

# Western Europe Treasures and Gardens Small Group Tour



Early Bird

From \$10,560 NZD

Single \$12,763 \$12,229  
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15 April to 10 May 2017 – one departure  
26 days

*This Western Europe treasures and gardens small group tour combines visits to France, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Germany. During the 26 days, we will discover a selection of the finest gardens and chateaux in Europe. Your knowledge is extended by professional guides who share their studies of the culture and history of the places visited. Along the way we will cruise through spectacular and dramatic landscapes and sample local cuisine.*

*This small group tour visits France, The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany breaking in 9 key places along the way. Western Europe treasures and gardens small group tour begins in Paris and ends in Amsterdam. A short tour version is also offered.*

## Paris

Western Europe treasures and gardens small group tour begins in the pedestrian-friendly city of Paris. We explore Parisian arrondissements (rounded off areas or boroughs) by both foot and bus. We explore the Seine and the historic districts on the Left and Right Banks. Then, we visit the Bagatelle Gardens, a landscaped garden dating back to the 18th century. Now a botanical garden of the city of Paris, it is famous for its rose garden and annual international roses contest held since 1907. We stop to view the famous Parc Andrew Citroen, a 35 acre park built on the site of the Citroen factory.

## Giverny

Our next stop on this escorted tour is Giverny, where we explore Monet's house and garden. We also visit Les Andelys. Here, Great and Little Andelys grew towards each other over centuries to form the present town. Given its strategic position, Richard the Lionheart, the Duke of Normandy, and the King of England built Château Gaillard on a cliff to protect the duchy and its capital, Rouen, from the French Crown. We also visit Harcourt, whose arboretum ranges over 25 acres and boasts a botanical collection of around 500 species, with the oldest specimens dating back to 200 years. The arboretum, created in 1810, surrounds a vast medieval fortress. The outer wall, moats, and facades of the fortress are still visible.

## Honfleur

We will visit Honfleur, one of the pivots of the Celtic Arc extending from Normandy through the west of England and Scotland. The origin of the name Honfleur comes from its Scandinavian landowner "Honna" followed by "flow" which in the Nordic language meant "cove or small estuary." The word eventually became "fjord" in Scandinavian, while in French it evolved into "fleur", which can be found in the name of many small Norman towns: Barfleur, Harfleur, and Honfleur. As early as the 11th century, Honfleur was one of the most important towns in the dukedom of Normandy.

## Highlights

Other highlights of the tour include a cruise around the harbour of Rotterdam as well as the Moselle River. We also visit the UNESCO listed windmills at Kinderdijk. We also sample some of the best Belgian chocolates and visit De Kruidhof, the largest herb garden in the Netherlands. Our small group tour also takes in a memorial service in Villers-Bretonneux. During World War I, this saw the greatest sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand troops. You will have the chance to roam through the Bagatelle Rose Gardens, and the Gardens of Annevoie and Keukenhof.

Western Europe treasures and gardens small group tour is one of more than 70 small group escorted tour offered each year. These small group tours visit some of the best places in Europe and are suited to the senior or mature couple or solo traveller.

# Tour Notes

- Group size is limited to 18.
- Itineraries may change if flight schedules, site availability, and other inclusions have to be amended prior to departure.
- Early Bird Special valid for bookings made between 28 July 2016 – 28 November 2016.

## What's included in our Tour

- 25 nights of hotel accommodation.
- 25 breakfasts and 14 dinners.
- Transport in comfortable and modern coaches.
- Gratuities and necessary tips.
- All lectures, excursions, entrance fees, and local guides.
- Services of a tour leader for the duration of tour.

## What's not included in our Tour

- Lunches.
- International airfares and departure taxes.
- Comprehensive travel insurance.
- Items of a personal nature such as telephone calls and laundry.



**For more information and to make a booking please contact:**

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