

Horticultural Society of Maryland and
Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland present...

Netherlands, Belgium & France

Featuring the Keukenhof Tulip Festival & Floriade Expo 2022

with Optional 3-Night London Post Tour Extension

April 16 – 27, 2022



**HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY OF MARYLAND**



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Small Group Travel rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

12 Days • 15 Meals: 10 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Amsterdam, Canal Cruise, Keukenhof Tulip Festival, Floriade Expo 2022, Impact Moment, Gouda, Kinderdijk, Bruges, Brussels, Reims, Route du Champagne, Épernay, Paris, Choice on Tour, Parisian Retro Cars

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Swissotel Amsterdam, Amsterdam
Days 5, 6	Aragon Hotel BVBA Bruges, Bruges
Days 7, 8	Continental Hotel, Reims
Days 9 – 11	La Maison Favart, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Explorations: These small group tours give travelers access to the world in a truly authentic way. On these active, immersive journeys, travelers connect with the cultures of the world on a deeper, more meaningful level in ways that are hard to replicate. The group size is kept small, allowing these journeys to be the most active, engaging, and rewarding experience possible.

Day 1: Saturday, April 16, 2022 Overnight Flight From iconic Dutch windmills and cozy Belgian streets to the world-renowned Champagne region and the “City of Light,” experience the essence of 3 European countries. Connect with deeply rooted cultures as you make your way through the Netherlands, Belgium, and France.

Day 2: Sunday, April 17, 2022 Amsterdam, Netherlands - Tour Begins Narrow canals, stone bridges, and bike-brimmed lanes – this is Amsterdam, the lively starting point of your journey. Check into your boutique hotel, located in the heart of the city center and your home for the next 3 nights. Get a taste of the local flavors and meet your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Monday, April 18, 2022 Amsterdam See the city the way it's truly meant to be seen – by canal. On your private boat, cruise under sloping bridges and pass by quintessential Dutch houses. Then, explore the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, featuring acres of tranquil ponds, shaded paths, and more than 7 million tulips and other flowers on exhibit. As the day draws to a close, meet with a local for a chat about the city's progressive and often controversial culture. The evening is yours. (B)

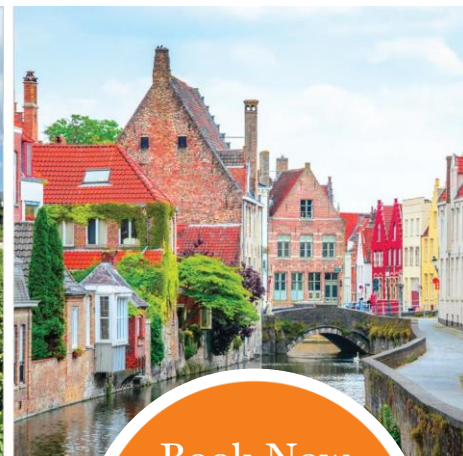
Day 4: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 Amsterdam This morning visit the Floriade Expo 2022, a once-in-a-decade international garden festival and horticultural exhibition whose theme is "Growing Green Cities." Later this afternoon come together for an **Impact Moment** at a local brewery that employs individuals that face obstacles in the workplace. Make the evening your own with **Diner's Choice**, selecting the perfect spot for dinner from a “menu” of restaurants. (B, D)

Day 5: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 Amsterdam - Gouda - Kinderdijk - Bruges, Belgium Say hello to Gouda, famous for its namesake cheese. Get a taste of this celebrated product at a nearby farm, learning about the process and trying a bite yourself. Head through the countryside to Kinderdijk (UNESCO), where iconic Dutch windmills spin slowly over the marshy landscape. Step into a storybook when you end your day in Bruges, settling in for the next 2 nights. As the crowds leave, get familiar with this cozy Belgian town and wander the cobblestone streets with a guide. (B)

Day 6: Thursday, April 21, 2022 Bruges - Optional Excursion The day is yours. Perhaps you'll embark on an optional tour of Bruges, where you'll cruise through fairytale canals before connecting with local traditions – tasting Belgian chocolate and learning about the intricate craft of lace making. After a day at leisure, embark on a tasting tour of Bruges. Start with Belgium's most quintessential beverage and some small bites at a historic family-run brewery. Your culinary campaign continues at a local restaurant that fuses the best of French and local specialties. (B, D)

Day 7: Friday, April 22, 2022 Bruges - Brussels - Reims, France Enjoy a day in Brussels, the bustling capital of Belgium and the base of the European Union. Meander alongside 19th-century facades and medieval towers as you get a local's perspective on the city. After some free time to explore, trade your waffles for wine as you enter Reims, set in the heart of France's illustrious Champagne region. Settle into your city-centric boutique hotel before dining your way through French cuisine with a 5-course tasting menu and glass of champagne. (B, D)

Day 8: Saturday, April 23, 2022 Reims - Épernay - Reims Discover Reims, uncovering the city's Celtic roots and Gothic architecture. Step into Notre-Dame de Reims Cathedral, gazing up at a sea of colorful stained glass. Cityscapes give way to vineyard rows as you make your way along the Route du Champagne, learning about this world-famous artisan production. Peer at the sprawling mansions on the Avenue de Champagne en route to Épernay, where you'll have



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free time to explore followed by a tour and tasting at a nearby *maison du champagne*. (B)

Day 9: Sunday, April 24, 2022 Reims - Paris Say *bonjour* to Paris, a hub of innovative cuisine and artistic culture. Experience this creative flare in the Montmartre neighborhood, where hip bohemia meets heaven-seeking basilicas. Make the most of your free time before settling into your one-of-a-kind abode in the 2nd *arrondissement*. Explore your new neighborhood until the sun fades and the “City of Light” debuts its sparkling grandeur. Spin the wheels of time from the backseat of a retro car, cruising through the chic boulevards and peering up at the Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe from the car’s open roof. (B)

Day 10: Monday, April 25, 2022 Paris - Optional Excursion Today’s your day to experience Paris however you please. Hop on *Le Métro* like a local, skirting your way to each iconic neighborhood and district. Perhaps you’ll spend your morning at the legendary Louvre, an otherworldly glass pyramid home to Da Vinci’s elusive *Mona Lisa*. Or consider spending your evening with an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin cabaret show, featuring champagne, can-can dancers, and endless excitement. (B)

Day 11: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 Paris Let the art scene leave its *impression* on you with a Claude Monet inspired **choice on tour!** Experience Monet in the city at the Musee D’Orsay, a former railway station that now houses the world’s best impressionist art **-OR-** visit Monet’s countryside home* at Giverny with a local guide, where you’ll see the source for the artist’s inspiration, including the setting for his iconic *Waterlilies*. End the day with a hands-on cooking class, mastering Parisian classics before dining on your creations at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 Paris - Tour Ends Say *au revoir* to Europe as you depart for home. (B)

EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

Optional 4 Days 3-Night London Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$999.00 USD per person, double, land only

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IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Days of features are interchangeable.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

* Monet's home is closed from November 1 through March 31. During closure, all guests will visit the Musee D'Orsay instead.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions. Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$600 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of September 10, 2021 are based upon availability. Final payment due by February 15, 2022. Deposits are refundable up until September 17, 2021.

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DEPARTURE DATE: April 16, 2022

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Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Bruges

Best of Bruges

\$55 USD

Explore the cozy town of Bruges with a guide and get a sense of local traditions. Your day starts with a canal cruise, drifting along the storybook buildings and quaint bridges as you take in the town from a new perspective. Then, get a taste of famous flavors with a chocolate making demonstration and tasting, delving into the world-renowned specialties of Belgian chocolate. After satisfying your sweet tooth, meet with a local lace maker and learn about this intricate craft. Lace has been a product of Bruges for centuries, favored by the high clergy and throughout your day, you'll get the best of Belgian culture and see just what makes this little town so special. *Duration: Approximately 2.5 hours.* Transportation is not included.

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✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
_____	Best of Bruges	55.00

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