

Willkommen in
Holland &
Deutschland!



*Join PDPW for a 14-day dairy tour
to Holland and Germany.*



September 14 - 27, 2019

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

... DEPART USA

Meet fellow PDPW travelers at Chicago O'Hare Airport; Lufthansa Airlines will take us to Munich where we'll change planes and depart for Berlin.

Germany

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

... BERLIN

"Hallo, Berlin!" Get ready for a full slate of culture and history during a narrated city tour in Germany's capitol. Today features medieval castles and towers; pre-war monuments, churches and government buildings; idyllic parks, cafes, boutiques and shoppes. We'll see sites that bring to life events and emotions of times gone by - from romantic to sobering. During the course of our stops to the Reichstag, Prenzlauer Berg, avenue Unter den Linden, Brandenburger Tor, Charlottenburg Castle, radio tower ICC, Kurfürstendamm and the Memorial Church, Gendarmenmarkt, and the Nicolai quarter - and more - we'll be stepping into the pages of history, standing on the very ground of Napoleon's triumphal procession, bone-chilling speeches by Hitler during Nazi parades, Ronald Reagan's "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" speech and the street celebrations after the fall of the Berlin Wall.



As we transition from historical to current, we'll travel to a German dairy to see a 9th-generation operation that's home to 2,000 cows and is in the process of building a milk processing plant.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

... CLAAS FACTORY, MÜNSTER



With dozens of locations in America, Asia, and Europe, CLAAS is Europe's leading combine harvester manufacturer and we'll kick off our day with a tour at their headquarters. The local leader in production of tractors, combine harvesters, forage harvesters, balers and more, CLAAS is a

major employer in the town of Harsewinkel.

The afternoon will find us in the historic university city of Münster, with its skyline shaped by the Romanesque and Gothic towers of medieval buildings and churches. Despite vast destruction during WWII, limestone Renaissance and Gothic facades were reconstructed post-war.

Holland

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

... KOUEM DAIRY FARM, ZAAANSE SCHANS, IJMUIDEN

We'll cross the border into Holland for a tour of a McDonald's Europe Flagship Farm. Built in 2009 and suitable for 290 cows, the KouDEM, Holland dairy is part of fast-food giant McDonald's project involving their European supply chain to demonstrate sustainable practices using green technology.

Afterward we'll head to Zaanse Schans, a neighborhood known for its well-preserved historic windmills, barns, workshops and distinctive green wooden houses. From there we'll head to the port city of IJmuiden for dinner and overnight accommodations

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

... AMSTERDAM

We'll travel to Amsterdam to take in some top attractions, starting with a canal cruise of the capitol city.



Afterward we'll tour the legendary Anne Frank Haus & Museum. Anne Frank, the young Jewish girl who journaled the days she lived in hiding with her family and four others, was 13 years old when she began writing in the diary that would later be translated in 67 languages. The hiding place in a secret annex of a house along a canal kept them hidden from Nazis for two years before they were captured and sent to concentration camps. Her father Otto was the only one of them to survive; it was 1947 when he decided to have the diary published.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

... ROTTERDAM

We start with a visit to the world-renowned Aalsmeer Flower auction, where approximately 20 million flowers are traded and sold every day from countries around the world.



From Aalsmeer we'll drive to Rotterdam - the site of the world's first Floating Farm. During a tour we'll learn more about this venture and the plans to farm 40 cows milked by robots.

Next up is a look at an architectural marvel; built on a 14th-century village buried long ago, the iconic Market Hall

is a sight for the senses. Its glass-covered, horseshoe-shaped facade, cutting-edge architecture and monumental size underscore its must-see status. In addition, every escalator entrance displays ancient chandeliers, pots, kettles and other medieval remains that were excavated during construction. The lower you go in this 11-story building, the older the objects are. Its beauty is on par with its function - the Market Hall offers underground parking in addition to luxurious apartments and a ground-level farmers market featuring more than 100 vendors selling fresh vegetables, fish, flowers, plants and other specialties.



Afterward we'll experience a private harbor tour of Rotterdam - one of the largest harbors in the world and a major hub of industrial activity within the Europoort.

We'll wind down in a city famous for its cheese and the museum bearing its name. Gouda is also the birthplace of stroopwafels - the flat, waffle-patterned cookie with a chewy caramel center. Be sure to order one at dinner.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

... LELY, WORLD HORTI CENTER, MAESLANT STORM SURGE BARRIER

A trio of tours is on the docket, starting with the company founded as a "studio of invention". In 1948 brothers Cornelis and Arij van der Lely in



troduced the finger-wheel rake to the market. This was one of Lely's first inventions to substantially change traditional farming.

A tour at the World Horti Center in Naaldwijk illustrates how Holland has become the global leader in greenhouse construction as well as flower, plant and vegetable cultivation. The international horticulture sector's leading innovation center, World Horti's vision is for global greenhouse horticulture to make a major contribution to the health and well-being of the world's population.

Next up is a tour of Het Keringhuis, the Public Water Management Information Center for flood-risk management. While here we'll see the colossal Maelant Storm Surge Barrier, the world's largest moveable barrier; it's capable of withstanding a storm tide of more than 16 feet above normal water levels.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 ... CHEESEMAKER, DELFT POTTERY

From our hotel in Gouda we'll drive to Bergambacht for a tour of a private 600-acre dairy and cheese-processing farm; they're milking 500 cows in a 24-cow rotary milking system.

Later on - since no tour of Holland is complete without admiring its wide array of iconic blue and white porcelain pottery - we'll tour Delft Pottery, the last remaining earthenware factory from the 17th century. Here, the renowned Delft Blue is still entirely hand painted according to centuries-old tradition.



We'll wrap up the day with dinner at a restaurant in Gouda.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 ... DUTCH POULTRY, GERMAN DAIRY

The number-one egg exporting country in the world is Holland, shipping out over \$786 million worth of eggs annually - approximately 66% of total national egg production. We'll drive to Kilder to tour a chicken farm that's home to 150,000 laying hens.

return to Germany

The afternoon has us making our way back to Deutschland, this time to Kleve for another dairy tour. Located in the Lower Rhine region of north-western Germany, this farm is collectively operated by three farmers and is currently home to 1,000 cows and a 50-cow rotary parlor.

After the tour we'll drive to the oldest city in the Lower Rhine area. Dating back to the early 1200s, Rees is our destination for dinner and overnight accommodations.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 ... BRETZFELD WINERY

After breakfast at the hotel we'll drive a few hours to Bretzfeld. We'll have lunch and then tour a family winery that features 27 acres of grapes in addition to walnut trees and 300 beef bulls. The farm also produces biogas and offers an oxen-roasting service. We'll enjoy wine tasting and dinner on the farm.



We'll close out the day with a drive to Rothenburg, known for its well-preserved medieval architecture and popular with international tourists.

... TRIESDORF SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, ROTHENBURG

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

A short drive takes us to Triesdorf School of Agriculture, where we'll take a guided tour of the school - an educational center for nutrition, energy, agriculture, food and environment. The only one of its kind in Germany, Triesdorf is a university comprised of an agricultural school and several research farms and halls for technical demonstrations.

After lunch we'll return to Rothenburg. You'll have free time to explore this medieval town. In the evening, we'll have dinner at our hotel.

Optional: You can choose to take a guided historical city tour with the night-watchman. Cost is about 9,00 € per person.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

... DACHAU, MUNICH

We'll depart for Dachau Memorial Concentration Camp for a guided tour. Sure to be an emotional experience, the camp is a memorial to the 32,000 people who died and the more than 200,000 who were imprisoned during the Nazi regime. While here, the guard houses, reconstructed barracks, cells, and crematorium offer ample opportunity for reflection.



We'll change gears completely as we head to Munich for free time at Oktoberfest - the city's famous beer festival and one of the largest festivals worldwide. Despite its modern association with beer, the very first festival was held in 1810 for the country to celebrate the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen. The closing event of the festivities featured horse races in the presence of the royal family on the fields in front of the city gates. The decision to repeat the horse races in the subsequent year gave rise to the tradition of the Oktoberfest. We'll return to Landsberg for lodging.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

... LANDSBERG, NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE

Today we'll visit Neuschwanstein Castle, one of the most popular tourist attractions in Europe. The most visited castle in Germany, this hilltop castle was built in the 19th century by King Ludwig II. The fairytale look of Neuschwanstein Castle inspired Walt Disney to create the Magic Kingdom.



In the afternoon we'll head to Landsberg, a well-preserved medieval town in Bavaria. We'll dine and lodge here for the night.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

... DEPART FOR USA

Breakfast is on-the-go; we'll drive to Munich International Airport, check in at Lufthansa Airlines and depart for Chicago. Arrival in Chicago is scheduled for 12:05 p.m. the same day.



We've scheduled your "some day"



The arrangements are made;
all you have to do is register.

Your once-in-a-lifetime tour package includes

- *Round-trip group economy-class airfare
- *Accommodations for 12 nights in 3- and 4-star hotels
- *Twenty-seven meals, including in-flight meals served by the airlines, daily breakfast, 5 lunches and 10 dinners
- *Entrance/admission fees for Berlin city tour, Amsterdam canal cruise, Anne Frank Haus, Heineken experience, private Rotterdam Harbor tour, Alsmeer flower auction, Delft Pottery, guided tour at Dachau, and Neuschwanstein Castle
- *Transportation by private motor coach

- *Professional English/Dutch/German-speaking tour guide, plus local guides as needed
- *All current taxes, including airfare tax and fees
- *End-of-tour gratuity to coach driver and tour manager

Cost is \$5650/traveler with double occupancy and \$6265/single traveler.
A \$500 deposit is required to reserve your spot.

Contact PDPW to register and for more information:

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