

## News

Welcome to the New Holland Journal!

In this edition: Private tours to the horticultural event **Floriade**, **Restaurants** in the Netherlands, **Delftware Workshop** at "The Pauw" and **Vermeer meets Dali** at the Maurits House Museum in The Hague.

In the next edition we are going to inform you all about the new spectacular 5-star deluxe Conservatorium Hotel in Amsterdam.

## Private Day-tours Floriade

In the March Journal I wrote in depth about the upcoming **Floriade**, a horticultural event, which takes place in Venlo from April until October 2012. [www.floriade.nl](http://www.floriade.nl)

Due to the distance from Amsterdam, at least two hours by private car and over 2.5 hours by coach, there will not be many organized day-tours, perhaps any from Amsterdam, taking people to this spectacular event.

The last weeks we received many inquiries for the Floriade. Due to this we decided to offer you special prices for **private day-tours from Amsterdam to the Floriade**.

The prices below are including:

- English-speaking guide / driver (basic tour at the Floriade).
  - Transfers by private car or private minivan. (Coach price on request).
  - Entrance fee (day pass) to the Floriade including ticket cable cars.
- Your guide / driver will take you for a basic tour through the Floriade.
- Gasoline / parking fees, 19% VAT as well as local taxes.

Prices are excluding meals, beverages, personal expenses and gratuity.

There is the possibility to have a private specialist guide at the Floriade.

There are 5 different types of tours including a general overview and cultural historical tour. Price per tour, which takes about 90-minutes Euro 119,00.

### Prices:

Price per person, two participants (private car).  
Regular price Euro 250,00 Travel agent price Euro 234,00

Price per person, three participants (private car).  
Regular price Euro 175,00 Travel agent price Euro 165,00

Price per person, four participants (private minivan).  
Regular price Euro 183,00 Travel agent price Euro 175,00

Price per person, six participants (private minivan).  
Regular price Euro 130,00 Travel agent price Euro 125,00

Price per person, eight participants (private minivan).  
Regular price Euro 105,00 Travel agent price Euro 99,00

Prices more than eight participants (mini coach or regular coach) on request.

Full is full, please do not wait too long with your booking(s).



## Restaurants

Daily I get questions from travel agents / clients about **restaurants in Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam, Maastricht** and other cities within the Netherlands. Please find below a list of good restaurants. Do you have experience with other restaurants than listed below, please let us know!

### Amsterdam:

- Restaurant Christophe (French) [www.restaurantchristophe.nl](http://www.restaurantchristophe.nl)
- Restaurant Vinkeles (French), one star Michelin [www.vinkeles.com](http://www.vinkeles.com)
- Restaurant La Rive (French), one star Michelin [www.restaurantlarive.com](http://www.restaurantlarive.com)
- Restaurant De Kas (French) [www.restaurantdekas.nl](http://www.restaurantdekas.nl)
- Restaurant Ciel Bleu (French), two star Michelin [www.cielbleu.nl](http://www.cielbleu.nl)
- Restaurant Long Pura (Indonesian rice table) [www.restaurant-longpura.com](http://www.restaurant-longpura.com)
- Restaurant MOMO (Asian style) [www.momo-amsterdam.nl](http://www.momo-amsterdam.nl)

### The Hague:

- Kurzaal at the Kurhaus Hotel (French) [www.kurhaus.nl](http://www.kurhaus.nl)  
**Please note** that the Kandinsky restaurant at the Kurhaus Hotel will close down as from September 2011.
- Restaurant It rains fishes (Fish) [www.itrainsfishes.nl](http://www.itrainsfishes.nl)
- Restaurant Calla's (French), one star Michelin [www.restaurantcallas.nl](http://www.restaurantcallas.nl)
- Restaurant Dekxels (International) [www.dekxels.nl](http://www.dekxels.nl)
- HanTing (fusion) [www.hantingcuisine.nl](http://www.hantingcuisine.nl)
- Hotel Des Indes (French) [www.desindes.nl/restaurant/en/](http://www.desindes.nl/restaurant/en/)

### Maastricht:

- Restaurant Le Bon Vivant (regional) [www.lebonvivant.nl](http://www.lebonvivant.nl)
- Restaurant Beaumont (regional) [www.beaumont.nl](http://www.beaumont.nl)
- Restaurant Tout a Fait (French), one star Michelin [www.toutafait.nl](http://www.toutafait.nl)
- Restaurant Beluga (French), two star Michelin [www.rest-beluga.nl](http://www.rest-beluga.nl)
- Restaurant Châteaux Neercanne (French), one star Michelin [www.chateauhotels.nl](http://www.chateauhotels.nl)
- Restaurant Toine Hermsen (French), one star Michelin [www.toinehermsen.com](http://www.toinehermsen.com)

### Rotterdam:

- Restaurant Izkaya (E-dining) [www.izkaya.com](http://www.izkaya.com)
- SS Rotterdam Club Room (French) [www.ssrotterdam.nl](http://www.ssrotterdam.nl)
- Restaurant Parkheuvel (French), two star Michelin [www.parkheuvel.nl](http://www.parkheuvel.nl)
- Restaurant Allure (French) [www.restaurant-allure.nl](http://www.restaurant-allure.nl)
- Restaurant Ivy (International), one star Michelin [www.restaurantivy.nl](http://www.restaurantivy.nl)

For more good restaurants I can also suggest looking at the following restaurants website [www.iens.nl](http://www.iens.nl)



## Workshop Delftware painting at the Delftse Pauw

Paint your own Delft Blue tile during a workshop at **The Delftse Pauw!** During the 90-minute workshop, a professional painter will guide you through the process of painting a Delft Tile. The workshop will start with a private guided tour by a professional guide. During the workshop coffee or tea will be served.

Unfortunately it is not possible to take the tile with you after the workshop, this because it needs to be glazed and fired. The tile will be send to you two / three weeks after the workshop, by mail free of charge. For more information and reservations please contact The Dutch Travel advisor.

To freshen up your mind, here is the story how it all began.

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century several manufacturers were established in a number of Dutch towns, which among their items produced "Majolica". This "Majolica" was made with a tin-glaze and found its origins in Italy and Spain. Factory "de Paauw" was established in 1650.



The Dutch East Indian Company began importing porcelain from China in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. This porcelain, especially the blue and white became very popular. The "Majolica" producing manufacturers started at a certain moment to imitate this Chinese porcelain, because of several reasons.

- The imported Chinese porcelain meant competition.
- Civil war in China made that imports from China went down.
- Customers asked for specific items, which due to distance took a long time to deliver and due to language problems the delivered item where not always what was ordered.

In the 17<sup>th</sup> century there where about 32 manufacturers in Delft that where producing Delftware, amongst them manufacturer "de Paauw". They where often established in beer breweries, which had stopped their production. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, due to competition from manufacturers like Wedgwood and a lack of innovations, the highlight of Delftware had come to a close.

Nowadays there are only two companies in the entire world that still produce entirely hand painted traditional Delftware. Both companies are in Delft, amongst The Delftse Pauw, the only family company that is left. [www.delftpottery.com](http://www.delftpottery.com)



### Vermeer meets Dali at the Maurits House Museum

Vermeer and Dali, Rembrandt and Toorop, Ruisdael and Van Gogh. These and other special combinations are on display from September 15 until December 11, 2011 at The Maurits House Museum in The Hague. The exhibit is called **Dali meets Vermeer, Modern Masters to Visit**.

In each room of the museum an unexpected combination will be shown. A masterpiece from the museum itself and a masterwork from a 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> century master. The Maurits House Museum itself only has paintings from the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century. The "guests paintings" come from other museums in the Netherlands. The idea behind this exhibit is to show how painters in different times coped with the same artistic questions.

One of the most exiting combinations will be Vermeer's "The Girl with the Pearl Earring" and Salvador Dali's "Couple aux Têtes Pleines de Nuages". Other works that will be on display are paintings by Cézanne, Monet, Beckmann and Verster. [www.mauritshuis.nl](http://www.mauritshuis.nl)



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