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## The Holland Journal - Newsletter for Travel Advisors

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We are finally reaching the moment we have all been looking forward to: the end of this challenging year! It has been a difficult year for all of us and I think I speak for everyone when I say it cannot end soon enough. With vaccination having started in the UK and USA already, we feel we have finally reached the beginning of the end of this crisis.

Assuming the European authorities approve the vaccine(s) as well before the end of this year, the Dutch government is planning to start its vaccination program in the beginning of January (January 4). More information in the Covid-19 update below.

We will leave you with these hopeful thoughts and we wish you all very **Happy Holidays** and all the best for, what can only be, a much better New Year.



## COVID-19 Update the Netherlands – Full Lockdown Announced

In the past weeks, the number of Corona infections have started to rise again considerably in the Netherlands. Therefore, on December 14, the Dutch government announced a **full lockdown**. This means that as of December 15, all restaurants, bars and cafés, shops, museums, theatres, cinemas etc. will be closed. Only ‘essential’ shops such as supermarkets remain open. This lockdown will last at least 5 weeks, until January 19.



The government has also made a provisional vaccination schedule, setting out which groups will receive which type of vaccine, and where vaccination centers will be set up. The first group to be called up for vaccination will be care professionals working at nursing homes.

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

## Yes, We Do Belgium as well...

Despite the fact that you are currently reading the 'Holland Journal', I am sure many of you know that we 'do' Belgium as well. We can take care of the same land-based needs in Belgium as we can in the Netherlands: transfers, tours, hotel reservations, you name it.

The most popular tours we do in Belgium include tours in Bruges, Brussels, our favorite city Ghent, and of course Antwerp. In both Bruges and Brussels, we can even organize a private chocolate workshop. In a country famous for chocolate, this is considered a must-do!

Popular 'themed' tours include a WWI tour (Flanders Fields) and a WWII tour (Battle of the Bulge). For some examples of Belgian tours, please have a look at our website:

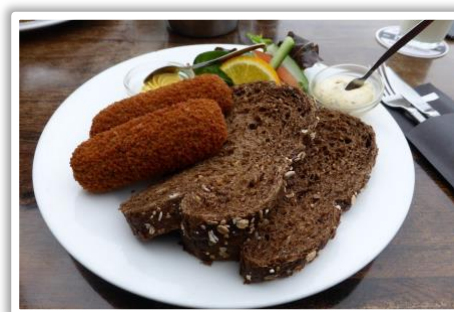
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## Street Food Tour Amsterdam

We have developed a new **walking / street food tour** in the historical city center of Amsterdam. During the walking tour, clients will be treated to typical Dutch snacks such as a stropwafel, a herring or kibbeling fish, a croquette, licorice, poffertjes, chocolate and of course the famous Dutch cheese.

The tour includes a visit to the famous **Albert Cuyp Market**, located in De Pijp, where you find fresh fruit and vegetables, fish, flowers and plants as well as beautiful fabrics, trendy clothing, fine leather ware and jewelry. With its 260 market stands, Albert Cuyp is Holland's largest street market offering a variety of things to see. You'll find the statue of Holland's popular singer André Hazes at the corner of first Sweelinck Street. In De Pijp, you will be treated to typical Dutch street food and you can have a coffee in a traditional Amsterdam café.



## 200 Years Mauritshuis Museum

2022 will mark a special year for the Mauritshuis Museum as it will celebrate its 200th anniversary. It will do so with a year of activities and special exhibitions. One of the highlights will be a flower exhibition to be held in the spring. Timed at the same time with the arrival of the Floriade, which is organized once every 10 years.

The Mauritshuis Museum, located in The Hague, is home to the very best Dutch Golden Age paintings. The compact, yet world-renowned collection is housed in a 17th century building. Masterpieces such as Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring, The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Tulp by Rembrandt, The Goldfinch by Fabritius and The Bull by Potter are on permanent display in the intimate rooms. [www.mauritshuis.nl](http://www.mauritshuis.nl)



## Dior Exhibition at Kunstmuseum Den Haag

In 1947, Christian Dior launched a brand-new fashion house in Paris, the fashion capital of the world. His first collection has gone down in history as the 'New Look', a term coined by a fashion journalist at the time. It had a huge impact. The New Look became one of the most frequently emulated fashion silhouettes of all time. But that was only the start. Dior repeatedly surprised the world with new looks. From his debut in 1947 to his sudden death in 1957, Christian Dior would show a total of 22 collections, each of which was unbelievably successful and influential.



The Dior exhibition (October 16, 2021 - March 6, 2022) will focus on the period between 1947-1957, but it will also explore the influence of his creations on the work of his successors Marc Bohan, Gianfranco Ferré, John Galliano, Raf Simons and Maria Grazia Chiuri. It will also include plenty of fashion drawings and photographs, as well as Dior costume jewelry, much of it made in Germany, which is inextricably associated with the collections.

Kunstmuseum Den Haag (Art Museum The Hague), housed in H.P. Berlage's magnificent Art Deco building, was formerly known as Gemeentemuseum Den Haag (Municipal Museum The Hague). With 160,000 works of art, the Kunstmuseum is one of Europe's largest art museums. It has a leading collection of modern and contemporary art, fashion and decorative arts. It is also the international home of Piet Mondrian, with no fewer than 300 works by the famous Dutch artist in its collection. This is the only museum where Mondrian's life and progress towards abstract art unfold before your eyes, surrounded by illustrious predecessors and contemporaries like Monet, Picasso and Kandinsky, and successors like Sol Lewitt, Francis Bacon and Louise Bourgeois. [www.kunstmuseum.nl/en](http://www.kunstmuseum.nl/en)

## New Museum: LAM in Lisse

LAM is a museum at Keukenhof Estate, a stone's throw from Keukenhof Castle and the famous Keukenhof flower exhibit in the village of Lisse, the heart of the bulb district. In the museum, all works of art have something to do with food and consumption.



LAM's collection is centered around the role of food and nature in human life and its repercussions in art. The collection includes works by the artists Renzo Martens (head of chocolate), Yinka Shonibare (The Last Supper), Ron Mueck (standing woman with shopping bags), Pieter Janssens Elinga (still life with peaches and oranges), Uta Eisenreich (photographed smoked sausages), Stefan Gross (large square lettuce) and Itamar Gilboa, who recorded in porcelain what he ate and drank for a year.

The museum opened in early 2019. The collection and the building were financed by the VandenBroek Foundation, founded by Jan van den Broek, former director of supermarket chain Dirk. The museum is a private museum and does not depend on government funding.

[www.lamlisse.nl/en](http://www.lamlisse.nl/en)

## Museum Voorlinden

Museum Voorlinden is a Dutch private museum for modern and contemporary art located on the Voorlinden Estate in Wassenaar near The Hague. Its art collection is known as the Caldic Collection, the largest private art collection in the Netherlands. It was officially opened on September 10, 2016 in the presence of King Willem-Alexander.



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The museum building, designed by architect Dirk Jan Postel of the Kraaijvanger architectural firm, consists of two layers, one of which is 23ft high above ground level. The design is partly inspired by that of the Danish Louisiana Museum of Modern Art (1958) and the Swiss Fondation Beyeler (1997). By using a lot of glass and walls covered with natural stone in the color of dune sand, the building blends in with the environment, which was designed around 1912 by the landscape architect Leonard Springer. The museum garden, which was completed in 2016, is a design by the famous landscape artist Piet Oudolf.

The museum has an area of more than 1 acre reserved for exhibitions. In addition to rooms for temporary exhibitions, changing collection presentations and the permanent collection.

The Caldic Collection of modern and contemporary art, brought together since the early 1970s, consists of paintings, sculptures, collages and photography, mainly from the 20th century. It also includes Richard Serra's steel sculpture called 'Open Ended'. [www.voorlinden.nl](http://www.voorlinden.nl)

## Anne Frank House Webinar

For those interested in Anne Frank and her family, we can now give an interesting webinar about the **Anne Frank House**. Not only about the place where they were in hiding, but also about the years before: when and why they moved from Germany to the Netherlands and what happened with the family when they were caught in hiding.

This live webinar, which can be done privately or in a small group, takes 90-minutes including a Q&A.

We also offer an interesting introduction webinar on Amsterdam or the Netherlands, which is excellent for first-time visitors. Webinars can also be on Dutch art, artists, architecture, history or any other requested topic. [www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com/tours/lectures-or-virtual-museum-tours/](http://www.thedutchtraveladvisor.com/tours/lectures-or-virtual-museum-tours/)

