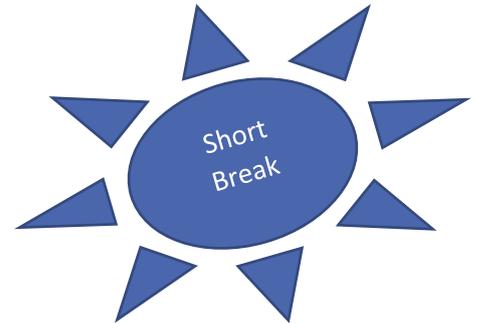


HOLLAND & THE BULBFIELDS



DATE:	09 MAY 2019
DURATION:	4 days
DEPARTURE:	Belfast
TOUR ESCORTED BY:	Steven Carvell
TOUR TYPE:	ALL
PRICE:	£649 Sharing
Single Supplement	£200
Board Basis	Bed & Breakfast & 1 Lunch



9 May 2019 – 12 May 2019

THURSDAY 9 MAY 2019

DEPART BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT 09:35AM ARRIVING IN SCHIPOL AIRPORT AT 12.10 MID-DAY (FLIGHT TIMES MAY CHANGE). Hand luggage included.

Today lunch will be included on route to the picturesque town of Volendam. The remainder of your day will then be free to enjoy the local town.

You will be transferred to the Best Western in the town of Zaandam for 3 nights where you will have a Bed & Breakfast basis.



FRIDAY 10 MAY 2018



Today after breakfast you will travel to Zaase – Schans. At the farm you will enjoy a professional demonstration of cheese-making. Cheese making is an old Dutch guild, just like woodcarving, wooden show making, pewter casting and distilling liqueur. You will be able to attend a cheese making demonstration at the Catharine Hoeve, Jacob's Hoeve and Alida Hoeve, where the staff, in traditional costumers will chat to you about the Hneri Willig cheese – from Gouda to goat and herb cheese.

You will then travel to Haarlem for some free time for lunch. After lunch you will have an opportunity to visit the famous house and museum of Corrie Ten Boom.

Cornelia Arnolda Johanna "Corrie" ten Boom (15 April 1892 – 15 April 1983) was a Dutch watchmaker and Christian who, along with her father and other family members, helped many Jews escape the Nazi Holocaust during World War II by hiding them in her closet. She was imprisoned for her actions. Her most famous book, *The Hiding Place*, is a biography that recounts the story of her family's efforts.



Corrie ten Boom was born on 15 April 1892 to a working-class family in Haarlem, Netherlands, near Amsterdam. Named after her mother but known as "Corrie" all her life, she was the youngest child of Casper ten Boom, a jeweler and watchmaker. Her father was fascinated by the craft of watchmaking and often became so engrossed in his own work that he forgot to charge customers for the services.

Corrie trained to be a watchmaker herself and in 1922 became the first woman licensed as a watchmaker in Holland. Over the next decade, in addition to working in her father's shop, she established a youth club for teenage girls, which provided religious instruction as well as classes in the performing arts, sewing and handicrafts. She and her family were Calvinists in the Dutch Reformed Church, and their faith inspired them to serve their society, offering shelter, food, and money to those in need. The family then became very active in the Dutch underground hiding refugees; they honored the Jewish Sabbath. The family never sought to convert any of the Jews who stayed with them.

SATURDAY 11 May 2018

Today you will take a short train journey to Amsterdam after breakfast. On arrival you will make the short 5-minute walk to the canal side and enjoy a canal cruise through Amsterdam.



The remainder of the afternoon will be free to enjoy Amsterdam and you will return by train to the hotel around 4pm.

Remainder of evening free.

SUNDAY 12 MAY 2018

Today we check out of our hotel and set off for morning panoramic tour to the Hague. Photo stop at the Hague and some time at the International Place of Justice to view the Flame of Peace.



You will then have some free time to enjoy lunch in Schevengem.

Around 3pm you will depart for Keukenhof – and the fantastic 7 million bulbs. Enjoy a leisurely stroll around the gardens and view the amazing array of colours and gardens – and unusual cultivated stock. There are cafes and restaurants there if you wish to have a snack or meal.

We will depart Keukenhof around 6pm for transfer to the airport and your onward flight

Flights will depart Amsterdam at 9.45pm arriving into Belfast International at 10.20pm local time.

What's included: -

Return flights to Amsterdam with hand luggage

Coach on touring days

Entrance fees where mentioned in itinerary

Bed & Breakfast/1 x lunch

Overnights at hotel

Not included:-

Hold luggage

Items of a personal nature

Personal Insurance

Tips & gratuities (recommended €15pp)

DID YOU KNOW? – Holland is only a region of the Netherlands!

- **The two provinces of Noord- and Zuid-Holland together are Holland.**
- **The 12 provinces together are the Netherlands.**
- **Holland is often used when all of the Netherlands is meant.**

The official name of the country is the 'Kingdom of the Netherlands'. King Willem-Alexander is the king of the nation. Holland actually only means the two provinces of Noord-Holland and Zuid-Holland. `