

Amsterdam on your own (5 hours)



Approximately 5 Hours



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Notes:

This tour is available only to guests whose cruise does not begin or end in Amsterdam. Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the pick-up point at the given return time. An English-speaking escort will be aboard the transfer motor coach to answer questions en route. Travel time to Amsterdam is approximately 1½ hours each way. Traffic can be unpredictable. The driver will do his/her best to keep moving safely. Your patience is greatly appreciated. Delays occasionally extend tour duration.

Amsterdam On Your Own (8 hours)



Approximately 8 Hours



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Amsterdam On Your Own and Canal Cruise



Approximately 8 Hours



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This combination **canal cruise** and **transfer** may suit you if you would like to mostly **explore on your own**. It consists firstly of a motor coach ride from the ship in Rotterdam to central **Amsterdam**.

Upon arrival in the city, hop aboard a **canal boat** to explore Amsterdam's **canals** and waterways. You will quickly gain a sense of the city's rich history. Amsterdam is, not surprisingly, often called the Venice of the North, and its canals have been used for centuries to transport goods throughout the city. Today, it is your turn to cruise the same canals purely for pleasure.

Your adventure will take you along the three most important and famous canals of Amsterdam past a number of charming landmarks viewable only from the canals. You will be dropped off at **Museum Square**, where the Van Gogh Museum, the Rijksmuseum and the most famous shopping street are all located. From here, you are on your own to explore independently.

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Gouda Highlights



Approximately 4 Hours



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Depart the pier and head for the ‘green heart’ of Holland. Here you will find the city of **Gouda**, best known for its delicious, mellow cheese, Gouda pipes, and St Jan’s Church. Gouda became a city in 1272 and was flourishing by the 15th century due to its role in international trade. Nowadays, the city is also known for its candles and *stroomwafels* (cookies with syrup). You will stop at the market square, which features the oldest Gothic Town Hall in Holland. Part of the building dates back to the 15th century. The Weighing House, opposite the Town Hall, is built in neo-Classical style and dates back to 1688. Don’t miss the **stained-glass windows of St Jan’s Church**, which tell the history of the diverse provinces of early Holland—these are a must-see. **Walk** back to the coach along the Catharina Gasthuis to return to Rotterdam.

Notes:

This option is available to guests who are returning to the ship.

Rotterdam Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Approximately 7½ - 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.



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Rotterdam Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



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Rotterdam Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



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The Keukenhof Tulip Festival



Approximately 4 Hours



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The tulip has become a revered symbol of the Netherlands. Keukenhof town is the middle of the most important bulb-growing area in Holland. Originally, the area surrounding Keukenhof was used for hunting and for collecting herbs for the castle -- hence the name Keukenhof, meaning 'the kitchen garden'.

Today's tour is a feast for the senses, with the sight and scent of **thousands of perfect, colorful flowers**. You will leave the pier for a beautiful **scenic drive** past lowland countryside dotted with canals, flowers and grazing animals.

Marvel at the surprisingly vast fields filled with blooming tulips. Many visitors from Europe come here each year just to see the flowers and the astonishing view over the bulb fields. Reaching the town of **Keukenhof**, you are invited to discover a spectacular park -- considered by many to be the most beautiful Springtime park in the world. The park features almost 80 acres of flowering tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and other spring bulbs.

Leave the coach and walk with your guide through the park to immerse yourself in the almost-overwhelming display of riotous hues. This is the stuff of picture postcards -- be sure to bring your camera.

Also, don't miss the stunning flower show in the pavilions, where local and exotic plants promise to dazzle in blooming technicolor.

Notes:

This tour is available only on the ms Zuiderdam 5/3/16 sailing and is available only to guests whose cruise does not begin or end in Amsterdam.

Windmills of Kinderdijk



Approximately 3¾ Hours



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The **windmills of Kinderdijk**, built in the 1700s, are collectively a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. The name of this charming village comes from the time of the St Elisabeth flood in 1421, when the villagers found a baby (*kind*) on the dike (*dijk*). The 19 windmills that remain intact today are lined up along the riverfront, and were used to pump rising water to the canal and thus keep the village dry. **Walk** along past the windmills to see how ingeniously the system works. You'll have time for plenty of photos of the windmills and the countryside before returning to the ship.

Notes:

This tour is only available to guests returning to the ship.

Windmills of Kinderdijk with Airport Transfer



Approximately 4 Hours



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Notes:

This option is available only to guests with flights departing after 4pm. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, you will be refunded onboard as this excursion already includes a transfer.