



# Tulips of Amsterdam Guild Photo tour

Small personal photography tour of the bulb fields and North Holland

25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 €1400 pp

## A Unique experience

Join us for a fantastic colourful 5 day photographic journey in Holland. A complete sensory experience.

Not only will you see and photograph the unique landscapes of this country, but you will also smell and taste what makes this country unique.

There is nothing quite like smelling a field of hyacinths before you even see it, and of course Holland is world famous for its cheese.

This tour is organized with Guild Photo tours for members of The Guild of Photographers. Guild events are special and offer opportunities beyond simply taking photos. You are guaranteed to make new friends, exchange experiences and enjoy the opportunities to really explore your photography for yourself.

In a small group of 7 photographers plus your guide (an experienced photographer), you will travel throughout North Holland, photographing the beautiful bulb fields in bloom, traditional windmills and pretty Dutch villages.

A trip to the world famous Keukenhof gardens is included in the trip. Enter as it opens and enjoy the tranquility and perfection that can only be achieved by an early morning visit.



Weather allowing we will take to the air above the tulips for a once in a lifetime opportunity to photograph the fields from above. The balloon flight being especially scheduled for this tour. with tapas and champagne on landing!

Holland is famous for its windmills. You will visit the mills of Schermerhorn – a UNESCO world heritage site to photograph, and if you wish, you may explore inside.

Two guided tours of Amsterdam are included, offering you a number of chances to capture stunning images of this vibrant city. The architecture is amazing, and street photography opportunities abound.

Everyone has heard of Edam cheese – those cute Baby Bell adverts! The small town of Edam is beautiful and very photogenic. With its tiny canals, wooden houses and cobbled streets, you will find yourself in a world away from bustling Amsterdam where you arrived into the country.

The Dutch love their cheese and apple cake (not together), so taste experiences are guaranteed on this trip too!

### Highlights

- Acres and acres of tulip fields to photograph to your heart's content!
- Balloon trip over the bulb fields (weather allowing)
- Keukenhof gardens at early light – complete colour and photography overload!
- Pretty village of Edam
- Windmills of Schermerhorn UNESCO world heritage site
- Guided tours of Amsterdam



# The Itinerary

## Day 1

Your arrival into Amsterdam is flexible, but in the afternoon/early evening we shall meet at the hotel then travel into the city. A welcome dinner will be followed by an evening photography tour of this beautiful city. Twinkling lights, boat trails and amazing reflections will leave you looking forward to your return later in the week.

Overnight near the airport



## Day 2

Leaving your hotel in Amsterdam we will drive north towards Edam. Exploring this tiny city and cheese tasting will get your Dutch experience off to a great start.

Next stop - the windmills of Schermerhorn. Around this area the tulip fields will start to appear. You may even get tulips and a windmill in the same photo!

The remainder of the day will be devoted to tulip spotting!

The balloon flight over the bulb fields is scheduled for this evening. Fingers crossed the weather holds for this once in a lifetime opportunity. The balloon will be especially scheduled for our group.

Overnight in Bergen



## Day 3

This day is devoted to all things tulips! You will explore the bulb fields most of the day, with masses of opportunities to photograph the amazing colourful landscape. Being in a small group will ensure you also get to make the call to stop if something catches your eye.

The 27<sup>th</sup> April is 'Kings Day' – a national holiday in the Netherlands. Lunch in a small town will offer street photography opportunities, and lots of orange!

Overnight near Keukenhof



## Day 4

An early start to arrive at Keukenhof for opening at 8am. In return for your early morning effort, you will be rewarded with a tranquil garden to explore.

<http://www.keukenhof.nl/en/>

Capturing the dew drops on petals and the freshness of the early morning blooms.

By mid-morning the crowds start to build and we will concentrate on strategies to photograph individual blooms, colours, patterns and macro.

You will have lunch at the gardens before returning to Amsterdam to enjoy a guided photo tour of Amsterdam during the late afternoon.



An early dinner will allow those with the energy and enthusiasm another opportunity for photographing the city as the light falls and for low light photography.

Overnight near the airport

## Day 5

After breakfast the tour concludes – Maybe you would like to extend your stay? Charlie can offer advice on options inside the city and out.

# Your Guide

Charlotte Bellamy, winner of the Guild of Photographer's Image of the Month (IOM) all round photographer award in 2012 and 2013 is a Craftsman with the Guild of Photographers.

<https://photoguild.co.uk/>

Her panel of images depicting the 'Netherlands through new eyes' was submitted towards her successful

craftsman qualification, and then exhibited with much success. Charlotte combines her portrait work with the

International community in the Netherlands with her love of landscape photography.

Visiting the tulip fields and Keukenhof on average 3 times every year for the last 4 years during the flowering season, she can offer her 'local' knowledge of the best locations and photo opportunities. In addition her knowledge of the language, Dutch customs and food delicacies will all add to ensuring this trip gets a little off the beaten track!

In 2016 she ran a successful 'Tulips in Holland' photography tour for Guild photo tours and guided additional visitors from the UK and USA on day tours.

"I absolutely love tulip time each year. Most of my Dutch friends have never even visited the bulb fields and are fascinated why I should want to visit so many times each season. You start with the daffodils in early April, and then come the hyacinths, finally followed by the tulips from mid-May. Driving around the bulb growing areas is a feast for the senses and a bit like a treasure hunt – you spot the colour first, then figure a route to it, and on arrival are greeted with the smell of millions of blooms and million photographic opportunities!"



## What is included

- Return travel from Amsterdam
- Shared travel in 2 vehicles, with driver/guide/photographer in each throughout the tour.
- 4 Nights' accommodation in 4\*hotels
- All food -breakfasts (days 2-5) and dinners (days 1-4) and lunches and snacks (days 2-4)
- Your guide – experienced photographer
- Entry to Keukenhof
- Drinks and snacks in the vehicle
- Lunch

### Optional extras

- Balloon flight over the bulb fields

### Not included

- Flights/travel to/from Amsterdam
- Drinks

## Cost

### All costs given and paid in Euros.

€1400

No single supplement as all rooms booked will be singles

Balloon flight €140 per person

Non-members of the Guild of Photographers are welcome to join the tour on payment of a supplement of €100: Alternatively - join us as a member: [www.photoguild.co.uk](http://www.photoguild.co.uk) - we'd love to have you and will arrange a discounted first year's membership!

A deposit of €150 is required to secure your place

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