



WEEKEND IN AMSTERDAM



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TRIP SUMMARY

Base Cost	Total	Monthly
Land Only	\$1500.00	3 Payments of \$500.00
Trip Dates		
May 25 th – 29 th		
Included in Base Cost		
3 Day/2 Night Double Occupancy	All Transfers	
City Taxes	The Highly-Coveted AAT T-Shirt	
Amsterdam City Tour & Canal Cruise	Ongoing Support of the AAT staff	
Breakfast and WiFi	Onsite Photographer + Low-Def Photos	
Add-ons and Upgrades	Total	Monthly
Round Trip Airfare From JFK	\$675.00	\$225.00
Single Room Upgrade	\$930.00	\$310.00
Half Day Tour of Zaanse Schans	\$72.00	\$24.00

Payment Arrangements

- Your first monthly payment is due by March 15th
- Each of the subsequent payments will be automatically collected on the 15th of every month, for a total of 3 payments (Mar - May).

Refund Policy

- Each payment, except your last, becomes non-refundable 10 days after the due date
- All payments are non-refundable after May 15th
- Any traveler that falls more than 10 days behind will be removed from the trip and funds will be returned per the above refund policy. Refunds can take up to 30 days from the date requested to process.

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

About AAT

All Details Are Tentative!

Despite the countless hours invested into planning this trip, the circumstance may arise where we must make changes. For example, maybe we might find out that our hotel isn't up to AAT standard or maybe our airline may go belly up bankrupt (this has actually happened)! Whatever occurs we will do everything in our powers to ensure the trip goes on as planned. And if we do have to make a change, that change will result in you going on a trip that is equal or greater than the value of what you originally paid!

How Do These Add Ons Work?

Good Question! After 5 years and taking hundreds of travelers across the globe, one thing has become apparent; while we as humans innately enjoy being in large groups, it doesn't mean that all members of the group want to do the same thing. For that reason, despite being a group travel company, we design our trips with the individual in mind!

So, if you are someone that is looking to travel in luxury, no worries! Simply check off the business class and/or single room upgrade, and you get to be a part of our group while still having your own unique experience. Moreover, if you are an avid traveler that is looking to make new friends but would rather explore on your own, simply select nothing during checkout and you have 10 Days to explore Thailand at your own pace. And I'm sure there will be plenty of others on the trip to accompany you. The total cost of each add on will be divided amongst your monthly payments and you are free to add or change your add-ons right up until 1 month before departure.

Traveling Alone?

While the option is there for you to get a single occupancy room if you choose, by no means do you have to select it if traveling alone. We understand that the extra money spent in getting your own room, takes away from the money available to you to splurge on the streets of Amsterdam!

For that reason, we extend each traveler the option of having us pair you with a suitable roommate for no additional cost. Roommates are paired based upon the answers to their personality questions on their registration form, as well as their ages and even astrological signs. At least 2 months before departure you will be given the contact information of your roommate, giving each of you the opportunity to get properly acquainted.

The Land Package

The Land Package option is for those travelers outside of the New York area that may want to join us. Selecting this option means that you will have to purchase your own flight to meet us in Amsterdam

If you select this option, you will have to purchase your flight no later than April 15th.

About Amsterdam

Entry Requirements

Your Passport must be valid on the date of Entry. Visas are free and will be given at the port of entry.

Weather

You can expect the temperature during this time of year between 60F – 65F.

Language

Dutch is the official language, but English is widely spoken.

Tipping

Many services already have a service charge added to the bill. If this is the case, you aren't obliged to tip extra. Tipping in the Netherlands, like in most of Europe, isn't really expected. However, leaving extra change or rounding up the bill in restaurants, bars and cafés is common.

Electrical Outlets

The voltage which comes from a Dutch power outlet is 230 volts, whereas 120 volts is used in America. If your US appliance or charger can't handle dual voltage then you will need to use a suitable power converter for Netherlands which allows a 120 volt American appliance to work with a 220-240 volt outlet.

Crime and Safety

In the Safe City Index 2015 Amsterdam takes the 5th position in the list of safest cities in the world (2015). Though you can buy marijuana freely in coffee shops, smart drugs in smart shops and prostitution is legal, Amsterdam is not a dangerous city. The city does especially well in regard to traffic. Because everyone travels by bike there are not many traffic accidents and the air in Amsterdam is not (much) polluted. For crime, Amsterdam is also safe. The risk of violent assault in Amsterdam is pretty much absent, in all parts of the city. Also, crime rates in general in Amsterdam are doing down every year.

ITINERARY

Friday, May 25th

6:30 PM	Depart from NY via Norwegian Flight No 7700
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Saturday, May 26th

7:30 AM	Arrive at Amsterdam Airport
9:00 AM	Transfer to DoubleTree by Hilton Amsterdam Centraal Station
10:00 AM	Check into Hotel
12:30 PM	Black Gold Host Luncheon
2:00 PM	Depart for Half Day City Tour(Included)
7:00 PM	Depart for Canal Cruise(Included)
10:00 PM	Return to Hotel

Sunday, May 27th

Half day Zaanse Schans Tour		Free Time/ See Suggestions for other things to do
10:00 AM	Depart from Hotel	
3:00 PM	Return to Hotel	

Monday, May 28th

7:00 AM	Checkout of hotel/Depart for Airport
12:25 PM	Depart for NY via Norweigan Flight No 7701

IN DEPTH

City Tour



You will see the city's major highlights, such as the Museum Square, dominated by the Rijksmuseum, the Van Gogh Museum and the Concertgebouw, the Dam Square with its Royal Palace, New Church and National Monument, and the Western Church next to Anne Frank House. Marvel at the cutting-edge architecture of the Eastern Docklands

and soak-up the atmosphere of the historic ring of canals. See the major canals running all around the city, proclaimed a World Heritage Domain by UNESCO, the Munt Tower, a converted watchtower of Amsterdam's medieval protective wall, ending at the Red Light District and the Old Harbour.

Canal Cruise

An Amsterdam canal cruise is compulsory for anybody visiting the 'Venice of the North.' Amsterdam is laced with 100km of waterways, so there is no better way to experience the essence of the Dutch capital than on an Amsterdam canal cruise. Wind past grand merchant houses, Gothic churches, museums, and medieval buildings as you soak up the city's history on a fascinating audio guide. The canal tour starts at the very heart of the city: the Amstel river and World Heritage-listed 17th-century canals. Revel in the grand baroque architecture as your camera gets a real workout. Enjoy sights of the most famous of the waterways, like the Herengracht, Keizersgracht, and Prinsengracht. You will also sail by the iconic Skinny Bridge, Stopera and the Blauwbrug.



Half day Zaanse Schans Tour



The Zaanse Schans is a delightful village on the banks of the river Zaan with characteristic green wooden houses, charming stylized gardens, small hump-backed bridges, tradesmen's workshops, historic windmills and engaging little shops. This enchanting village has been lovingly established by relocating local houses, windmills, storehouses and barns to form a remarkable replica of a typical "Zaanse" village of the seventeenth and eighteenth century. Apart from the cluster of windmills,

characteristic wooden houses and delightful shops to visit, there are intriguing traditional Dutch crafts such as wooden shoes, pewter and cheese making, several fascinating museums, restaurants and even the possibility of taking a boat trip on the river.

ACCOMODATIONS

Accomodations

by Hilton Amsterdam Centraal Station

Set in the heart of the historic city, DoubleTree by Hilton Amsterdam Centraal Station places business and leisure guests within reach of Amsterdam’s famous shopping streets and cultural heritage sites. Explore the city by bike using our in-house Bicycle Rental service. Take a train from Centraal Station and arrive at Schiphol Airport in 20 minutes.



Guest rooms in this Amsterdam hotel boast floor-to-ceiling windows framing views of Amsterdam historic city center, courtyard or IJ River. Enjoy Apple iMac PC/TV and complimentary WiFi in every room. Upgrade to an executive room or suite for incredible views, complimentary breakfast and late afternoon drinks and snacks in the Executive Lounge.

The hotel’s SkyLounge Amsterdam with rooftop terrace is a stylish meeting place with baristas, cocktail experts and a live DJ daily. From the top floor, guests enjoy a breathtaking 360-degree view of the city and historic old town.

All meeting rooms are concentrated on the same floor. Expect personal assistance, complimentary WiFi, user-friendly equipment and natural daylight. For group events book the designated event area of SkyLounge Amsterdam.

OTHER THINGS TO DO

Museums

Begijnhof in Amsterdam	Distance from Hotel: 1 Mile
1012 Amsterdam, Netherlands	Admission: Free
<p>The Begijnhof is an enclosed courtyard dating from the early 14th century. Nothing survived of the earliest dwellings, but the Begijnhof, which is cut off from Amsterdam's traffic noise, still retains a sanctified atmosphere. The Begijnhof was originally built as a sanctuary for the Begijntjes, a Catholic sisterhood who lived like nuns, although they took no monastic vows.</p>	
	
<p>The beautiful houses overlook its well-kept green garden, include the Amsterdam's oldest surviving house Het Houten Huis dating from around 1420. On the adjoining walls, there is a fascinating collection of wall plaques with biblical theme. Southern fringe of the square is dominated by the Engelse Kerk (English Church) which dates from the 15 century and possesses its original medieval tower. Houses in Begijnhof are still occupied by single women, so please respect their privacy and be quiet. The Begijnhof Chapel (No. 29 and 30), a clandestine church, was completed in 1680. It contains many reminders of the Catholic past.</p>	
Rijksmuseum	Distance from hotel: .75 Miles
Museumstraat 1, 1071 XX Amsterdam, Netherlands	Admission: 17.50 EU
	<p>The Rijksmuseum, which in English means – The State Museum, exists for more than two hundred years and today belongs to the most breathtaking museums in the world. During its existence, the museum went through many transformations and remains now, especially after its complete renovation, the attraction you should not miss during your trip to the Netherlands.</p>
Van Gogh Museum	Distance from hotel: .15 Miles
Museumplein 6, 1071 DJ Amsterdam, Netherlands	Admission: 20 EU
<p>Amsterdam Van Gogh Museum maintains the world's largest collection of the works of the world's most popular artist - Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890), his paintings, drawings and letters, completed with the art of his contemporaries. Each year, 1.6 million visitors come to the Van Gogh Museum, making it one of the 25 most popular museums in the world. In 2015, the museum added the new glass entrance hall at the back of its building.</p>	
	

“Coffee” Shops

Coffeeshop Siberia

Distance from Hotel: <1 Mile

Brouwersgracht 11, 1015 GA Amsterdam, Netherlands

Always a chilled vibe at coffeeshop Siberie with DJ's, Poetry nights & a great mix of people. Marijuana menu: An extensive marijuana & hashish menu with a different high for every taste. Service & staff: You'll always get great service in the Siberia



Coffeeshop Utopia

Distance from hotel: <1 Mile

Museumstraat 1, 1071 XX Amsterdam, Netherlands



Coffeeshop Utopia is one of the best in Amsterdam! We maintain a diverse selection of high quality weed and hashish with something for everyone no matter their smoking experience. Whether you are a veteran or a first timer we've got your back! We have seating for twenty people, so grab a smoke or a drink and enjoy the chilled vibe Utopia is known for

Grey Area Coffee Shop

Distance from hotel: 1 Mile

Oude Leliestraat 2, 1015 AW Amsterdam, Netherlands

Grey Area Coffeeshop is famous all over the globe as the original home of Silver Bubble, Grey Haze, Evergrey, Greybone, Grey Scout Cookies, Grey Mist Crystal, #GA Hash and many other world class strains. Grey Area is a speciality weed shop, held in high esteem by true cannabis connoisseurs. The Proprietors give personal service and customised deals including US Style eighth-ounces (3.5 grams for the rest of us). Expect an arsenal of glass bong, home style conversations, mass information-sharing and don't forget to ask the Chiefs if you can use the free Volcano Vaporizer! Grey Area is a cosy little shop with a varied selection of tunes and living room type atmosphere where you feel like you're at home.

