

# AMSTERDAM: CITY OF ART

5 - 8 OCTOBER 2023



FROM  
£2,595  
PER PERSON

Tour Leaders: Marie-Thérèse Hill and Douglas Skeggs

  
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This illuminating tour explores Amsterdam's architectural and artistic heritage, legacy of a 'Golden Age' in the 17th century when Dutch painting was at its most prolific and architecture at its most adventurous. This is all too evident today, both in the city's buildings and the extraordinary art collections housed in its galleries. Highlights, too numerous to mention, focus primarily on the city's galleries and museums. These include the magnificent Rijksmuseum, the Rembrandthuis, the Van Gogh Museum and the Museum Van Loon, an exquisite canal-side house filled with treasures that embody Amsterdam's 'Golden Age'. We will explore a large part of this and also visit Delft and The Hague including a visit to the Mauritshuis. We will be accompanied throughout by guest lecturer, Douglas Skeggs, who will enhance our visit with a series of talks.

There will also be the option to attend an opera or ballet performance at the Dutch National Opera & Ballet (subject to performance schedule).





## 4-DAY ITINERARY, DEPARTING 5 OCTOBER 2023

### 5 October London / Amsterdam

Suggested flight (not included in the cost of the tour) British Airways BA 434 departing London Heathrow at 11.45 hrs arriving Amsterdam Schiphol at 14.05 hrs. Lunch under own arrangements.

Transfer to the luxury Pulitzer Hotel conveniently situated along the canal belt and where three nights are spent. This afternoon embark on a private vintage barge for a cruise of the Amsterdam waterways. Enjoy an introduction to this fascinating city while navigating the canals, which give an unrivalled view of the beautiful 17th century architecture of Amsterdam. Dinner at the hotel.

### 6 October Amsterdam

This morning depart by private transfer to visit the Rijksmuseum. This museum has an incomparable collection of Dutch paintings, with major works by all the important painters of the Dutch school and Rembrandt's most celebrated painting The Night Watch.

Lunch at a local restaurant. Afternoon visit to Rembrandt's

House. The ten-room house is furnished with 17th-century objects and furniture that match the descriptions in the artist's 1656 petition for bankruptcy, recreating the old house and the way it looked when the artist lived and worked there. Two hundred and fifty of his etchings and drawings hang on the walls including self-portraits and landscapes. Return to the hotel where the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. Dinner under own arrangements.

### 7 October Amsterdam, The Hague & Delft

Depart by private transfer for The Hague to visit the Mauritshuis, a 17th century classical palace in the Italian style, which contains a magnificent collection of Dutch paintings including works by Rembrandt and Vermeer as well as Rubens, Teniers, Jordaens and van Brueghel. Walking tour of the historic city of The Hague which, although it boasts the national seat of Government, seems more a grand village than a capital city. Visit to the Mesdag Panorama

which has perhaps the best surviving of the illusionistic 19th century all-round views. Drive to Delft.

Lunch under own arrangements in Delft followed by a walking tour through the charming city centre. In the picturesque market square visit the Nieuwe Kerk with its imposing mausoleum of William of Orange (the Silent), also see the Oude Kerk which dates from the 13th century. Return to Amsterdam and dinner at a local restaurant a short walk from the hotel.

### 8 October Amsterdam / London

Lecture by Douglas at the hotel on the life and work of Van Gogh. Depart by private transfer for the Van Gogh Museum which houses the largest collection of paintings by Vincent van Gogh in the world.

Free time and lunch under own arrangements at the museum cafe. Transfer to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. Suggested flight (not included) British Airways BA 439 departing Amsterdam at 16.10 hrs arriving London Heathrow at 16.30 hrs.





Delft Market Square



The Night Watch by Rembrandt, The Rijksmuseum



Mauritshuis, The Hague

## TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

<b>Tour Price</b>	<b>£2,595</b>
Single Supplement	£695

*Please note that the price excludes the cost of international flights.*

*Please let us know if you wish to book them through us.*

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Accommodation throughout as shown in the itinerary
- Breakfast daily; 1 lunch; 2 dinners
- All entrance fees, visits, excursions and transportation as per the itinerary
- Gratuities in restaurants for included meals; gratuities to guides/s; gratuities to driver/s; portorage
- The services of your tour leader and guest lecturer throughout

## PRICE EXCLUDES

- International flights
- Travel insurance
- Opera / ballet tickets
- Items of personal expenditure (e.g. telephone calls / laundry etc.)
- Government levies or taxes introduced after costing and publication of this programme on 20/01/23.





## YOUR TOUR LEADERS



### MARIE-THÉRÈSE HILL

Marie-Thérèse was born in Vienna and now lives in Hampshire. She was educated at the French Lycée and a language school in Switzerland, studied Piano in Vienna and is fluent in French, English, German and Italian. Her familiarity with European culture and extensive contacts worldwide are reflected in her unique tours.



### DOUGLAS SKEGGS

Douglas Skeggs read fine art at Magdalene College, Cambridge and since 1980 has been a lecturer on the history and techniques of painting. He has made several art documentaries and written and advised on many more. An accomplished painter in his own right, he has held three one-man exhibitions of his work. His biography of Monet, *River of Light: Monet's Impressions of the Seine*, sold 65,000 copies, and he has also written several novels.



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