



## Springtime in Holland

*Tour date: 15.04. – 29.04.2017 (Calais pick-up 15.04.2017)*

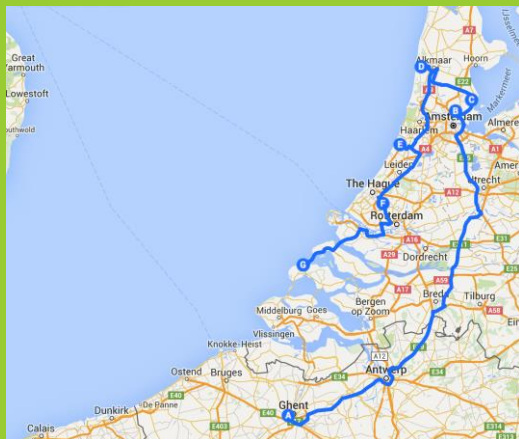
*Tour price: £1,260 (Motorhome with 2 people)*

*Earlybird discount: £70 (for bookings made by 31.12.2016)*

*Calais pick-up service incl. flexible return ferry crossing: £160*

### The Tour

We will start our tour in Ghent and then travel to Amsterdam. In both of these wonderful cities you will have enough time to take in all the sights. From there we will move on to Alkmaar with its famous cheese market. On the way we will stop in Volendam/Edam where we will visit a cheese farm and participate in a clog making workshop. Subsequently we will travel to the Keukenhof Gardens where you can see up to 7 million spring-flowering bulbs and the Inspirational Gardens. Our visit also coincides with the annual flower parade. Our next stop is Delft, famous for its blue earthenware. From here you can visit Gouda, the windmills in Kinderdijk or the capital The Hague, home to the Dutch royal family. During these days you and can take part in the annual “King’s Day” celebrations. Finally we will travel to the coast in Zeeland where you can spend the last day cycling, walking or just relaxing on the beach.



### Highlights:

- Keukenhof Gardens and flower parade
- Clog making workshop
- Guided tour of a cheese farm and clog factory
- “King’s day” celebrations
- Cheese market in Alkmaar



### Tour information

Start: Ghent  
End: Renesse  
Tour days: 15  
Non-Driving days: 8  
Max. daily mileage: 149 miles  
Total mileage: 303 miles  
Calais-Ghent: 91 miles  
Pets allowed

### Travel services

- Welcome Dinner
- Clog making workshop
- Guided Tour of a cheese farm and clogs factory
- All campsites / motorhome parks with electricity (where available)
- Assistance of a multi-lingual motorhome guide during the whole tour
- Travel pack containing maps, a detailed road book with directions to the campsites, suggestions for sightseeing and general advice on motorhoming in Europe
- Secured Payment Certificate

### Pick-up service

- Flexible return ferry crossing from Dover
- Pick-up by motorhome guide in Calais



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## **Day 1 and 2: Ghent**

In the evening of the arrival day in Ghent, we will have a group dinner in order to get to know each other. Spend the evening in Ghent to get a first impression of the city. The next day you have plenty of time to visit Ghent, one of the most beautiful medieval towns in northern Belgium. Stroll through picturesque cobbled lanes and photogenic squares. Visit the impressive castle of the counts throning in the middle of Ghent, or take a boat trip on the canals.

Don't forget: Belgium is famous for its beer and chips!

## **Day 3: Ghent - Amsterdam**

Today we have a slightly longer journey to the campsite in Amsterdam. Once we have arrived you can choose to relax next to the lake, cycle or take the bus into the city

## **Day 4 and 5: Amsterdam**

You will have two whole days to spend exploring the city. Amsterdam is one of the greatest small cities in the world. With its canals, world-famous museums and historic sights, it is also one of the most romantic and beautiful cities in Europe. Take a canal cruise to see the city and its people from the water

## **Day 6: Amsterdam - Volendam/Edam - Alkmaar**

Today we will visit a cheese farm and clog factory and in teams will produce clogs and decorate them. There will still be enough time though to visit Volendam or Edam before continuing to the Alkmaar region

## **Day 7: Alkmaar – Bulb-growing area**

Today you must be up early to visit the famous Alkmaar cheese market because in the afternoon we will continue on to the bulb growing area. Our campsite is situated between the Keukenhof Gardens, the world's largest bulb-flower gardens, and the coast

## **Day 8 and 9: Bulb-growing Area**

These two days are all about flowers. The annual flower parade between Noordwijk and Haarlem will pass the Keukenhof Gardens enabling you to combine a visit to the Gardens with watching the parade, also known as the face of spring, with its vibrant spring colours and perfumes. You could also go for a stroll in the dunes or for a bicycle ride on the endless bicycle paths

## **Day 10: Bulb-growing Area - Delft**

Today we leave the bulb-growing area and travel to the historic city of Delft with its narrow, canal-lined streets, beautiful market square and remarkable architecture. The city is well-known for its ties with the Dutch Royal family and the famous painter Vermeer. It is also world renowned for its Delft Blue earthenware

## **Day 11, 12 and 13 Delft**

You have time to discover Delft in more detail and maybe take a trip on the canals. Alternatively you could take a trip to Rotterdam or Gouda where you can try the cheese or "Stroopwafels", the typical Dutch syrup waffles.

Another possibility would be a visit to the Kinderdijk windmills, a UNESCO world heritage site.

Visit The Hague, the third largest city in the Netherlands, the seat of the country's government, and home to the Royal Family. It is also a city full of history and has many splendid museums and art galleries.

As every year on 27<sup>th</sup> of April it is "King's Day", one of Holland's most important public holidays. There will be concerts, parades, parties and flea markets throughout the cities. The party starts already the eve of "Kings Day". Everything and everyone in Holland turns orange and celebrates. Join in the fun and celebrate with the Dutch

## **Day 14: Delft - Renesse**

After a busy few days, we will conclude our journey in a more relaxing way and will travel to Renesse, a cosy tourist village in the northern part of the Isle of Schouwen-Duiveland, a beautiful seaside resort with 17km of sandy beaches. From the campsite you can easily walk or cycle to the village, or go for a long walk in the dunes, relax on the beach and enjoy the sea air. Alternatively you could explore the island or take a boat trip to the seal banks

## **Day 15: Departure and end of tour**