

The Dutch Travel advisor

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We received a record number of clients in The Netherlands and Belgium this year and as you can imagine, that has kept us rather busy. As we are preparing for the Christmas period, we are making use of this slightly quieter period to provide you with some much-needed information on what's going on in our country. As you will see, we have also expanded our team this year.

We have sent you, by separate e-mail, two special promotion offers for this year. On the next page, you will find more information on these offers.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to working together with you on breaking more records next year!

Introduction new employee: Babette Martens

My name is Babette Martens and I am a hospitality professional committed to providing professional service by going the extra mile. I was born in the Netherlands, grew up in Belgium and I've studied Hospitality Management at Florida International University and the University of the Netherlands Antilles. I've worked in the hospitality industry for nearly 10 years and I am very excited to be part of The Dutch Travel advisor team in the role of Assistant Project Manager. I look forward to offering our customers custom-made off-the-beaten-path private tours through the Netherlands and Belgium, and to help create lifetime memories for our visitors.

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End of Year Promotions

We would like to offer a few special 'End of Year Promotions', from which your clients might benefit.

-Free return Airport transfers by luxurious private car or minivan from any hotel in Amsterdam when booking at least three full-day touring in the Netherlands.

Tours and transfers need to take place before the end of this year.

Valid until December 31, 2018 and does not apply to any group bookings.

-Book and deposit now for 2019 and get 2018 rates!

Our VAT system will change as from January 2019 from 6 to 9%. This will affect hotel rates, sights and restaurants. Guides, goods and alcohol will remain at VAT 21%.

Valid until December 31, 2018 and does not apply to any group bookings.

Above promotions only apply to bookings made on or after October 29, 2018.

New Meeting Point at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport

Schiphol's distinctive red and white cube - known as the 'Meeting Point' - has been removed and a temporary meeting point has been established instead. The temporary meeting point is located opposite the Burger King seated area, near the escalators that lead to train platforms 3-4 and 5-6. Just look for the black and yellow 'meeting point' sign.

Sometime in the near future, this temporary meeting point will be replaced by a new sign. When this will happen exactly, is not yet known, but we will be sure to let you know as soon as we find out.



Keukenhof 2019

The Keukenhof gardens cover 70 acres on which roughly 8 million bulbs are planted every year. Every garden has a specific design and character. A huge indoor spring garden is staged in 7,000 sq. m. of pavilions during the annual exhibition where over 500 different varieties are to be seen in 10 indoor flower shows under the name 'Parade'. You can climb the steps of the Groningen-type corn mill to see the view. See the exhibition of some 30 sculptures and other art objects throughout the park.



In 2019, the Keukenhof will be open from March 21 until May 19. 'Flower Power' is Keukenhof's 2019 theme. A great theme for celebrating the 70th Keukenhof.

As you may know, the Dutch Travel advisor offers custom-made tours to The Keukenhof in combination with many other nearby sights such as Flora Holland. In addition to being the world's largest flower auction, Flora Holland is the largest commercial complex in the world! At Flora Holland you will get the opportunity to observe a flower auction in action. We can follow this by an exclusive tour at a local grower. During this tour we will of course drive through the bulb fields and we invite you into the home of a typical Dutch family where you will enjoy a delicious Dutch lunch. For sample itineraries, please visit our web site:

www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com/tour-examples

2019: The Year of Rembrandt and The Dutch Golden Age

2019 marks the 350th anniversary of the death of Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669) and to commemorate this, there will be many special exhibitions dedicated to his work. Rembrandt was one of the most important and influential painters of the Golden Age. His oeuvre includes more than three hundred paintings that depict a wide range of subject matter.

Exhibition: All Rembrandts at the Rijksmuseum

For the very first time, the entire Rembrandt collection of the **Rijksmuseum** can be seen all together: no less than 22 paintings, 60 drawings and 300 prints will be shown together. *This exhibition will take place from February 15 - June 10, 2019*
www.rijksmuseum.nl



Exhibition: Rembrandt and the Mauritshuis

The Mauritshuis has one of the most renowned and important collections of paintings by Rembrandt in the world. The museum will exhibit all of the eighteen paintings in the collection that are or have been attributed to Rembrandt. Among those are masterpieces such as *The Anatomy Lesson of Dr Nicolaes Tulp* and Rembrandt's late self-portrait, but also other paintings that are no longer considered to be by Rembrandt and are rarely - if ever - on display. *This exhibition will take place from January 31 - September 15, 2019.*
www.mauritshuis.nl

Exhibition: The Rembrandt House Museum

The **Rembrandt House** in Amsterdam will organize no less than three exhibitions about the master during this theme year. 'Rembrandt's social network' is the first exhibition and will be devoted to Rembrandt's friends and acquaintances and the role they played in his life and work. This exhibition includes works by Rembrandt that have rarely if ever been seen in the Netherlands. *This exhibition will take place from February 1 - May 19, 2019.*
www.rembrandthuis.nl

A visit to the Rijksmuseum is a must-do for anybody visiting Amsterdam, and is a staple in almost all our Amsterdam tours. We have wonderful art-historian guides who give great tours through the museum. The Rijksmuseum is also great for kids as the museum has many artifacts that appeals to them.

Restoration of The Night Watch by Rembrandt

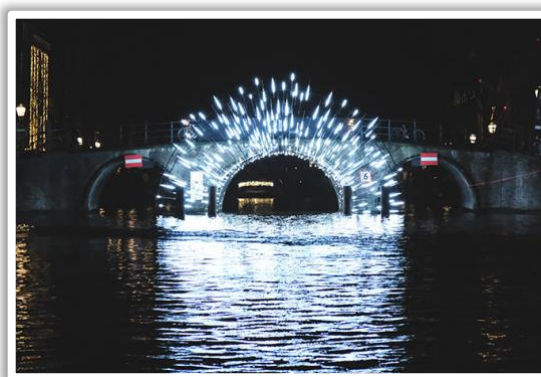
Rembrandt's most ambitious painting, known as *The Night Watch*, is the centerpiece of the Rijksmuseum and is visited by more than 2.2 million people annually. The painting portrays a group of officers and other members of a shooting company, and will be restored as per July, 2019.

For the restoration, *The Night Watch* will be encased in a clear glass chamber. This will ensure that the painting can remain on display for museum visitors. Via a digital platform, viewers can follow the entire restoration process online. To gain a better understanding of its condition as a whole a thorough examination will be conducted.



The Amsterdam Light Festival

Amsterdam's winter festival returns each year to illuminate the city's streets and waterways with spectacular light installations by international artists. This year's event runs from November 29, 2018 until January 20, 2019. Each year, hundreds of submissions are received by designers, architects and artists from around the world. A selection committee then chooses approximately 35 artworks which make up the festival's installations, which in past years have included prominent artists such as Ai Weiwei.



The sculptures can be spotted all over Amsterdam city center for the duration of the festival, illuminating and transforming its familiar monuments in magical and surprising new ways. You can make your own way through the installations, or follow recommended routes for boats, bikes or walking, which allow you to see the festival in its best light.

Our recommendation would be to view the Light Festival from the privacy of your own historic saloon boat. During the canal cruise, hot and cold snacks can be served on board, or even a three- or four-course dinner, even up to Michelin-star level. Contact us for bookings.

<https://amsterdamlightfestival.com/en>

Dutch King Opens Renewed Anne Frank House

On November 22, Dutch King Willem-Alexander will open the renewed Anne Frank House. After the opening, the King will be given a tour of the museum and he will talk to museum employees. The King will perform the opening ceremony together with the Anne Frank Foundation's youth team. The changes left the authentic character of the house intact. More space was created for educational groups and visitor facilities, and a new entrance area was created.



As you may know, it is no longer possible to buy tickets at the door, tickets can only be bought online. Most tickets are issued 2 months in advance. As with all our tours, the Dutch Travel advisor will take care of all necessary entrance tickets in advance.

Tipping Etiquette in the Netherlands

We regularly receive questions from travel agents with regard to the tipping etiquette in the Netherlands. Tipping is always a very personal thing of course and in the Netherlands, people aren't expected to tip as much as in the US. It is customary to tip a driver for a transfer between €5 and €10. Guides are usually tipped between €50 and €100 for a full day tour and between €20 and €50 for a half day tour. Or sometimes even more...



New tour: Architecture & Water Management

The Dutch Travel advisor has developed a new tour for clients who wish to learn more about modern architecture and water management. This tour starts with a walking tour in architecture city Rotterdam with a real architect. During the tour, you get all the ins and outs of Rotterdam's architecture and its amazing sights. The tour includes a visit to the spectacular Markthal, the first indoor market hall in the Netherlands. A highlight of Rotterdam that has already received many international awards.



After this exciting visit, the tour continues with a guided tour of the Maeslant Storm Surge Barrier where everything about water management in The Netherlands is explained. The Maeslant Barrier, which automatically closes when needed, is a storm surge barrier on the dividing line between the Nieuwe Waterweg waterway located at Hoek van Holland and the river Scheur located along the cities of Maassluis and Vlaardingen. It is part of the Delta Works and it is one of largest moving structures on Earth, rivalling the Green Bank Telescope in the USA and the Bagger 288 excavator in Germany. Each arm of the barrier is the size of the Eiffel Tower. The main objective of this project was improving the safety against flooding of the Rotterdam harbor and the surrounding towns and agricultural areas.



www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com/architecture-water-management

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