

## **Overview**

During the Middle Ages, the residents of the low-lying bog, where presently Amsterdam stands, were forced to work together to simply survive. Overcoming differences in lifestyle and religion in favor of common interest, they built dykes to keep the sea out of the "polder" (the term used for land behind the sea).

The early social cooperation, created the Dutch word "polder model", meaning consensus decision-making. This concept is widely regarded as the basis for Amsterdam's tolerance and open-mindedness. Dutch writer Herman Pleij aptly remarks that "The Netherlands owes its existence to a democracy of dry feet". The city's progressive, forward thinking spirit has created a cosmopolitan air that makes this small city (population only 767,000) the envy of its European neighbors.

### **TEMPERATURE RANGE**

Highs: Low 70's

Lows: Low 30's

### **AREA**

41,864 SQ KM

16,164 SQ MILES

### **POPULATION**

16.7 million

### **LANGUAGE**

Dutch

### **CAPITAL**

Amsterdam

### **CURRENCY**

Euro

## **Day 1**

### **Fly to Amsterdam**

Through our sister company, premium air provider TRAVNET, we may assisted with your international airfare, as well as with mileage points conversion.

## **Day 2**

### **Amsterdam Full Day Private Tour**

Lovers of this 17<sup>th</sup> century Dutch capital, you will thoroughly enjoy meandering through its distinct canals with historical sites around every corner. With your private guide, you will take to Amsterdam's Canal Ring, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, viewing its treasured monuments and stately buildings. Winding through this historic city, your museum stopovers include the incredible Van Gogh Museum and Rijksmuseum. Arguably, the most memorable part of your day will be to the Anne Frank House. At Prinsengracht 263, this is both a somber and sobering experience.

**Meals: --**

**Accommodations: The Conservatorium Hotel**

## **Day 3**

### **Free Day with Optional Half Day Walking Tour**

With an atmosphere of “live and let live”, you will find Amsterdam an inviting place with quaint cafes, artwork abound, and street corner jazz. You have today to explore this mesmerizing city and also have to the option to visit the lush Vondelpark.

**Meals: Lunch, Dinner**

**Accommodations: Conservatorium Hotel**

#### **Day 4**

##### **Holland Windmill Excursion**

You will journey to Kinderdijk to explore this incomparable and innovative windmill complex that has expertly drained the surrounding land for agriculture and settlement for almost a thousand years. A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1997, Holland’s iconic windmills of Kinderdijk are remarkable.

**Meals: Lunch, Dinner**

**Accommodations: Conservatorium Hotel**

#### **Day 5**

##### **Fly Amsterdam/Home**

Following an early morning breakfast at the hotel, you will be privately transferred to the Amsterdam Airport Schiphol for your departure flight back home per your flight schedule.

**Meals: Breakfast**

**Accommodations:--**