

Garden Highlights

Floriade 2012, the Chelsea Flower Show & more!

Amsterdam • Venlo • Paris • London

May 13 - 23, 2012



Join us on a 10 day tour that includes Floriade 2012. This World Horticultural Expo, held every 10 years in the Netherlands, presents the opportunity to enjoy the world's most exquisite and exceptional flowers, plants, trees, fruits, and vegetables. As an added bonus we visit Giverny (Claude Monet's garden) and the Chelsea Flower Show in Britain.

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GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Sunday, May 13, 2012 • Departure

Group members begin their adventures by traveling to Amsterdam. Travel itineraries should be arranged so that arrival times are in the morning.

Monday, May 14, 2012 • Amsterdam

Upon arriving in Amsterdam, group members will be met at the airport and transported to our city center hotel. Here we will have time to freshen up a bit, before seeing the highlights of Amsterdam by water on a **canal cruise**. Included in our sightseeing this afternoon will be a visit to **Anne Frank's home**. **D**



Tuesday, May 15, 2012 • Venlo



This morning we board a private coach, and begin our travels through the Netherlands to the Floriade. Our first stop is near Amersfoort, where we will visit a private garden. We then continue

on to the **Gardens of Appelterm**, with more than 200 model gardens and the largest collection of plants in the Netherlands. A guide leads us through the garden, pointing out all the highlights. In the late afternoon, we arrive in Venlo, our home for the next three nights. **B/L/D**

Wednesday, May 16, 2012 • Venlo

Today we have the entire day to take in **Floriade 2012**. Each day features a cultural program of music, dance, literature, theatre and visual art from all over the world. Sustainable, pioneering, architectural eye catchers, as never seen before, will be shown for the first time at Floriade 2012. Using the senses of sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell you can experience first hand the influence horticulture has on the quality of our daily lives. **B**

Thursday, May 17, 2012 • Venlo

After breakfast today, we take an excursion to Belgium. Our first stop will be at **Margraten**, to visit the **American Military Cemetery**. As a group we will

place a floral wreath at the grave of the Unknown Soldier. We then continue on to the private garden "**de Heerenhof**" in Maastricht.

We also visit the **Giardino** garden sculpture gallery where we admire sculptures in a beautiful setting. In the afternoon a local guide will take us on a tour of **Maastricht**, the oldest city in the Netherlands. **B/L**



Friday, May 18, 2012 • Paris

Today we depart Holland, and travel through Brussels and on to Paris. Upon arrival, we meet a local guide for a **city tour**. We see the sights for which Paris is famous including the Champs Elysees, the Arc de Triomphe, Concorde Square, the Eiffel Tower, and the Cathedral of Notre Dame. **B/D**

Saturday, May 19, 2012 • Paris

This morning we drive westward to nearby **Giverny** to view the gardens which the Impressionist painter, Claude Monet, believed to be his greatest artistic achievement. Here we see inspiration for many of Monet's paintings, particularly the lily pond and the Japanese bridge. In the afternoon we return to Paris, where we will have a little free time to explore. In the evening we will see the lights of Paris on a **cruise on the Seine**. **B/L**

Sunday, May 20, 2012 • Paris



Our day begins with a visit to the **Musée d'Orsay** with the best general collection of Impressionist art anywhere.

We view extraordinary paintings by Degas, Van Gogh,

and Gauguin, among numerous other Impressionist luminaries. A tour of a stunning variety of Parisian gardens now awaits us. These include the romantic Parc Monceau, the ultramodern Parc André Citroen, and Jardin d'Atlantique which is located on the roof of a train station! The rest of the day and evening are at leisure as we explore Paris' many treasures. **B/D**

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Monday, May 21, 2012 • London

After breakfast this morning, we travel from Paris to Waterloo Station in London on the Eurostar. The Eurostar speeds you through the Channel Tunnel ("Chunnel"), one of Europe's biggest infrastructure projects to date, and an amazing feat of engineering. The \$15 billion Chunnel makes the old dream of a ground link between Great Britain and continental Europe a reality for the first time since the Ice Ages. Its length is 31 miles, of which 23 miles are underwater. After some free time for lunch, a local guide joins us for a city tour. Highlighting our tour will be Big Ben and Parliament, Trafalgar Square with the Lord Nelson Column, Westminster Abbey, and of course, Piccadilly Circus. We also tour the Tower of London, including the Crown Jewels. **B**



Tuesday, May 22, 2012 • London



photo courtesy of Lisa Sjolund

The Royal Horticultural Society is the UK's leading gardening charity dedicated to advancing horticulture and promoting good gardening. RHS flower shows deliver horticultural excellence and today

we have the opportunity to visit the best of them all, the **Chelsea Flower Show**. A catwalk of color and creativity, the brightest new ideas, the latest trends and the pinnacle of design makes this show the one the world wants to see. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner. **B/D**

Wednesday, May 23, 2012 • Return

Our journey comes to an end today, as we board our coach and bid farewell to our driver and guide at the airport. **B**



Tour Price: \$2,999 *per person

Land only

*Price is based on double occupancy.

Single supplement=\$775

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first class hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour guide** throughout the tour
- **Local step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary (unless otherwise noted)
- **Luggage handling:** one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage straps and tags, name badge and trip journal
- All **taxes and tips** for services provided except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Air transportation**, related taxes and fees (*call for air quote*)
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages** except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour director and coach driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees.
(*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.*)
- Optional Insurance for health, baggage and cancellation
(*This insurance is available and highly recommended*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with registration. Final payment is due 100 days before departure. Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserves the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing and the date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit up to 100 days before departure, a \$100 per person administrative fee (plus any airfare penalty, if applicable) will be charged for cancellation. From 99-14 days, a \$300 per person penalty plus any nonrefundable deposit to ground suppliers as well as any penalties imposed by the airlines (if applicable) will be assessed. Anyone canceling less than 14 days prior to departure, will receive **no refund**. Airline tickets (if applicable) once written are usually not refundable. Purchase of health, baggage and trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

Abbreviations for Included Meals

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

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Registration Form

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s) _____

Last Name(s) _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

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Middle Name(s) _____

Last Name(s) _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Deposit Payment Information

(please fill out if paying by **check**):

Enclosed is my check made payable to
Ed-Ventures, Inc. in the amount of:

_____.

Deposit Payment Information (please fill out if paying by *credit card*):

Credit Card Number: _____

Visa/MasterCard/Disc: _____ Card ID Code:* _____

Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds Roommate (name): _____

Single supplement is an additional (\$775): _____ Yes _____ No

Travel Insurance (please check one): Yes, sign me up No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information: Charge my card below Check enclosed

Credit Card Number: _____

Card ID Code: _____ Visa/MC/Disc: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____

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