

## News

Dear travel agent,

Already the last Journal for 2013 but one with interesting / important information.

We like to thank everybody for booking your arrangements through The Dutch Travel advisor and we hope to continue our good relationship in 2014.

Happy Holidays!



**I will be away for my annual holiday between January 1<sup>st</sup> and February 6, 2014.**

**Although emails will be checked daily, a response may be delayed.**

**There is a possibility that you will receive your answer from Ralph Verhoef, who is new in the office.**

In October 2013, the known 5-star deluxe **Hotel De L'Europe** in Amsterdam received the "Prix Villegiature Award" for best hotel in Europe.

Besides this, last month their **restaurant Bord'Eau** received its second Michelin Star.

In total there are 19 restaurants within the Netherlands with two Stars, 84 restaurants with one Star and 3 restaurants with 3 Michelin Stars. [www.leurope.nl](http://www.leurope.nl)

In November 2013, the 4-star boutique **Carlton Ambassador Hotel** in The Hague received the "World Luxury Hotel Award 2013" for best Luxury City Hotel in Europe.

[www.carlton.nl/ambassador/default-nl.html](http://www.carlton.nl/ambassador/default-nl.html)

## FAM / Educational Tour, The Netherlands 2014

Already for the 5<sup>th</sup> time, The Dutch Travel advisor has organized an amazing **FAM / Educational Tour** through the Netherlands for travel agents who would like to learn everything about the Netherlands.

This high-end tour, especially made for Virtuoso agents or those who are in luxury travel, will take place between September 26 and October 5, 2014.

The cost for this unique experience is only Euro 595,00.

Under [www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com/tours/fam-educational-tours](http://www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com/tours/fam-educational-tours) you will find a detailed itinerary including the terms / conditions and a sign-up form.



If you have an interest, please contact The Dutch Travel advisor as soon as possible, because we only have a limited number of seats left.

*If you participate I assure you that this is one of the very best FAM trips that anyone runs and you will become totally familiar with the country.*

*Andy Pesky, Sr. Vice President Protravel International, New York.*



## Reopening Mauritshuis Museum in The Hague

One of the world's most celebrated museums, the **Mauritshuis** in The Hague, home of Vermeer's masterpiece *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, will open on 27 June 2014 following a major renovation. Described as 'a jewel box', the Mauritshuis is one of the most beautiful small museums in the world with a unique lakeside location in the heart of The Hague, the historic city that is home to the Dutch Parliament and Royal Family.

The reopening provides an opportunity for a major re-presentation of the museum's world-famous collection of Dutch art including Rembrandt's *Anatomy Lesson*, Carel Fabritius' *The Goldfinch* and Jan Steen's *As the Old Sing, So Pipe the Young*. The museum features two great works by Vermeer, *Girl with a Pearl Earring* and *View of Delft*, and is the ideal starting point for the 'Vermeer Trail', which includes key locations, associated with the artist.

The museum's historic 17<sup>th</sup> century building has been painstakingly renovated and upgraded to meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century visitor. Many of the building's original features and color schemes have been faithfully restored and renewed. A major feature of the development is the opening of the new Royal Dutch Shell Wing on the adjacent site, which doubles the museum's existing floor space and is linked to the historic building by a new light-filled underground foyer. The new wing provides new exhibition galleries, an education centre, a cafe and other modern visitor facilities.

The Mauritshuis is one of the most beautiful examples of Dutch Classicist architecture. It was built for and named after Johan Maurits van Nassau-Siegen between 1636 and 1644, the period when he was the governor of the Dutch colony in Brazil. In 1820, the Mauritshuis was bought by the Dutch state for the purpose of housing the Royal Collection of Paintings. The Mauritshuis opened as a museum in 1822.

[www.mauritshuis.nl](http://www.mauritshuis.nl)



## NEW Waldorf Astoria in Amsterdam

Inspired by timeless Dutch history, **Waldorf Astoria Amsterdam** brings the legendary True Waldorf service to a storied and unforgettable destination. Once wealthy merchant mansions built during the Golden Age (17<sup>th</sup> century), Waldorf Astoria Amsterdam is situated on the Herengracht (Gentleman's Canal), enjoying a prime location in the city's most beautiful and oldest canal setting.

All 93 elegant spacious rooms and suites offer views over the Herengracht Canal or the private courtyard garden, and feature a wealth of modern amenities and thoughtful touches to make your stay memorable.

The hotel offers 14 Classic Rooms, 30 Deluxe Rooms, 29 Grand Deluxe Rooms, 3 Lofts, and 17 Suites. The unique Brentano Suite (123m<sup>2</sup>) features a separate dining room, living room, study room, master bedroom, walk-in closet, and spacious and sophisticated bathroom with separate shower and bath.

Dine in style in the sophisticated finedining restaurant, where you can savour exquisite international cuisine as you take in beautiful views of the courtyard garden. Revitalize with an afternoon cup of coffee and a tasty sandwich or pastry in the stylish and popular Peacock Alley, or enjoy bespoke cocktails in our signature and atmospheric Vault bar.

Retreat to the restful oasis of the hotel's luxury spa "Guerlain Spa", where you can be



pampered with a revitalizing facial or massage by an elite team of specialists. Energize with a workout in the contemporary fitness center or plunge into the sparkling indoor swimming pool.

The Waldof is planning to open up around the end of April, 2014.

<http://waldorfatoria3.hilton.com/en/hotels/netherlands/waldorf-astoria-amsterdam-AMSWAWA/>



## NEW NHOW Hotel in Rotterdam

Located on the Wilhelmina Pier, right next to the Cruise Terminal and at close distance of the city centre of Rotterdam, the 4-star **NHOW Rotterdam Hotel** is an ideal destination for both business and leisure travelers.

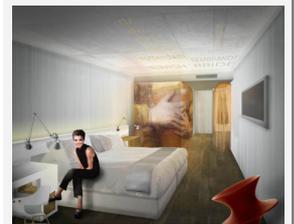
This one-of-a-kind hotel, housed in a famous building designed by visionary architect Rem Koolhaas, centers around an "Architecture and Art" theme in terms of its style and décor. In addition to magnificent installations and services, it also offers breathtaking views of the Maas River and the city of Rotterdam.

The NHOW Rotterdam has 278 stylish guest rooms with a variety of categories. Décor and furnishings have been carefully selected to provide guest rooms with a warm and inviting atmosphere with a subtle Golden Age touch. All rooms feature a wide range of modern amenities and comforts to ensure an unforgettable stay in Rotterdam. Be sure to start your day with the extensive breakfast buffet served fresh each morning in the hotel restaurant. The restaurant also offers an a la carte menu brimming with fine dining options for lunch and dinner. A variety of excellent wines and beers are available in the hotel bar, in addition to expertly prepared cocktails of all kinds. The NHOW Rotterdam hotel also has magnificent conference facilities, featuring nine multi-purpose function rooms ideal of business and social events of up to 250 people. All function rooms benefit from plenty of natural daylight, air conditioning, soundproofing and all the latest conference equipment.

Other special features include a large fitness center, ideal for guests looking to feel their best during their stay. The Wilhelminaplein subway station is just a two-minute walk away and in the hotel's immediate surroundings you can find plenty of shops and restaurants.

The hotel is planning to open up on January 10, 2014.

[www.nh-hotels.com/nh/en/hotels/the-netherlands/rotterdam/nhow-rotterdam.html](http://www.nh-hotels.com/nh/en/hotels/the-netherlands/rotterdam/nhow-rotterdam.html)



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