



## Holland Journal

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Dear Holland Specialist / Travel Agent,

Before we start, first a few important notes.

-Regarding the upcoming **FAM tour for travel agents from the USA and Canada**.

At the moment we have 20 participants, which is the maximum number of participants.

Because of the uneven number of male / female participants, we have room left for one female and one male travel agent. Are you interested in joining this spectacular tour, please let us know a.s.a.p.

-The last months we are getting many requests / bookings for combination tours **Holland and Belgium**.

Some know, others don't but The Dutch Travel advisor is also able to arrange your tours / hotels in Belgium with or without tours / hotels in Holland.

In our next Holland Journal more about tours and hotels in Belgium.

-The tulip season is over but you can buy your **quality tulip and other bulbs** for next year until August at

The Dutch Travel advisor. Shipment follows in September / October. Price includes shipping and VAT.

For more information [www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com](http://www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com)

-The famous North Sea Jazz festival in Rotterdam takes this year place between July 9 – 11, 2010.

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

-The **Amsterdam Gay Pride** will take place between August 1 – 8, 2010. The famous boat parade will take place on Saturday August 7, 2010. During this event there will be many people in Amsterdam and hotels can be fully booked!

-**Sail Amsterdam**, the return of the tall ships (once in five years event) will take place between August 19 –23, 2010. During this event there will be many people in Amsterdam and hotels can be fully booked!

More about Sail Amsterdam in a later edition. <http://english.sail2010.nl/en/>



On March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, **Hotel de L'Europe** has added 23 ultra-luxury suites to its historical iconic hotel in Amsterdam; The Dutch Masters Wing.

Two adjacent typical Amsterdam houses have recently been acquired and transformed into a private wing, which has undergone a multi-million Euro renovation and refurbishment. The wing is totally self-contained, with private entrance, Brasserie Le Relais and Freddy's Bar.



At the time of opening this exclusive wing, the original buildings of Hotel L'Europe will transition into the beginning of a major renovation, starting with an extensive restyling of all rooms and facilities.



The Dutch Masters Wing is a fine symphony of the old and the new, the classic and the modern. A chic and modern style with an authentic touch of the classics. Each suite will be characterized by a copy of a Dutch Master featured in the Rijksmuseum and has a unique layout and interior. From intimate suites to spacious one-bedroom suites with conference table suitable for private meetings, the comfort underpinned by the latest technology. This private wing offers views overlooking the Amstel River, the city, as well as the glass-covered atrium.



With stunning views of the Amstel River, the new heated indoor pool will provide relaxed atmosphere in this urban retreat. The health club will feature the latest fitness equipment for the best workout regime possible. By Fall 2010 the world's best spa facilities will serve to future elevate the already top quality of this 5-star plus hotel.

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

**Splash tours** enable you to discover Rotterdam in a very special way!

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Price Euro 19,50 per person, children up to 12 years Euro 14,50. [www.splashtours.nl](http://www.splashtours.nl)



The Hague Museum of Photography opened its doors in December 2002. It is part of the Gemeentemuseum (Municipal Museum) The Hague and works closely with the Print Room of Leiden University Library.

Every year the museum organizes around six exhibitions covering a wide range of periods, disciplines and genres in the history of photography, often focusing on the human figure. This wide-ranging approach – national and international, traditional and contemporary, black-and-white and color – has enabled the museum to build up a broad public keen to sample such a varied and outstanding programs.



Contemporary names such as Desiree Dolron, Gregory Crewdson and Loretta Lux alternate with classic photographers such as Emmy Andriess, Edward S. Curtis and Leonard Freed. Little-known oeuvres, like those of Gerard P. Fieret and Willem van de Poll, or the "Dutch period" of fashion photographer Erwin Blumenfeld, are placed firmly in the spotlight. Another regular feature is socially relevant projects by contemporary photographers. Examples include the series on the Yugoslavia Tribunal by Friso Keuris, the portrayal of eroticism between older people by Marrie Bot, or the threatened landscapes of Anja de Jong.



The museum is associated with the important prize awarded each year: the Silver Camera for press photography in the Netherlands.

Open Tuesday – Sunday from Noon until 6pm. Entrance fee Euro 5 per person. [www.fotomuseumdenhaag.nl](http://www.fotomuseumdenhaag.nl)

The **Palace (Paleis) Hotel** is a deluxe 4-star to five star design boutique hotel situated right next to the Royal Palace Noordeinde in the heart of the "Hofkwartier", the historic center of The Hague. The location is excellent; museums, shopping and restaurants are all in the immediate surroundings of the hotel.

The rooms are spacious and luxurious. Most eye catching are the curtains, made of fabrics that have been designed by the French top designer "Pierre Frey", showing prints from the 18<sup>th</sup> century in daring, yet historic justifiable color combinations. Partly authentic engravings and antique furniture compliment the furnishing of the well-equipped and tastefully decorated rooms. All air-conditioning rooms have beds with crispy white cotton embroidered sheets. Rooms and public areas have access to WI-FI internet.

Breakfast is served with eye for detail on hand painted china in a lovely setting with crispy fresh white linen tablecloths and antique silver teapots. [www.paleishotel.nl](http://www.paleishotel.nl)





The three earliest paintings by Johannes Vermeer (1632-1675) will be on display at the **Mauritshuis** in The Hague from 12 May until 22 August 2010.

It is the first time these works by the well-loved painter from the Dutch Golden Age have been shown together in the Netherlands. These early paintings are atypical for Vermeer. They do not represent richly decorated interiors filled with alluring women; instead he painted three remarkably large works depicting a mythological scene, a story from the Bible and a rather daring scene from everyday life.

Nonetheless, every one of them reveals Vermeer's hand and his interest in capturing stillness and the fall of light.

Open daily from 10am until 5pm, Sunday from 11pm. Entrance fee Euro 12 per person. [www.mauritshuis.nl](http://www.mauritshuis.nl)

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