We invite you to join us for this extraordinary opportunity to explore the world-famous museums in Amsterdam. Admire the works of Holland’s Golden Age through the masterpieces of Van Gogh, Vermeer and Rembrandt. Discover Amsterdam by cruising along its network of historical canals, surrounded by unique 17th-century buildings, bobbing houseboats and bustling streets. Take day excursions to the surrounding cities of Delft, Hague and Haarlem to take in the rich history of these medieval cities through carefully designed sightseeing programs. Our thoughtfully planned tour will be of great interest to those whose passions include art, culture, and history.

Tour Highlights

AMSTERDAM — Seven nights at the Bilderberg Hotel Jan Luyken

- Enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the Royal Concertgebouw
- Admire the works of Rembrandt at his home and studio, where he lived for 20 years creating his most famous masterpieces
- Discover Amsterdam’s most stunning locations through a canal tour
- Meet with Trudy Derksen at Gertrude D Galleries, one of Amsterdam’s most well-known galleries
- Take a special tour of Amsterdam with writer Jacques Hendriks to follow the journey of Rembrandt’s “Night Watch” in the oldest part of Amsterdam
- Explore the mill network at Kinderdijk by boat
- Visit the Vermeer Centrum Delft to see where Johannes Vermeer worked and lived
- Admire the Dutch Golden Age through the works at the Mauritshuis in Hague
- Marvel at the largest collection of Vincent Van Gogh in the world
- Enjoy a full-day excursion to the town of Haarlem with its colorful flower fields and cobble-stone alleys
- Visit local galleries around Amsterdam
- Enjoy a special private meeting with artist Handiedan

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: MEDIUM

The trip will spend considerable time in museums and will require being able to be on your feet for extended period of times. The program will be using Amsterdam’s public transportation system to get around and this sometimes involves walking for 10 to 15 minutes and using escalators and stairs. The trip is not suitable for those who have mobility problems.
Join the Memorial Art Gallery on this exciting program to Amsterdam. The trip begins with a private behind the scenes tour of the Royal Concertgebouw, one of the world’s most famous concert halls. Cruise through a number of Amsterdam’s canals to explore the city-center and learn about the rich history of Holland’s Golden Age. Continue on for a visit to the Rembrandt House Museum to see the 17th century home and studio, where he lived for 20 years. Stop by Reflex Gallery, a family business since 1986, with a focus on modern and contemporary photography, painting and sculpture. Close by is the Gertrud D Galleries, installed in an old apartment decorated with period furniture and chandeliers, the venue has become a space for artist, Trudy Derksen, to show her expansive collection.

Take a private walking tour through the oldest part of Amsterdam to explore the fascinating story behind Amsterdam’s most famous artwork, “The Night Watch”. Admire the breathtaking Rijksmuseum which houses over 8,000 art and historical pieces that tell the story of 800 years of Dutch history. At the time of your visit, “The Mystery of Hercules Segers” exhibition will be featuring Hercules Segers iconic and rare mountain, landscape prints which have conferred almost mythical status amongst art historians and critics.

At the UNESCO World Heritage’s Kinderdijk, enjoy a boat tour of the unique collection of authentic windmills considered a Dutch icon throughout the entire world. Spend the afternoon in Delft discovering this exquisite medieval city with its narrow, canal-lined streets that inspired Johannes Vermeer. A visit to his studio offers a visual voyage of discovery through his life and work. Continue on to Hague and walk through the important Mauritshuis Museum to view the iconic “The Girl with a Pearl Earring” by Vermeer, and works by Fabritius and Rembrandt.

Back in Amsterdam, step into the world of Vincent Van Gogh and explore the world’s largest collection of his works. Close by is Grimm Gallery which displays a diverse exhibition program of national and international artists across a wide range of mediums.

A full day excursion to Haarlem will include a visit to Frans Hals museum’s impressive collection of works by the famous Haarlem painters Frans Hals, Verspronck and De Bray. Spend the afternoon admiring the city’s gothic architecture, narrow cobblestone alleys lined with little boutiques and cozy restaurants. Take a canal tour on the Spaarne River and learn about Haarlem’s beautiful monuments and squares. Visit De Hallen contemporary and modern art museum in one of Haarlem’s most historical buildings before taking the train back to Amsterdam.

Admire the largest collection of modern and contemporary art in the Netherlands at the Stedelijk Museum. Marvel at the collection filled with iconic works by Karel Appel, Cézanne, Chagall, Dumas, Kandinsky, Koons, Malevich, Picasso, Pollock, Warhol and many others. We have arranged a special meeting with artist, Handidan, who creates elaborate three dimensional collage pieces with images from a combination of pattern, figurative imagery, and symbol resulting in a complexity and depth that is impressive. Enjoy a seasonal farewell dinner in a lovely mint green living room restaurant that exudes class and simplicity in Chef Martis’s Huiskamerrestaurant.

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RESERVATION FORM

I would like to reserve _____ space(s) for Art Lover’s Amsterdam, October 16—October 24, 2016
Enclosed is a deposit of $500 per person, in the total amount of $______. Please make checks payable to Distant Horizons (Your deposit is refundable up to 60 days prior to departure less a $250 per person administration fee.)

Room Arrangements
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□ I would prefer a roommate, but will pay the single supplement if one is not available.

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