

The Netherlands 2019

Flower Auction, Grower, Private Family Lunch and The Keukenhof

Due to the limited opening times of the Keukenhof, this tour is only possible in March, April and May. The rest of the year, we can substitute the Keukenhof for other sights like for example a private cheese workshop. The best day to do this tour is on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

7.45am (depending on location) Meet and greet with your private, English-speaking guide / driver in the hotel lobby, from where you will be taken for a 30-minute drive by luxury private car / minivan, to the World's largest flower auction, **Flora Holland**.

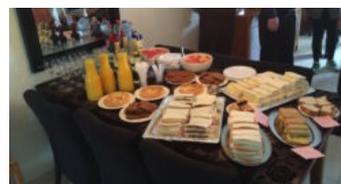
Flora Holland compares in size to the city of Monaco. It is also the largest commercial complex in the world! See how this auction process works and notice a variety of millions of flowers. You can observe all this from a walkway above ground-level. Did you know that on an average auction day they auction 35 million cut flowers in more than 15,000 varieties? You will be, as everybody else, very much surprised.



9.45am We continue with an exclusive tour at a local **grower**. These visits are very special because normally you can't visit these growers, which in most cases are family-owned companies. This could be an orchid, rose, tulip, hydrangea, gerbera daisy or any other grower with blooming flowers. The owner will be there to greet you in person and will guide you through his / her company.

11am From here, there will be a 30-minute scenic drive to Lisse, the heart of the bulb district.

After driving through the bulb fields, you will be taken to the private home of a **Dutch family** where you will have a delicious Dutch lunch. Enjoy and talk with the owners and see how they live in their nice modern home. If the weather permits, the lunch will be served in the family garden. A very special experience!



1.15pm After lunch, you will be taken for a guided tour of the famous flower exhibit **Keukenhof**. The Keukenhof gardens cover 70 acres on which roughly 8 million bulbs are planted every year. Every garden has a specific design and character. Climb the steps of the Groningen-type corn mill to see the view. See the exhibition of some 30 sculptures and other objects d'art throughout the park. A huge indoor spring garden is staged in 7,000 sq. m. of pavilions during the annual exhibition where over 500 different varieties are to be seen in 10 indoor flower shows under the name 'Parade'. In 2019, the Keukenhof will be open from March 21 until May 19.

4pm After this exciting tour, you will be taken back to your hotel in Amsterdam where you have the remainder of the day for your own leisure. You will arrive back around **4.30pm**.

End of Service