meet your guide in the lobby of your ship, from where you will be taken for a 40-minute drive by private vehicle to the picturesque village **Limmen**, for a guided tour of the **Historical Hortus Bulborom**. Every spring the Hortus transforms into a treasure trove full of dazzling colors and is the only museum garden in the world where you can find over 4,000 different tulip, hyacinth, daffodil and other bulbous cultivars, species and varieties in bloom.

[www.hortus-bulborum.nl](http://www.hortus-bulborum.nl)

After this visit, we continue on to historic and picturesque village of **Edam**, located in the province of North Holland. This historic town center's buildings and iconic architectural details, located within the border of the city walls, are protected by the government. Upon arrival, lunch will be served at Restaurant L'Auberge.

This afternoon we continue with a 30-minute drive to Amsterdam, to drop off your luggage. From here you will be taken on an interesting walking tour of the historical city center. Amsterdam, the city that was named after the Amstel River, is world-famous for its canals, locks, bridges and well-preserved centuries-old buildings. Since Amsterdam is an excellent walking city, strolling down the paved streets, your guide will point out famous landmarks.

This tour will end late afternoon at the Hotel Pulitzer in time for check in. The remainder of the day is free to relax or explore Amsterdam on your own.

### DAY THREE, THURSDAY APRIL 14

#### **The Floriade!!!**

After Breakfast meet your private guide in the hotel lobby for your transfer to Alsemeer and the **Floriade**, an international horticultural / agriculture expo, held once every ten years.

Your exclusive private highlight tour will include a 90 minute guided tour of sections of the 60-hectare site.

This year's theme 'Growing Green Cities' will focus on the Green City of the Future and will be a living laboratory with inspirational exhibitions by countries, cities, and innovative businesses, divided into a Green Island of three districts with four sub-themes: sustainability, food, energy and health.

<https://floriade.com/en> Late afternoon return transfer to the Hotel Pulitzer.

**DAY FOUR- APRIL 15-** Breakfast at the hotel, services end.

### **April 5-6/ April 13-15 3 night- Pre/Post Cruise Experience**

- 3 nights Hotel Pulitzer Generous room type
- Breakfast daily
- English speaking guides
- private vehicle transportation with water
- entrance fees for all included activities and attractions
- private 2-hour canal cruise by historical saloon boat including light lunch and beverages
- Exclusive lunch at a local home including beverages
- Exclusive grower experience
- Exclusive Floriade experience
- 21% VAT as well as local taxes including Amsterdam Tourist Tax

#### **Excluded**

- arrival airport transfer
- meals and beverages not mentioned
- personal expenses
- gratuities
- departure transfer

**\$2088USD per person sharing**

**\$1117USD single occupancy supplement**

**rates are based on:**

**June 21, 2021 EURO to US dollar rate of exchange**

**\*\* based on a minimum of 10 participants**

**\$500USD per person NON REFUNDABLE deposit required to confirm your space**

**For more information or to guarantee your space on this amazing opportunity please contact**

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