

## News

About two weeks ago we launched the **NEW Holland FAM / Educational Tour**, which will take place between Sept. 28 and Oct. 7, 2012.

As we already received bookings for this popular tour, we only have about 10 seats left.

If you would like to join, please send us an email or go or click on:

[www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com/content/view/19/31](http://www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com/content/view/19/31) where you will find all the information like an itinerary and a sign-up form.

## Floriade Tours

Recently I receiving questions about coach tours to the **Floriade**, which will take place in Venlo starting April 2012.

Some offered coach tours on the Internet have some really good prices.

A few things you need to know about these bus tours because the price looks interesting but what you get may create disappointments.

The drive with a coach from Amsterdam to Venlo takes about 2.5 hours.

The road to Venlo is one of the busiest in the Netherlands so during the week (rush hour) it can take. Most tours depart from Amsterdam between 9 and 10am, arriving at the Floriade around Noon. The majority of these tours will return between 5 and 6pm.

**Conclusion**, not enough time, which can create disappointments because it is impossible to see the Floriade in just a few hours.

In this case I always suggest a tour that will arrive at opening time, like our tours.

Between April. 5 - June 20 and September 3 – October 7, the Floriade will be open from 10am until 7pm. Between June 21 and September 2 they will be open until 8pm.

For the official **Floriade Brochure** and **Spreadsheet** go or click on:

[www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com/content/view/94/156/](http://www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com/content/view/94/156/)



## Waldorf Astoria Amsterdam

**Waldorf Astoria Hotels** will open a luxury hotel in the heart of Amsterdam.

The hotel will be created by combining six historic 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century canal houses alongside one of Amsterdam's most well known canals, Herengracht (Gentleman's Canal), which is part of the UNESCO World Heritage site.

Its proximity to Amsterdam's business district will make it ideal for corporate travelers seeking a premium luxury experience. Leisure travelers visiting The Netherlands capital city will find the hotel near to historic sites, museums, shops, and restaurants.

This luxury hotel will have 94 guestrooms and will feature a range of elegant food and beverage experiences, including a destination restaurant and bar.

Amongst amenities there will be a stunning 500 square meter health club and spa, which will be a thru luxurious experience! [www.waldorfastoria.com](http://www.waldorfastoria.com)



## XXSmall Doll's Houses and other Miniatures

Between November 12, 2011 and March 25, 2012 the Gemeentemuseum in The Hague host an interesting exhibit about **XXSmall Doll's houses and other miniatures**.

Doll's houses were once a serious affair. Wealthy 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> century enthusiasts sometimes spent as much on them as on their own houses. XXSmall shows the history of the Dutch domestic interior via a sequence of doll's houses stretching from the grand examples of the 17<sup>th</sup> century right through to their modern design equivalents of today. The exhibition will even include a miniature museum containing tiny authentic painting and drawings by leading artists of the twentieth century. XXSmall offers a model world of the past and present that will enthrall visitors of all ages.

People have always been fascinated by downscaled versions of their own world. Miniatures were already being produced in antiquity, both in Greece and in ancient China. There is nothing quite as breathtaking as a perfect, minuscule gold table service small enough to fit inside a cherry pit. And nothing that captures the imagination and brings the past to life quite as much as an antique doll's house that completely replicates an actual home of its period.

The starting point of this exhibition is one of the best preserved doll's houses anywhere in the Netherlands: Sara Rothé's magnificent cabinet-type doll's house dates from ca. 1745. Year after year, it attracts crowds of adults and children, all entranced by its sumptuous, highly detailed interiors. The items on display will not be limited to Dutch interiors; they will include doll's houses from Germany, England and Italy, and even a Japanese kitchen and a Chinese temple. The interesting thing about the typical 18<sup>th</sup> century English house is that it is an exact copy of a building that is still in existence: number 27 in King Street, King's Lynn.

Another highlight of the show is a fully equipped toy farm, given to Princess Juliana by her parents on her second birthday to help her learn about country life.

The classic modern period will also be well represented, with a doll's room made by ADO Toys to a De Stijl design, a miniature home of the 1950s and a doll's house made to designs by Gerrit Rietveld. Miniatures of Vitra design chairs will also be on display, as will works in miniature by Dutch designers, and dolls in couture outfits handmade by Victor & Rolf.

Open Tuesday through Sunday from 11am until 5pm.  
Entrance fee Euro 12,50. [www.gemeentemuseum.nl](http://www.gemeentemuseum.nl)

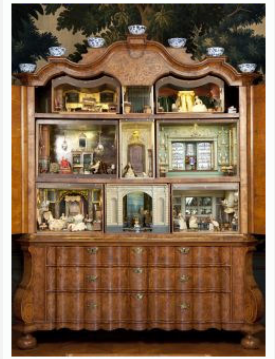
## Exhibits at the Anne Frank House

Every 6 months, the **Anne Frank House** in Amsterdam presents a new exhibit about one of the persons in hiding. After the popular exhibit "Margot Frank", this time all about Edith Frank, the mother of Margot and Anne.

Most people do not know much about Edith Frank and what her youngest daughter Anne wrote about her. From pictures, letters, objects and (movie) witnesses the museum visitor will learn more about Edith Frank.

There are pictures taken between 1915 and 1922 where we see a happy Edith. These pictures have been saved thanks to Irene Holländer, a niece and good friend of Edith, who immigrated to Peru in 1937. Edouardo Fraiefeld, the grandson of Irene, recently gave these pictures on loan to the Anne Frank foundation.

**Homesickness** Edith seems, after the birth of Margot and Anne, happy and full confidence. The emigration to the Netherlands in 1933 made an end at this comfortable life. It is hard for Edith to get used at her new life. From her letters we can read that she misses her family and friends and that she worries about the situation in Nazi-Germany.



**Mother and daughter** Anne did not always write good things about her mother. She was very fond of her father and finds her mother distant and hard. Later, at the end of the hiding period, Anne gets more understanding for her mother. In the exhibit, witnesses are telling the bond between mother and daughter, before and after the hiding. Witness Lenie de Jong-Van Naarden tells about the horrible time at Auschwitz, where Edith at all times watches over her daughters. In November 1944, Margot and Anne were deported to Bergen-Belsen. Edith stays behind in Auschwitz and dies of hardship and disease on January 6, 1945 at the age of 45 years.



The Anne Frank House is open daily between 9am and 7pm from September 15 until March 14. Between March 14 and September 16 they will be open until 9pm. In July and August they are even open until 10pm. For opening exceptions please visit the below website.



Entrance fee Euro 9,00 per person. To avoid long waiting lines, we suggest online tickets. With these tickets you do not have to wait in line.

[www.annefrankhuis.org](http://www.annefrankhuis.org)

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