

TOURS AND EXCURSIONS

A program of sightseeing in and around Amsterdam has been compiled especially for partners and spouses of participants of the Fifth ECM, and of course also for the participants. For those who want to explore more than the city of Amsterdam, we have included some of The Netherlands' most beautiful and interesting destinations outside Amsterdam.

Important:

- Tours depart from and return to the Congress venue, Amsterdam RAI, located at Europaplein 22, unless stated otherwise.
- Tours should be booked in advance when registering for the congress (see registration form).
- Registration and cancellation conditions are applied to the tours and excursions (please see the Cancellations and refunds portion in the Registration chapter). Additionally the cost of tickets cannot be refunded if you do not take part or have not taken part in the tour(s) and or excursion(s).
- Lunch is included only when stated.
- Tours are based on a minimum of 25 persons. If this number is not reached, the tour may be cancelled in which case advance payments will be reimbursed.

FOR ACCOMPANYING PERSONS (*tours included in the Accompanying Person's fee*)

Amsterdam citytour



This tour includes a most panoramic drive through the centre and the modern suburbs, passing the most important monuments and sights. Visit the Rijksmuseum for a private guided tour including the 17th. century masters.

1 hour canal cruise through the city of Amsterdam and admire the famous 17th century merchant houses with its different gable structure and the numerous bridges which makes Amsterdam 'The Venice of the North'.

Date: Tuesday 15 July 2008 or Friday 18 July 2008

Time: 14:00 – 17:00 hrs

Zaanse Schans, Windmills & Edam

Visit the Zaanse Schans, a community of 40 houses located on the banks of the river Zaan. Typical for this are the wooden houses with steep roofs, green timber and white windows. Visit windmill "De Kat", a industrial mill grinding chalk to powder for the paint industry.



Free time to discover the area and visit some of the historic shops on The Schans before continuing to Edam, famous for the Edam cheese. On the way visit a cheese farm to learn the process of cheese making and sample some flavours. Your last stop is a wooden shoe factory before returning to Amsterdam.

Date: Wednesday 16 July 2008

Time: 09:00 – 13:00 hrs

FOR PARTICIPANTS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Castles & The River Vecht

Drive along the romantic river Vecht with its many mansions and estates in the green heart of Holland to the village of Haarzuylens. Around the magnificent Castle Haarzuylens with its red and white shutters, you will find a beautifully French-styled garden. Visit the castle and continue through the lake district of Loosdrecht to the fortified town of Naarden, shaped like a star with five points, miraculously preserved despite a history of bloody sieges.



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Rate: € 38.00 per person

Royal The Hague



During the half day city tour of The Hague, residence of Queen Beatrix and her family, you will pass many palaces (for example The Peace Palace) and the “Binnenhof”, the seat of the Dutch Government. You will visit the Mauritshuis museum with its collection of the famous Dutch painter Vermeer (Girl with the pearl earring). Proceed to the beach resort of The Hague called

Scheveningen before returning to Amsterdam.

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Marken & Volendam

Excursion to Volendam, an old picturesque village on the shore of the former “Zuiderzee” and to Marken, which has been joined to the mainland by a dike. The inhabitants in both places still wear the traditional costumes. On the way out we visit a cheese farm and we return through the typical Dutch scenery via Monnickendam, one of the dead cities of the “Zuiderzee”.



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