

## News

Enjoy reading the New Holland Journal with again lots of interesting information!

For your information, The Dutch Travel advisor is now accepting all major credit cards. American Express, Visa and Master Card. Service fee 3.5%.

The Dutch Travel advisor does not only make custom-made tours, you can also contact us for hotel bookings; Corporate or FIT (we work with contract rates at the various hotels), private transfers, pre and post cruise tours, themed tours and or custom-made tours through Belgium and France.

This year June we are doing a **Special Garden Tour** in cooperation with Green Spring Garden, Washington DC's most exciting public gardens and a national historic landscape. Do you have clients who are looking for a spectacular garden tour with an amazing price, please check out the following website. [www.friendsofgreenspring.org](http://www.friendsofgreenspring.org) At the moment we have about 5 seats left!

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## Special Guided Tours in The Hague

A Wheel chair or a visual handicap is pretty soon no longer an obstacle to have a guided tour through The Hague.

The tourist board of The Hague has created a touristique-guided trip through the city, called "**Experience The Hague**".

This tour is especially designed for people with a physical or visual handicap.

For instance the guide will be using objects that can be touched to emphasize what the guide is talking about. This way people with a visual handicap get a better feeling what the tour is about.

In the month of March there will be try-outs with people who are blind or in need of a device like a wheel chair or a stroller. The tour is designed because of a special theme, this year called; Tourism & Handicap.

Guided tours can be done daily and takes about 1.5 hours in total.

Only those with a visual or physical handicap can book these tours!

Please contact us for more information.



## Floriade 2012

**Floriade** is a world Horticultural Expo held once every ten years in the Netherlands. The 2012 Floriade will take place from April until mid October in Venlo, located in the province of Limburg at about 2 hours South East from Amsterdam.

The participating countries, businesses and horticultural companies will present the most exquisite and exceptional flowers, plants, trees, fruits and vegetables. You can enjoy cultural programs filled with music, dance, literature, theatre and visual art form all over the world. There will also be special programs for children.

The Floriade lets you experience nature by using our five senses (sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell). Besides exciting, innovative and educational attractions and activities, you can also enjoy various restaurants and cafes.

The Floriade park will have 5 different theme zones: **Relax and Heal**, **Green Engine**, **Education & Innovation**, **Environment** and **World Show Stage**.

#### **Relax and Heal:**

Visitors will taste, smell, feel, hear and see the influences of horticultural products on their well-being. Including in this theme are topics like healthy eating, rituals and religions and sports.

#### **Green Engine:**

This theme zone will host areas like bioscience, life science, and sustainable energy as an energy source. By this zone the participants want to emphasize that horticulture is one of the most important economic engines and is also a supplier of green energy.

#### **Education & innovation:**

This zone is to promote the interface between education, innovation and horticulture. The focus will be that the visitors will take a look at the world around them from a variety of perspectives.

#### **Environment:**

This theme wants to illustrate the significance of horticulture in the urban environment. Because a green environment improves the quality of life.

#### **World Show Stage:**

The connection between nature and culture is very close. This theme zone is all about water, because water unites our continents and is the shared source of all life on earth. There will be shows, workshops, performances and other events in which everybody can participate.

The Floriade is a very large event, which attracts many tourists. As we are already getting many inquiries for this event, I would not wait too long with arranging your arrangements. We are planning for a tour based on the Floriade.

More information will follow later this year. [www.floriade.nl](http://www.floriade.nl)



## **Concertgebouw (Concert Hall) in Amsterdam**

A must visit in Amsterdam, for those who love classical music is the **Concertgebouw (Concert Hall)**. Because of its highly regarded acoustics, the Concertgebouw is considered one of the finest concert halls in the world, along with places such as Buenos Aires "Teatro Colon", Boston's Symphony Hall and the Musikverein in Vienna.

The architect of the building was Adolf Leonard van Gendt, who was inspired by the Neue Gewandhaus in Leipzig, built two years earlier (and destroyed in 1943). Construction began in 1883 and the hall opened on April 11, 1888, with an inaugural concert in which an orchestra of 120 musicians and a chorus of 500 singers participated, performing works of Wagner, Handel, Bach and Beethoven. The resident orchestra of the Concertgebouw is the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, which gave its first concert in the hall on 3 November 1888.

The Grote Zaal (Great Hall, which is the main hall) has 2037 seats, is 44 meters (144 ft) long, 28 meters (92 ft) wide and 17 meters (56 ft) high. Its reverberation is 2.8 seconds



seats.

Today, some nine hundred concerts per year take place in the Concertgebouw, for a public of over 800,000, making it the second most-visited concert hall in the world.  
[www.concertgebouw.nl](http://www.concertgebouw.nl)

The Dutch Travel advisor offers special / private guided backstage tours through the Concertgebouw. Always want to see the rehearsal rooms, the dressing rooms and sitting behind a Euro 150.000 piano, it is all possible. Have you ever sit down, just by yourself in a Great Hall? You now have the opportunity. You will even go to the attic where you will be standing above the Great Hall! An amazing tour for everybody!

For more information and prices, contact The Dutch Travel advisor.



### Robeco Summer Concerts at the Concertgebouw (Concert Hall) in Amsterdam

This summer from July 1 until August 31 the special series of the **Robeco summer concerts** will take place at the Concertgebouw (Concert Hall) in Amsterdam.

Since 1989 the Concertgebouw and Robeco work together to offer classical, jazz and pop concerts in the beautiful Concertgebouw in Amsterdam. The special themes of summer 2011 are Antonin Dvorak, masters from Vienna, Romance en France and singing in the Summer.

Besides listening to music you can experience special pre diners in the restaurant of the Concertgebouw or enjoy, for example sushi and champagne in the summer cafe.

If you want to learn more about the person behind the artist you can participate in the special summer encounters. After the concert you can listen to interviews, which will tell you why the artist chose the specific music part.

For dates, prices and more information go to [www.robecozomerconcerten.nl](http://www.robecozomerconcerten.nl)  
Of course you can also make your arrangements through The Dutch Travel advisor.



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