

Dutch Bulbfields & the Flower Parade

20 - 23 April

Every Spring, Holland boasts an explosion of colour in the fields with its magnificent display of tulips, hyacinths and daffodils. At the centre of it all is Keukenhof Gardens, justly named "The Greatest Flower Show on Earth". This 32-hectare site is planted annually with some seven million bulbs in over 1600 varieties, resulting in an explosion of colour and a magnificent spectacle unique throughout the world. Find inspiration whilst you relax in beautiful surroundings as the spring flowers blend beautifully into a background of landscaped gardens, flowering shrubs and water features including a large lake. It is a sight that even non-gardeners will treasure forever. We have the opportunity to see the annual Flower Parade extravaganza and to visit the Netherlands open air museum.



£412.00 PER PERSON

Single Room Supp: £65.00

What's Included

- ✓ All rooms are en-suite with TV & telephone, hairdryer, safe & free internet access
- ✓ 3 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ Entry to Keukenhof Gardens
- ✓ Flower Parade
- ✓ Entry to Netherlands Open Air Museum

BEST WESTERN PLUS HOTEL HAARHUIS

Arnhem

Hotel Haarhuis is located in the centre of Arnhem, close to the shops

Friday 20 April

Departing early morning for Dover and the ferry to Calais from where we make our way to our hotel in Arnhem.



Saturday 21 April

'Tiptoe through the tulips' today at glorious Keukenhof Gardens, said to be the largest flower garden in Europe, where tulips, narcissi, hyacinths and other bulbs create a sea of colour amongst the ancient trees, shrubs and ponds. Wander and enjoy the millions of bulbs which make up this rich tapestry of brilliant colours. It's said to be the most photographed place in the world, so don't forget your camera! The theme for 2018 is Romance. Today the bulb growing area's Flower parade follows a forty-two kilometres route from Noordwijk to Haarlem and passes Keukenhof in the afternoon. Known as the 'face of Spring', it is the most famous parade in the Netherlands and consists of about twenty floats and more than forty vehicles richly decorated with bulb flowers such as hyacinths, tulips and daffodils. Musical groups lead the procession along the length of the 'Keukenhof Corso Boulevard'. We shall be able to leave the gardens to watch the parade and then re-enter.

Sunday 22 April

After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to the nearby Netherlands Open Air Museum where we can discover how ordinary Dutch people have lived over the last few hundred years. Step into more than 80 historic houses, farmhouses and mills, ride on one of the old trams, meet the friendly farmers, blacksmith, fisherman and miller as they work, painting a colourful picture of their lives in years gone by. You may even get the chance to roll up your sleeves yourself! Early afternoon, we return to Arnhem, where we shall be free to explore.

Monday 23 April

Departing after breakfast, we make our way to the delightful historical village of Veere built on the shore of the Western Scheldt, where we shall have time to explore and find lunch before continuing on to Calais and the ferry, arriving home mid evening.