



© Simonehoeve

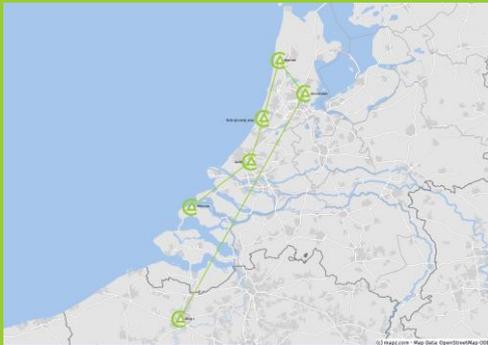


Springtime in Holland

For Tour dates and prices visit our website

The Tour

We will start our tour in Ghent and then travel to Amsterdam. In both of these wonderful cities you will have enough time to take in all the sights. From there we will move on to Alkmaar with its famous cheese market. On the way, you can visit the Zaanse Schans open-air museum or stroll around some of the well-known towns on the IJsselmeer. We will then travel to the Keukenhof Gardens where you can see up to 7 million spring-flowering bulbs and the Inspirational Gardens. Our visit also coincides with the annual flower parade. Our next stop is Delft, famous for its blue earthenware. Together we will take part in a group workshop, where we will paint a tile in the traditional Royal Delft way, which can be purchased before leaving. From Delft you can visit Gouda, the windmills in Kinderdijk or the capital The Hague, home to the Dutch royal family. During this time, we will also experience the annual "King's Day" celebrations and see Holland turn completely orange.



Highlights:

- Keukenhof Gardens and flower parade
- Royal Delft tile workshop
- Cheese market in Alkmaar



© Bloemencorso



Tour information

Start: Ghent
 End: Delft
 Tour days: 15
 Non-Driving days: 9
 Max. daily mileage: 149 miles
 Total mileage: 255 miles
 Calais-Ghent: 91 miles
 Pets allowed

Travel services

- Welcome Dinner
- Royal Delft workshop: Painting of a Delft tile
- All campsites / motorhome parks with electricity (where available)
- Assistance of a multi-lingual motorhome guide during the whole tour
- Travel pack containing maps, a detailed road book with directions to the campsites, suggestions for sightseeing and general advice on motorhoming in Europe
- Secured Payment Certificate

Pick-up service

- Flexible return ferry crossing from Dover
- Pick-up by motorhome guide in Calais



Springtime in Holland



Day 1 and 2: Ghent

In the evening of the arrival day in Ghent, we will have a group dinner in order to get to know each other. Spend the evening in Ghent to get a first impression of the city. The next day you have plenty of time to visit Ghent, one of the most beautiful medieval towns in northern Belgium. Stroll through picturesque cobbled lanes and photogenic squares. Visit the impressive castle of the counts throning in the middle of Ghent, or take a boat trip on the canals.

Don't forget: Belgium is famous for its beer and chips!

Day 3: Ghent – Amsterdam

Today we have a slightly longer journey to the campsite in Amsterdam. Once we have arrived you can choose to relax next to the lake, cycle or take the bus into the city

Day 4 and 5: Amsterdam

You will have two whole days to spend exploring the city. Amsterdam is one of the greatest small cities in the world. With its canals, world-famous museums and historic sites, it is also one of the most romantic and beautiful cities in Europe. Take a canal cruise to see the city and its people from the water

Day 6: Amsterdam – Alkmaar

Today we only have a short distance to drive before arriving at our next stop. On the way, you can visit traditional Dutch cheese farms or pay a visit to the Zaanse Schans, an open-air museum, where you can discover windmills, houses and crafts from the 18th and 19th centuries. There will still be enough time though to visit Volendam, Edam or the city of Hoorn before continuing to the Alkmaar region.

Day 7: Alkmaar – Bulb-growing area

Today you must be up early to visit the famous Alkmaar cheese market because in the afternoon we will continue on to the bulb growing area. Our campsite is situated between the Keukenhof Gardens, the world's largest bulb-flower gardens, and the coast

Day 8, 9 and 10: Bulb-growing Area

These days are all about flowers. The annual flower parade between Noordwijk and Haarlem will pass the Keukenhof Gardens enabling you to combine a visit to the Gardens with watching the parade, also known as the face of spring, with its vibrant spring colours and perfumes. From the campsite you can easily walk or cycle to the village, go for a long walk in the dunes or relax on the beach and enjoy the sea air.

Day 11: Bulb-growing Area – Delft

Today we leave the bulb-growing area and travel to the historic city of Delft with its narrow, canal-lined streets, beautiful market square and remarkable architecture. The city is well-known for its ties with the Dutch Royal family and the famous painter Vermeer. It is also world renowned for its Delft Blue earthenware

Day 11, 12 and 13 Delft

During these 3 days in Delft there is plenty to do:

- Discover Delft in more detail and maybe take a trip on the canals.
- Take a trip to Gouda where you can try the cheese or "Stroopwafels", the typical Dutch syrup waffles.
- Visit the Kinderdijk windmills, a UNESCO world heritage site.
- Go to the world largest flower auction in Aalsmeer and enjoy the busy action in this huge complex.
- Take the train to The Hague, the third largest city in the Netherlands, the seat of the country's government, and home to the Royal Family. It is also a city full of history and has many splendid museums and art galleries.

Day 14: Delft - Renesse

After a busy few days, we will conclude our journey in a more relaxing way and will travel to Renesse, a cosy tourist village in the northern part of the Isle of Schouwen-Duiveland, a beautiful seaside resort with 17km of sandy beaches. From the campsite you can easily walk or cycle to the village, or go for a long walk in the dunes, relax on the beach and enjoy the sea air. Alternatively you could explore the island or take a boat trip to the seal banks

Day 15: Departure and end of tour