



Itinerary For a Five Day Art Study Tour to Amsterdam by Coach. Prepared The Art Department.

Dates: To Be Confirmed.



The itinerary is designed to balance visits of the greatest interest with recreative activities. It aims to make the maximum use of time without exhausting participants. The itinerary we have proposed is flexible and is only finalised after discussion with the Party Leader(s). Flexibility is also built into the tour itself as changes can be made at very short notice according to weather conditions etc. The tour can be guided throughout. All excursions are well prepared and are backed by notes and a commentary. The expert tour guide is able to help to run the tour according to Party Leader wishes. In this way Party Leaders will be free to concentrate on the care of their pupils rather than on the organisation of the tour. The whole stay is underpinned by excellent accommodation, catering, transport and security.

ACCOMMODATION



The Hotel Meininger Amsterdam Amstel**

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A finalist of the Global Youth Travel Awards, The Meininger Hotel Amsterdam Amstel is located on the outskirts of the city close to the large open spaces of Prins Bernhard Park & Park Frankendael. The trams link our hotel with central Amsterdam, allowing for rapid transfers between visits.

The German Meininger hotel chain has introduced a new concept of hotel to several European cities & is expanding rapidly. The Hotel Meininger Amsterdam Amstel has a popular bar/café meeting area downstairs with a games room where students can meet & chat. Free wifi operates throughout the hotel. The breakfasts are plentiful & provide for a good morning's sightseeing.

All bedrooms have flat-screen TV's, en-suite bathrooms with towels & toiletries provided. Some of the rooms are dormitory style with bunkbeds, each with their own nightlights & USB chargers.

The reception team are extremely helpful & friendly & we have found the Meininger Hotel to provide dynamic, exciting yet homely & comfortable accommodation for our groups visiting Amsterdam.

DAY ONE

- 06.15 Coach arrives at School.
- 06.45 Depart School.
- 08.05 E.T.A. Port of Dover. Check in for next crossing.
- 09.25 Depart Dover.
- 12.00 E.T.A. Calais. Transfer to Bruges.

Please note: Continental time is 1hr in advance of UK time.

13.30 **Visit to Bruges - 'The Venice of The North'.**

Bruges is one of the most beautiful towns in Belgium, with its winding canals, cobbled squares, ancient town hall & historic cathedral. We will walk through the ancient cobbled streets to arrive at the central square, where we will enjoy some free time to explore the town & visit the shops. Afterwards, we will have the opportunity to climb to the top of the cathedral spire for magnificent views over the rooftops below.

- 16.30 Transfer to Amsterdam.
- 20.30 E.T.A. Hotel Meininger, Amsterdam. Check-in & allocate room keys.

21.30 **Dinner at Hermes Cafe, Amsterdam.**

Students will enjoy a lasagne dinner at this very good bar restaurant which attracts a young crowd of locals. The restaurant is located a short walk from the hotel.

- 22.45 Return walk to Meininger Hotel.
- 22.50 E.T.A. Meininger Hotel.

DAY TWO

08.00 Breakfast.

09.00 Coach transfer to The Rijksmuseum.

10.00 **Visit to The Rijksmuseum**

Participants will view several medieval and Renaissance masterpieces and the best collection of 17th Century Dutch paintings in the world. Pupils will learn about the importance of imagery in detailed studies of several Dutch works by such artists as Steen, Vermeer and Rembrandt. The tour will culminate with a study of 'The Nightwatch' by Rembrandt.

12.15 Lunch in the Leidesplein area of Amsterdam.

13.30 Walk to Anne Frank House, Prinsengracht.

14.00 **Visit to The Anne Frank House.**

The Ann Frank House is sited on the beautiful Prinsengracht Canal & is one of the most popular visits in Amsterdam. The Frank family hid for several years during the 'Dark Years' of the German occupation in a secret annex at the top of the house. After a tip-off from a member of the public, the annex was discovered during a Gestapo raid & the family were sent east to Auschwitz. The only member of the family to survive was Annes's father, who discovered Anne's diary hidden in the annex after the end of the Second World War.

15.30 Walk to FOAM Gallery, Kaisergracht.

16.00 **Visit to The 'Foam Museum' - The Amsterdam Photography Museum ('FOAM - Fotography Amsterdam')**

Foam is a museum for photography which is very suitable for a city like Amsterdam: inspirational, accessible, uncomplicated, yet critical. Foam is more than a museum. Foam is on Keizersgracht, and elsewhere too: in Foam magazine, out on the streets, abroad, on tour.

Foam is constant inspiration, presented at different speeds. Major exhibitions interspersed with small-scale, quickly alternating shows. Foam holds lively discussions about photography, while providing an opportunity for concentration and study. Foam presents a broad selection of images, while recognising the importance of detail. Alongside the big names, the museum is a laboratory for developing unknown talent.

Foam features surprising combinations, because it presents the quality of photography in every form: autonomous, documentary and applied. Historical and contemporary.

Foam collaborates with other organisations and companies. Both to realise the museum's ambitions and because it fits in with Foam's belief in accessibility. Collaboration provides an

opportunity for a broad public to experience the power of photography.

Foam documents and stimulates the development of photography. It gives photographers, image editors, designers and others in the profession a place to meet and find inspiration.

Foam is open and everyone can now enjoy photography.

17.15 Walk to Bierfabriek Restaurant.

17.45 **Dinner at Bierfabriek Restaurant, Amsterdam.**

Located a short walk from the Floating Flower Market, Bierfabriek is a popular local microbrewery that specialises in roast chicken & chips. Located amongst the large aluminium beer casks are long tables packed with locals tucking into roast chicken & sampling the craft beers. We will enjoy a whole mini-chicken with chips each in a private room within the microbrewery.

19.00 **Exploration of the Floating Flower Market region.**

The Floating Flower Market is located within a popular shopping area. Students will enjoy exploring the popular area of the Floating Flower Market, the nearby shops & nearby Damm Square with the Royal Palace. The shops remain open until 20.30.

20.00 Walk to coach park.

20.30 Coach transfer to Meininger Hotel.

21.00 E.T.A. Meininger Hotel.

DAY THREE

08.00 Breakfast.

09.00 Coach transfer to The Van Gogh Museum.

10.00 **Visit to The Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam.**

The collection is arranged chronologically from Van Gogh's early years in Holland to the brighter works he painted after moving to Paris, and later in Arles, where he produced vivid canvasses like 'The Yellow House' and the 'Sunflowers' series. It ends with his more expressionistic works and with his final tortured paintings done at Auvers a few weeks before he shot and fatally wounded himself. The Van Gogh Museum was recently renovated & the works are very well displayed. We will have time to complete some sketches inside the museum as well as visit the extensive shop on the ground floor.

12.30 Lunch in The Leidesplein region.

13.45 Walk to The Stedelijk Museum.

14.15 **Visit to The Stedelijk Museum.**

Founded in 1874, the Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam is a museum for classic modern and contemporary art in Amsterdam. The original red brick, Neo-Renaissance style building was designed by architect Adriaan Willem Weissman.

The collection contains some 90,000 objects from a variety of disciplines. Highlights of the collection include The Beanery by Edward Kienholz and works by Kazimir Malevich, Bauhaus and De Stijl. Since 1909, the Stedelijk has been devoted to collecting thought-provoking contemporary art, later augmenting its collection with photography and design objects. In the course of the last century, the Stedelijk Museum became renowned as one of the world's most influential museums for twentieth-century art. The collection rivals that of the Centre Pompidou and MoMA. Since its inception, the Stedelijk Museum has consistently reflected new currents and developments in art and design in both its exhibition and acquisitions policy.

16.15 Walk to The Huis Marseille Photography Museum.

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(*Keizersgracht 401, 1016 EK Amsterdam*)

Huis Marseille is Amsterdam's first photography museum. For more than ten years Huis Marseille has offered a varied exhibition program in which photography's rich history and diverse uses are given consideration. In addition to this, the museum also frequently shows work from its own collection of contemporary photography.

Huis Marseille serves as a platform for the particularization of photography. The museum provides a view of the 'landscape' taking shape in photography; it presents photographers, artists and forms of photography which do justice to visual quality and which can be counted among the medium's major, but also lesser known, highlights. This stands in contrast to the profusion of photography as a mass medium

In terms of the installation of exhibitions, the unique structure of this museum plays a significant role. Each of the six exhibition spaces has its own specific character, yet all relate to the work on display. The building still has the atmosphere of a 'gentleman's residence', but its rooms have now become galleries. A sense of warmth and intimacy has remained. Huis Marseille strives to make the visitor feel welcome in these home-like surroundings.

17.45

Walk to Tap & Dine Restaurant.

18.15

Dinner at Tap & Dine Restaurant, Amsterdam.

Our lively restaurant for the final night is located on the Leidesplein, with music icons adorning the walls, seating areas for groups & a live DJ often playing. We will have an enormous burger & chips dinner on a long group table. This will be a fun & memorable final dinner.

19.45

Walk to coach park.

20.15

Coach transfer to Meininger Hotel.

20.45

E.T.A. Meininger Hotel.

DAY FOUR

08.00 Breakfast.

09.00 Coach transfer to the De Hoge Veluwe National Park at Otterlo.

11.00 **E.T.A. Otterlo – Visit to The Kroller Muller Museum.**

Beautifully situated in this expansive national park, the Kroller Muller Museum is a must for students of modern art. The visit will start with a 15 minute film about the Kroller Mullers, the museum building and the collection itself, which actually includes more Van Goghs than the Van Gogh Museum.

Participants will then be free to visit the permanent collection, which is arranged in a light and airy building with huge windows that offer views of the dense woodland in which the museum is set.

The Sculpture Garden is open throughout the year and, in the warmer months, allows for outside sketching and painting on the lawns. The museum has an excellent cafeteria, as well as an outdoor terrace on which participants may like to have their lunches.

The entrance cost to the museum includes the hire of bicycles and most groups enjoy the chance of cycling on the special paths through the most beautiful countryside.

16.00 Coach transfer to Amsterdam centre

18.00 **Dinner at La Place Restaurant, central Amsterdam.**

20.00 Walk to Poet Hotel.

20.30 E.T.A. Poet Hotel.

DAY FIVE

08.00 Breakfast, hotel check-out & storage of suitcases on coach.

09.15 Local train transfer to Leidesplein.

10.15 **Boat Cruise on the Canals of Amsterdam.**

The canal cruise of the city explores the heart of the city before leaving the narrow canals and taking participants out to the sea, where they can view the harbour area. The commentary is in English and outlines the history of the city, the history of the tall gabled buildings, the city's symbols and the banking area - the wealthiest street of the whole city.

11.45 **Lunch & Final Shopping/Exploration Time in Leidesplein Area.**

Before the return transfer to the U.K, students will enjoy some free time to explore the touristic Leidesplein area with its pleasant square, shops & cafes.

13.45 Walk to coach park.

14.00 Transfer to Calais.

19.30 E.T.A. Port of Calais. Check in for next departure.

20.35 Depart Port of Calais.

21.00 E.T.A. Port of Dover. Transfer to School

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22.10 E.T.A. School.