



TULIP TOUR 2025

April 28th - May 2nd 2025



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Monday April 28th – Saturday May 3^d 2025

SMALL GROUP TOUR
Minimum 10 – Maximum 14 Participants

Monday April 28th, 2025

We kick off our tour with a welcome Brunch at the hotel in Apeldoorn.

Apeldoorn is located about 1 hour from Schiphol Amsterdam Airport and your rooms will be available as of Sunday evening or for early check-in on Monday morning.

Transfer to the hotel will be arranged based on your travel plans, either Sunday evening or Monday morning.

In the afternoon we visit

Het Loo Palace Gardens: originally the medieval castle of Prince William of Orange, Het Loo is one of Europe's finest formal gardens. It is sometimes referred to as the Versailles of the Netherlands. Our tour includes a visit of the inside and the rooftop terrace from which the gardens are best admired.



We end the day with the visit of a **private garden** created from scratch in a flat potato field about twenty years ago. The owners, a retired garden designer and her husband, have created a series of rooms, each with a distinct mood designed for year-round interest. At this time of the year, tulips and bulbs make an exceptional show. The owners will welcome us and show us around



We gather for a welcome drink before a three course dinner at the hotel's Gastronomic Restaurant.

Tuesday April 29th, 2025

Tulip Gardens

Today we visit

Mien Ruys Gardens: A seminal force in post-war continental garden design, Mien Ruys was the inspiration for the new Dutch wave gardeners Piet Oudolf and Hank Gerritsen. Today managed by a foundation her experimental gardens are a trove of ideas for planting schemes and design.



And

Three private gardens showcasing beautiful seasonal bulb displays.



Dinner this evening is in a charming restaurant in the forest, not far from our hotel.

Wednesday April 30th, 2025

To Amsterdam via Overijssel

We travel to Amsterdam, driving along the **bulb route**, to see fields of bulbs under cultivation and visit **two private gardens** on the way, all with spectacular bulb plantings.



Our last garden of the day is the creation of an avid plantswoman. Inspired by English gardens, in particular Sissinghurst, the garden is a delightful succession of surprises. Because it is designed for year round interest, spring bulbs and in particular tulips have their moment of glory at this time of the year.



We reach Amsterdam in the late afternoon.

After settling in, we spend the evening on a beautiful old-fashioned boat on the canals of Amsterdam. We enjoy drinks and dinner on board.



Thursday May 1st, 2025

We start early today and head to the world-famous **Keukenhof** gardens to kick off this full-day tour. We will explore the Keukenhof for about 2 hours, and then we'll head to the Kop van Noord Holland, to the largest tulip fields and away from the crowds.



Along the way, we'll enjoy lunch in a quaint Dutch town.

In the afternoon, we visit an organic tulip farm and learn all about how tulip bulbs are grown and produced for sale.

This evening is at leisure in Amsterdam (list of restaurants will be provided)

Friday May 2nd, 2025
Aalsmeer and Amsterdam

We get an early start this morning to reach **Flora Holland** in Aalsmeer by 7:00AM.

With over 20 million flowers and plants traded here at auction each and every day of the year **Flora Holland** is the largest flower market in the world.



By 7:00AM the day's flowers have been sold and are being prepared for shipment by truck or airplane to the four corners of the world. Watching these masses of fresh flowers being packed at great speed is an impressive and memorable sight - a must see for anyone interested in flowers and floristry.

We are back in Amsterdam in time for a **late breakfast** at our hotel.

Restored, we are ready to explore the city.

Our expert private guide takes us on a **Walking tour** of the Jordaan, the neighbourhood adjacent to our hotel and famous for its beautiful old houses, tiny bridges, and hidden courtyards, including some secret gardens. Of course, we also pass through the picturesque Canal Ring – a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Lunch We end the tour with a simple lunch at a typical Dutch café.

PM At leisure

To rest and recover or

To sit at a café and soak in the atmosphere of the city or

To visit Museums such as **the Rijksmuseum, the Van Gogh Museum or Anne Frank House.**

Please note that for all these tickets need to be purchased well in advance so please advise if you would like to book and I will gladly help.

Evening Farewell dinner at Restaurant **De Kas**.
Amsterdam. Set in the former municipal
greenhouses and surrounded by produce fields,
this outstanding restaurant was a pioneer of the
farm to table movement in the Netherlands.



Saturday May 3^d
Fly home or pursue further travels.

ACCOMMODATION

First 3 nights (from Sunday April 27th)

Hotel Gastronomique De Echoput *****

Amersfoortseweg 86
7346 AA Hoog Soeren
Tel. +31 (0) 55-5191248

Located in the Hoge Woluwe nature preserve, this contemporary design star hotel is a haven of peace. For our purposes it is an ideally located very comfortable base from which to explore private tulip gardens.



Room Category: Echoput Room. Upgrades available upon request and subject to availability.

Next three nights (from Wednesday April 30th)

Hotel Estherea ****

Singel 303-309
1012 WJ Amsterdam
Tel: +31 20 624 5146

Centrally located in the heart of historic Amsterdam, this family run hotel is installed in a series of connected canal houses overlooking the Singel, one of Amsterdam's main canals.



Room category: classic room (no view); an upgrade to a canal view room is available for a supplement. Upon request and subject to availability.



COST

Based on a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 14 participants, the cost per person is

\$4720.00

per person based on double occupancy.

Single Supplement is **\$976**

The cost includes

- 6 nights accommodation in rooms of the stated category in the suggested hotels
- Breakfast every day
- 5 lunches
- welcome drinks the first night
- 4 dinners
- Transportation in comfortable VIP coach with an experienced driver
- All entrance and guiding fees
- My services as organizer and tour leader
- Keepsake tour book with background information and detailed itinerary

The cost does not include:

- Airfare
- Alcoholic beverages with meals
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses



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TERMS

Notwithstanding the [Terms and Conditions](#) as stated on ToursbyMarie`s website, the following terms apply to this trip:

START OF TOUR

The tour starts at the Echoput Hotel with brunch at 11:30AM on Monday April 28th, 2025.

END OF TOUR

The tour ends on Saturday May 3d after breakfast at the Hotel Estherea, Amsterdam.

RESERVATION:

Please click [here](#) to complete the [REGISTRATION FORM](#) (one per traveler, please!)

Upon receipt I will issue you an invoice to pay the deposit amount.

Your place on this trip will be reserved after paying the Deposit Amount. You agree to pay the Total Trip Cost, which includes the Deposit Amount and the Final Payment amount by their respective Due Dates. You commit to make all future payments until the Total Trip Cost is paid in full.

ELIGIBILITY

The trip requires participants to be capable of walking some distances and of climbing stairs. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your ability to participate in this tour, please contact Marie at + 32 498 516 425 or marie@toursbymarie.com

PAYMENT

Deposit of 1000.00\$ due upon registration.

Balance due **by February 1, 2025**

All payments are non refundable (see cancellation terms below)

MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

The tour requires a minimum of 10 participants to go ahead. If the minimum number of guests has not been met within 90 days of the trip start date, we may need to cancel or reschedule the trip. So please do not purchase non-refundable airfare or incur other non-refundable costs until I confirm to you that the minimum number of participants has been met.

PLEASE DO NOT MAKE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL YOU RECEIVE CONFIRMATION by email THAT THE TOUR WILL GO AHEAD



CANCELLATION TERMS

Up to February 1, 2025 full refund except for 200 dollars handling fee plus the hotels' non-refundable deposits. After February 1st, 2025 payment is due in full and no refund is possible.

TRIP INTERRUPTION

No refunds are possible for trip interruption. We urge you to purchase your own insurance to cover cancellation/ interruption covering the full price of the trip arrangements within seven days of your deposit. You are responsible for the purchase of this insurance.

CANCELLATION

I can't give you a refund if your plans change or you are unable to travel because of health issues, work or family commitments, financial hardship or any other reason other than government-imposed restrictions. In the case that travel is not possible due to government regulation I will issue a credit for a future trip. Furthermore, you are obligated to make all payments until the total trip cost is paid in full. Travel Insurance, particularly cancel for any reason travel insurance, is the only mechanism that can reimburse you if you are unable to join the trip.

In the unlikely event that I need to cancel the trip, I will issue a full refund.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

I strongly urge you to take out travel insurance to cover cancellation costs as well as the need for treatment of any health emergencies while on the tour. This needs to be done within two weeks of registration.

[Squemouth](#) and [Insure My Trip](#) are two travel insurance search sites.

RESPONSIBILITY

I act as agent in transportation, accommodation, sightseeing, transfers, meals, etc., and assume no liability for injury, delay, inconvenience, irregularity, loss or damage to person or property, or additional costs resulting directly or indirectly from any of the following causes: acts of God, fire, acts of government or other authorities, wars, terrorism, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, defaults, delays, cancellations, or changes in transport or hotel service, over which I have no control.

I reserve the right to substitute hotels of similar category for those indicated in this proposal. I also reserve the right to alter the itinerary where deemed advisable.

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TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

ToursbyMarie makes every effort to guarantee the stated price of the tour. However I do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rate. Should the value of the dollar fall against the Euro by more



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than 10% between now and February 1, 2025, I reserve the right to adjust the price.

2. Group size. The tour is based on a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 14 participants. Should the final number of participants fall below 10, the price of the tour may need to be adjusted upwards.

MODE of PAYMENT

By wire transfer to my account as follows: .

Account Holder: ToursbyMarie Srl, Trotzenburgerweg 54, 4710

Lontzen,Belgium

IBAN: BE25 6452 0154 1682 (dollars)

BE70 6451 0971 5725 (Euros)

BIC/Swift Code: JVBABE22

Bank Name and Address: Banque J.Van Breda & Co, Ledeganckkaai 7, 2000 Anvers,
Belgium

OR

By credit card for an additional finance fee of 5% (contact me at marie@toursbymarie.com and I will send you a secure link).