

THE GOLDEN AGE OF AMSTERDAM

JUNE 10TH - 17TH 2019

A VIEW OF ART & SCIENCE IN AMSTERDAM'S GOLDEN AGE

It is said that God created heaven and earth – except Holland. The Dutch people made that! The ingenious use of windmills, dikes and canals has created large flat and fertile areas that, for hundreds of years, have been cultivated with the most colorful flowers. This constant struggle with the sea has also created a fiercely independent people, who have left a mark on world history totally disproportionate to the size of their population.

Holland has also produced an exceptional number of world-class painters over the last few centuries: Rembrandt van Rijn, Frans Hals, Jan Vermeer, Jacob van Ruisdael, Aelbert Cuyp and, of course, Vincent van Gogh, to name a few. Many of their works are displayed in the national museums and galleries in Amsterdam and the surrounding countryside. The independent spirit of the Dutch people, combined with their thirst for exploration and their natural tendency to question the accepted societal norms of the period, also led them to embrace wholeheartedly the scientific renaissance that was making its way north through Europe at the time. Dutch physicist and astronomer Christiaan Huygens is renowned as a figure of this renaissance, as is Anton van Leeuwenhoek, who revolutionized the microscope and its use and was a contemporary and possible friend of Vermeer.

In June 2019 Gettysburg College will offer a unique opportunity to explore the intertwined nature of creative art and science in the Dutch Golden Age, from the comfort of a first-class hotel in the very heart of the city. Dr. Kay Etheridge will be your faculty host for this tour, and is excited to share what she has learned through her extensive research in Amsterdam.



THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, IS:

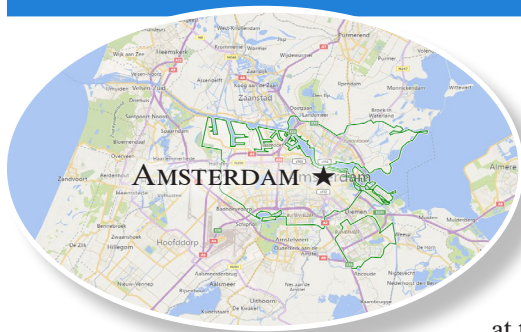
LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED): **\$ 3999**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: **\$ 1099**

Flight Information Available Upon Request

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 6 nights' accommodation in a first-class hotel including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour guide throughout. Local guides for museums as required
- PORTERAGE:** Porterage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites as detailed in the itinerary and canal boat cruise in Amsterdam

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Information on purchasing coverage will be mailed to each registrant on receipt of deposit.



Monday, June 10th - Departure from your chosen gateway city. **Overnight: Plane**

Tuesday, June 11th - Morning arrival in Amsterdam. Your flight will be met for transfer to our city-center hotel. After checking in, there will be time to unpack, relax and find some lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon a local guide will introduce the highlights of the city – from a canal boat! Amsterdam was built around the network of canals that crisscross the city, providing a relaxing and unique way to see many of the historic sections of this beautiful city. After the canal tour we will meet up again for a glass of wine and conversation before dinner at the hotel. **(D) Overnight: Amsterdam**

Wednesday, June 12th - We begin the day with a walking tour of the historic canal district and visit a canal house museum (perhaps the Cromhouthuis). There are many “hidden jewels” to be seen, such as courtyards most tourists do not even know about. After a break for lunch, you will be free to visit one of the smaller museums in the area. Possibilities would include the Amsterdam museum, the Rembrandt house, or any of the other canal house museums, (e.g. the Van Loon or the Museum of Our Lord in the Attic). The latter reflects the history of when Protestantism ruled and some devout Catholics would build hidden chapels within their houses (more or less an open secret in ever-tolerant Amsterdam). This evening we will meet up again for a glass of wine and conversation before dinner with tips from Dr. Etheridge about what to look for the next day as you explore one of the top art museums in Europe. **(B, D) Overnight: Amsterdam**



Thursday, June 13th - We'll spend the morning at the Rijksmuseum, an architectural marvel and home to spectacular paintings by Vermeer, Rembrandt and countless others, as well as luxury goods collected over centuries (e.g. fabulous doll houses and model ships). We'll have lunch and a discussion in or near the Rijksmuseum (possibly a picnic in the nearby park). The afternoon is free for visits to the Van Gogh Museum or the Museum of Modern Art. Alternatively, you may want to stroll in the park, quench your thirst at the Heineken Brewery, or take advantage of the amazing shopping opportunities in Amsterdam (we can guide you to wonderful street markets, antiques and more). The evening is free for you to try some recommended restaurants or explore on your own. **(B, L) Overnight: Amsterdam**

Friday, June 14th - Free morning. You may wish to visit the Anne Frank museum (pre-booking required), explore historic houses of worship (e.g. the Portuguese Synagogue or the “old” church) or simply stroll along the canals. We'll meet up for lunch at an Indonesian restaurant near the Amsterdam zoo, and afterward, visit the Artis Library. The curator there; and Dr. Etheridge; will show you first editions of some amazing natural history books. Afterwards, you may wish to visit the zoo or nearby botanical garden. Both are marvelously landscaped and like much of Amsterdam, rich with history. The evening is free, but Dr. Etheridge will be available for an optional pre-dinner conversation over a drink if you wish. **(B, L) Overnight: Amsterdam**

Saturday, June 15th - We will travel from Amsterdam's Central Station (another architectural gem) about 20 minutes by train to Haarlem to visit the Frans Hals Museum. After lunch in the museum café and discussion of the works we have just seen we'll walk to the Teylers Museum, which is a small gem housing art, fossils and other science artifacts in an incredible building. Haarlem is charming and walkable with lovely shops and a significant historic church. You will then have free time for individual exploration, with the flexibility to return to Amsterdam by train at your leisure. The evening is free, but Dr. Etheridge will be glad to meet you at her favorite “brown café” near the hotel for Dutch beer (more than 100 kinds!) and light food if you like. **(B, L) Overnight: Amsterdam**



Sunday, June 16th - Free morning. This afternoon we will visit the popular Ship Museum, built in 1656 as a naval storehouse. Surrounded by water, it includes a visit onto a full scale merchant ship and engaging exhibits about the relationship of the Dutch to the sea; this is one of Dr. Etheridge's favorite museums! This evening we will gather for a farewell dinner at or near our hotel. **(B, D) Overnight: Amsterdam**

Monday, June 17th - This morning there may be time for some last-minute souvenir shopping before your transfer back to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport for return flights to the USA, or continuation of your journey elsewhere. **Overnight: Home**

YOUR HOST, Dr. Kay Etheridge, is a Professor in the Department of Biology and Director of Advancing Science, the long-running precollege outreach program, at Gettysburg College. She is a co-editor of Brill's book series, the *Emergence of Natural History*, and a founding member of the Maria Sibylla Merian Society, for which she has co-organized two international conferences. Dr. Etheridge's publications on Merian, a 17th-century naturalist/artist, and related scholarship have led her to develop interdisciplinary courses at Gettysburg College, such as Exploration of the Marvelous: Art and Science in the Renaissance. Her research frequently takes her to rare book libraries and museums across Western Europe, and in recent years she has worked extensively in Amsterdam and other parts of The Netherlands. Based on this experience, Dr. Etheridge will contribute to the tour's exploration of the Dutch Golden Age and the interwoven nature of art, science and trade.



REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- i). Please type or print.
- ii). Make checks payable to Discover Europe, Ltd.
- iii). Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
- iv). Complete both sides of this form.
- v). Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person. Keep the top section for your records.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:

1. PASSENGER DETAILS

- i). Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your "Known As" or preferred name, if applicable.
- ii). Passport Details. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.
- iii). Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
- iv). Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals.
- v). Health Information. A certain amount of walking is involved in this trip. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

2. EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

3. INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. (Please note that extra charges for transportation to and from the destination airport may be incurred). If you need help arranging connecting flights from your local airport to an international departure city, we will be happy to arrange those for you. There is a nominal charge of \$40 per ticket for this service.

4. ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

Please tick the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.

- i). If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
- ii). A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.



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PREFERRED TELEPHONE: (____) _____ work/cell/home
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SECONDARY TELEPHONE: (____) _____ work/cell/home
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SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: _____

HEALTH INFORMATION: _____

OTHER COMMENTS OR NOTES: _____

TRIP DETAILS

DEPARTURE DATE: _____ RETURN DATE: _____

DEPARTURE AIRPORT OR CITY: _____



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TERMS & CONDITIONS

GENERAL

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
3. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
4. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., Engaging Journey's Inc., Gettysburg College their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
5. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
6. Conduct During the Tour: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 15-20 participants. Should we end up with less than 15 people, Discover Europe will work with Gettysburg College to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

REFUND POLICY

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty per person.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
 - 90-61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person
 - 60 - 31 days prior to departure: \$2000 per person
 - Fewer than 30 days prior to departure: no refund
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Trip cancellation insurance is not included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be made available to you upon registration.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
8. Your place on this tour is not transferrable.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

1. All inclusions on *The Golden Age of Amsterdam* are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Primary Telephone: (_____) _____
Email: _____

FLIGHT INFORMATION

(Please check one)

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights? Yes No

Flight details (if self-arranged), to be provided at least 90 days prior to departure: _____

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS (Please check one)

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

I will be sharing with: _____

We would like a double twin-bedded room

PERMISSIONS

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. Yes No

SIGNATURES

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Gettysburg College and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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