

# The Dutch Travel advisor

## *Travel in Style*



## The Holland Journal – Newsletter for Travel Advisors

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There is a Chinese curse that says: “May you live in interesting times”. Unfortunately for all of us, we do indeed live in ‘interesting’ times. We cannot wait for less interesting times to arrive. We are hopeful that early 2021 will bring us a vaccine, and once it is there, we are convinced that people will start travelling again like before. Maybe even more so considering the pent-up demand there will be.

Until that day arrives, we will keep you updated by means of this newsletter.

In the meantime, hang on in there and stay safe and healthy!



## COVID-19 Update the Netherlands

Unfortunately, the number of Corona infections in the Netherlands and Europe in general has risen considerably in the past months. The Dutch government has therefore issued a partial lockdown and stricter rules.

The most far-reaching measure is that as of October 14, 10pm, all establishments that serve food and drinks must close, with the exception of hotels and airports. Museums will remain open, but visitors must reserve a time slot

Also, wearing face masks in public buildings will become mandatory soon.

The rules apply for at least 4 weeks and will be re-evaluated in two weeks.

For a full overview, please visit our website: [www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com/news](http://www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com/news)



## FAM/Educational Tour 2021

The Dutch Travel advisor has organized another amazing Virtuoso FAM/Educational tour of the Netherlands, for those advisors who would like to learn in depth what their clients can expect if they travel to the Netherlands.

This tour will start on **Sunday October 3, 2021**, ending on **Saturday October 9, 2021**.

**Link to the itinerary on Web:**

<https://travefy.com/trip/6yw9rqeslx6wqz2agq47raaf536ufya>

**For pricing and terms & conditions:**

<https://www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com/tours/fam-educational-tours/>

There is a maximum of 20 participants, and because it is a popular event, we will only select Virtuoso advisors and those who have the Netherlands as their destination sales focus.

If you are interested in participating, [click here](#) for the registration form. We only have 5 spots available, so hurry if you would like to join!

## New: Virtuoso Amenities

**Book your tours with The Dutch Travel advisor and get the following Virtuoso Amenities as per September 1, 2020:**

### The Netherlands:

- Receive one free transfer between Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (or Amsterdam Central Train Station) and any hotel in Amsterdam based on a minimum of three full-day touring.
- Receive free return transfers between Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (or Amsterdam Central Train Station) and any hotel in Amsterdam / vice versa, based on five or more full-day touring.

### Belgium:

- Receive one free transfer between Zaventem Brussels International Airport (or any Brussels train station) and any hotel in Brussels based on a minimum of three full-day touring.
- Receive free return transfers between Zaventem Brussels International Airport (or any Brussels train station) and any hotel in Brussels / vice versa, based on five or more full-day touring.

### Conditions:

- The Netherlands: Mercedes S Class (2 pax) vehicle or Mercedes V Class vehicle (2 to 5 pax).
- Belgium: Mercedes E Class (2 pax) vehicle or Mercedes V Class vehicle (2 to 5 pax).
- Only one transfer per booking.
- All benefits are applicable to new bookings only, subject to change and availability; may be withdrawn or changed without notice; and may not be combinable with other offers.



## Depot Boijmans Van Beuningen Rotterdam

Depot Boijmans Van Beuningen in the architecture city Rotterdam is the first art storage facility in the world that offers access to a museum's complete collection.

The Depot has a different dynamic to that of the museum: there are no exhibitions, but you can browse amongst 151,000 artworks, alone or with a guide, and get behind-the-scenes glimpses of - among other things - conservation and restoration.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021, Depot Boijmans Van Beuningen will open right next to the museum Boijmans Van Beuningen. The building will reach as high as the museum's beacon and give all citizens and visitors of Rotterdam free access to a panorama of the city and its harbor from its rooftop garden and restaurant.

The Dutch Travel advisor will add this spectacular sight in their Rotterdam touring. More to come in 2021! <https://www.boijmans.nl/en/depot>



## Floriade Expo 2022

**'Growing Green Cities'**

Between April 14 and October 9, 2022, for six months, the 7<sup>th</sup> International Horticultural Expo Floriade Expo 2022 will take place in Almere, at a short 45-minutes from Amsterdam. The International Horticultural Expo is held once every ten years.

With the theme 'Growing Green Cities', the Expo will focus on the Green City of the Future. The Floriade site will be a living laboratory with inspirational exhibitions by countries, cities, and innovative businesses. But also with impressive attractions, lots of art and culture and with a unique collection of trees, shrubs, and flowers.



The theme is more important than ever. At this moment, the earth has 7 billion inhabitants. More than 50 per cent of these inhabitants live in cities. By 2050, this will be nearly 70 per cent. To remain safe, healthy, and attractive, cities have to find creative, green, and sustainable solutions, which will be exhibited at the Expo 2022.

As a visitor, you can participate and contribute to four relevant sub-themes: green, food, energy and health. That's why the Floriade site is divided up into the Green Island and three districts, each with their own theme: The Food District, the Energy District and the Health District.

The Dutch Travel advisor will organize special Floriade tours. For more information, keep an eye on our website: [www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com/tours/tour-examples/tour-examples-the-netherlands/floriade-2022](http://www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com/tours/tour-examples/tour-examples-the-netherlands/floriade-2022)

## Waldorf Astoria Mayor's Residence

### Exclusivity and privacy in the heart of Amsterdam

The Mayor's Residence at The Waldorf Astoria Amsterdam opened its doors on September 1, 2020. It is a stunning private nine-bedroom palace featuring all the services of the renowned five-star hotel.

The Residence is steeped in history. Spread across three floors with its own private entrance, it sleeps up to 15 people in nine bedrooms and all can be seated for private meals in the intimate dining area.

Formerly the hotel's Van Loon Suite, the suite showcases sweeping city views across Amsterdam's Gentleman's Canal (Herengracht), alongside Neo-Renaissance interiors and original architectural features including a 17th century spiral staircase.

Guests will be pampered by an entire team of staff, including a personal butler, housekeeper and private chef on hand to whip up fine dining creations. They will also enjoy exclusive use of the hotel's multi award-winning Guerlain Spa and unlimited spa treatments.

The Mayor's Residence was originally built in 1665 for Hendrik Hooft, one of Amsterdam's most influential mayors. Decorated by Hendrik's wife Maria Hooft and then by the prominent De Wildts family in 1780, the palace retains many of its original Rococo features.

If you are interested in booking the Mayor's Residence or if you wish to receive more information, please contact us at [info@thedutchtraveladvisor.com](mailto:info@thedutchtraveladvisor.com).

