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Daughters of the American Revolution in the Netherlands

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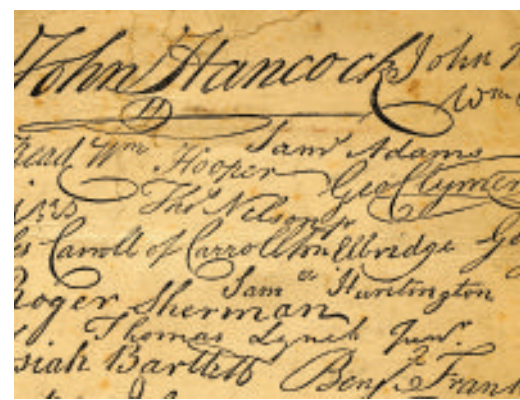
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Join the President General for the Daughters of the American Revolution's inaugural trip to the Netherlands

"As one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many, yea in some sort to our whole nation."

– William Bradford

The bilateral diplomatic relationship between the United States and the Netherlands is one of the most consistent and longest-standing in our country's history. This should come as no surprise, as both countries have a shared dedication to individual liberties, human rights and religious freedom. A decade before the Mayflower even set sail, pilgrims sought refuge in Leiden to escape religious persecution. It was a small delegation of these believers who landed at Plymouth Rock 400 years ago. During the Revolutionary War, the Netherlands supported the colonies in their fight for independence, and in 1782, it became the second nation to recognize the United States of America and accept the credentials of John Adams as Minister Plenipotentiary. Since that time and the establishment of the first U.S. Embassy in The Hague, our countries have enjoyed an unbroken bond of diplomacy and solidarity. On your eight-day journey through the Netherlands, immerse yourself in the history and beauty of this country, and the spirit of friendship which has endured since the earliest days of our nation.

- Experience the richness and beauty of Amsterdam during a private canal cruise
- Explore key sites which highlight the Netherlands' support for American independence
- Lay a wreath at the Netherlands American Cemetery and pay respects at the monument dedicated to the World War II 82nd Airborne Division
- Trace the path of the pilgrims through a specially curated visit to Pieterskerk in Leiden
- Visit the haunting Anne Frank House and Museum

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Itinerary

Saturday, October 10th | Depart for Amsterdam

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Amsterdam. *(Meals in flight)*



Sunday, October 11th | Welcome to the Netherlands

Upon arrival at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, transfer independently to your luxury hotel, ideally located on the Amstel River. Check-in is not guaranteed until 3:00PM, but you may safely store your bags and explore the area or relax in the sophisticated Amstel Lounge overlooking the river. After some time to check in to your hotel and freshen-up, gather for an elegant welcome dinner.

Included meals: *Dinner*

Accommodations: *InterContinental Amstel*

Monday, October 12th | Leiden

In the early 17th century, Leiden provided a welcome refuge for those seeking religious freedom, and a small delegation of pilgrims from Leiden were among the first settlers in New Amsterdam and Massachusetts. Learn about the earliest pilgrims and their journey as you lay a wreath at the church of Pieterskerk in honor of the pilgrim mothers. Stop at Leiden University, the oldest university in the Netherlands, and the former place of study for John Quincy and Charles Adams, and pass the home where John Adams lived while his boys were at the university. It was from here that the elder Adams worked on negotiating Dutch assistance on behalf of the colonies. Then visit the site of the former home of Johan Luzac, a journalist who was outspoken in his support of the American revolutionaries in his press. This afternoon will bring the lives and journey of the pilgrims into focus as you visit the intimate Leiden American Pilgrim Museum. During a welcome by the museum's curator and a private visit, immerse yourselves in the stories of the founders of New England, and commemorate the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower. You will also have time at leisure to explore the charming town of Leiden.

Included meals: *Breakfast, Lunch*

Accommodations: *InterContinental Amstel*

Tuesday, October 13th | Amsterdam in Depth

Embark on a private cruise along the scenic canals of Amsterdam. As you take in the storied panoramas of the city and the 17th century houses which line the canals, pause at the locations and monuments associated with the relationship between the Netherlands and the colonies during the American Revolution. Nestled on a historic street next to a canal, is the site of the former home of John Adams on Keizersgracht and the former Latin School on Singel Street, where John Quincy and Charles Adams studied in their early years. Though these sites have been transformed into a bookshop and shopping area respectively, their historical significance in the early friendship between the United States and the Netherlands is palpable. Then visit the West Indisch Huis, the former headquarters of the Dutch West India Company. It is from this building that the construction of a fort on the island of Manhattan was ordered. Meet the director of the John Adams Institute, an organization which highlights American culture in the Netherlands, and brings together speakers and thinkers who carry on the legacy of culture and scholarship which were paramount to its namesake. On a visit to the Anne Frank House and Museum, delve into the history surrounding the large Jewish population in Amsterdam during World War II and specifically the story of the Frank family who hid in the top floors of a warehouse before being discovered. You will have the opportunity to step behind the hinged bookcase into the secret annex and see the original pages of her famed diary. The evening is yours at leisure.

Included meal: *Breakfast*

Accommodations: *InterContinental Amstel*



Wednesday, October 14th | The Hague

Known best today for its international judicial bodies, the import of The Hague in Dutch-American relations dates back to the nascent relationship between our two countries when the Netherlands recognized American independence and John Adams established the first U.S. embassy in the world there. Visit the site of the former ambassador's residence in Fluwelan Burgwal which though no longer an embassy, was the bedrock for the relationship between the two nations. At the Dutch Royal Library, view the original letter written by John Paul Jones in 1779, thanking Dutch patriot Joan Derk van der Capellen tot den Pol for his support in fighting the British. By special arrangement visit the Treveszaal, * the chamber where John Adams signed the Treaty of Amity and Commerce between the Netherlands and newly formed United States of America in 1782.

*to be confirmed depending on construction

Included meals: *Breakfast, Lunch*

Accommodations: *InterContinental Amstel*

Thursday, October 15th | World War II

Despite having proclaimed neutrality in 1939, on May 10, 1940, the Netherlands was invaded by Nazi Germany, and after the bombing of Rotterdam just days later, the country surrendered to Germany and lived under its occupation for five years. Travel to Groesbeek to visit the key monuments and memorials dedicated to the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions, who were instrumental in liberating these towns at the end of the war the war and those who fought to free the Netherlands from Nazi control. At the newly renovated Freedom Museum (formerly the Liberation Museum), trace the events from pre-occupation through the multi-national allied effort to liberate the Dutch. Travel further southeast to Margraten, site of the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial. As the only American military cemetery in the Netherlands, this site is unique in its purpose, but also its history. Located near the Cologne-Boulogne highway, and built by the Romans, the highway was also used by Charlemagne, Charles V, Napoleon, Kaiser Wilhelm II. During World War II, German forces used the same highway to gain position, and when they withdrew their occupation four years later. The special relationship between the people of United States and the Netherlands is illustrated in the cemetery itself. Since the end of World War II, in gratitude for America's assistance with the Dutch liberation, members of the local community have adopted and cared for grave sites of fallen American soldiers, bringing flowers and researching the life of their adopted service member. Honor the sacrifice of the fallen by laying a wreath at this poignant site. Dine in nearby Maastricht before returning to Amsterdam in the late evening.

Included meals: *Breakfast, Dinner*

Accommodations: *InterContinental Amstel*

Friday, October 16th | Amsterdam's Charm

Enjoy a day at leisure. You may choose to visit some of Amsterdam's iconic museums like the Van Gogh or Rijksmuseum, wander along the canals or relax in the hotel pool. Gather this evening for a celebratory farewell dinner and to toast the continued friendship and fellowship between the United States and the Netherlands.



Included meals: *Breakfast, Dinner*

Accommodations: *InterContinental Amstel*

Saturday, October 17th

Transfer independently to the airport for flights home or onward.

Included meal: *Breakfast*

While every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned, the nature of travel is unpredictable and we must be prepared for changes. The itinerary as described is subject to modification by ATA. Rest assured that, should any changes be needed, we commit to deliver an experience as outstanding as the one originally planned.

Accommodations



InterContinental Amstel | The smallest InterContinental property in the world, this 79-room gem is an oasis of elegance. Built in 1867, the building received a full interior and exterior renovation beginning in 2012. Its stately history and modern amenities provide ideal counterpoint. The hotel boasts canal views from its lounge and restaurants, spacious executive rooms an indoor pool and award-winning restaurant.

Pricing

Price per person based on double occupancy: \$5,695

Single supplement: \$2,000

Upgrade prices provided upon request.

What is Included

- All accommodations and meals as outlined in the itinerary
- All guided visits and entrance fees throughout the program
- Air-conditioned coach(s) for excursions
- Comprehensive pre-trip notes and materials including name badges and luggage tags
- Comprehensive briefing for all tour staff
- Professional Tour Manager

What Is Not Included

- International airfare to/from Amsterdam
- Airport transfers in between Amsterdam airport and hotel
- Travel and trip cancellation insurance
- Passport and excess baggage fees
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; food and beverages not part of the included meals
- Items of a personal nature
- Anything not explicitly listed as included



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