

# THE NETHERLANDS DUTCH HOUSES, GARDENS & ART

Spring | May 2-9 | 2012 | 8 days



Dear Friends,

The year 1688 brought Charles Carroll to Maryland and saw the Dutch prince, William of Orange, made king of England. The Netherlands' long influence on England and America will be the subject of Homewood Museum's biennial study tour (May 2 to 9, 2012). Special features of this trip are private visits to castles, country houses, and the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens. We will enjoy the best of Dutch art throughout our visit. Throughout the tour we will acquire an understanding of the close cultural and economic relationship between the Netherlands, England and the United States

As Homewood supporters we are offering you the opportunity to join us on this adventure. The trip price is \$4600 based on twenty travelers, of which \$350 may be considered a tax-deductible charitable contribution to Homewood Museum. As you'll read in the following itinerary, the trip includes four star accommodations based on double occupancy, land transportation, canal cruises, extensive and unique cultural activities, and fine dining.

Please complete the enclosed Reservation Form and return it with your deposit of \$1000 per person (\$850 is refundable up until December 1, 2011). Full payment for the trip is required by December 1, 2011, after which time deposits cannot be refunded. Those who send their deposits by October 1, 2011 will receive a one level upgrade to their Homewood Museum membership and receive all the associated benefits. This trip has already generated significant interest and the number of travelers is limited. Reservations will be recorded in the order the completed form and deposit are received. All schedules mentioned in this itinerary are contracted for at this time but are subject to change if necessary.

If you need additional information, please contact Homewood Museum's program coordinator, Judith Proffitt, at [proffitt@jhu.edu](mailto:proffitt@jhu.edu) or 410.516.8645, or you may reach me directly at [marymeyer@comcast.net](mailto:marymeyer@comcast.net) or 410.377.0531.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Meyer

*Program Committee Chair, Homewood Advisory Council*

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Cover: Keukenhof. Above, from top left: The Vecht River; Kasteel Vosbergen; Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring at the Mauritshuis; Kasteel Middachten; Sint-Janskerk; Museum Van Loon; The Night Watch at the Rijksmuseum. Right: Paleis Het Loo.; Amsterdam at dusk



## EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Enjoy luxurious accommodations at four-star hotels.
- Journey through Dutch flower fields to the renowned Keukenhof Gardens.
- Experience exclusive, specially arranged private visits and guided tours.
- Learn from expert guides and members of leading Dutch families.

## Proposed Itinerary

### Wednesday, May 2 | Lunch & Dinner

Meet in the Amsterdam Schiphol Airport and travel by private coach to **LOENEN**. Enjoy a leisurely canal cruise down the picturesque **VECHT RIVER**, along whose banks Amsterdam's wealthy merchants and administrators built *buitenplaats* (country estates) in the 17th and 18th centuries. We'll encounter several charming villages and partake of a light lunch while on board.

Continue to **APELDOORN**, where we will check-in to the **Hotel De Keizerskroon**, our home for the next three nights. You'll have time to yourself before drinks and a welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant.

### Thursday, May 3 | Breakfast & Dinner

In nearby **HEERDE** visit the enchanting **Kasteel Vosbergen** (c. 1507), one of the few intact late Medieval stately homes in the Netherlands, having escaped the ravages of wars and excessive 19th century restorations. We'll be welcomed by the present owner, whose family has owned the castle since 1715.

Return to **APELDOORN** where we will spend the afternoon at the majestic **Paleis Het Loo** (c. 1685). This former "pleasure residence" of the House of Orange-Nassau is an understated treasure with rich history, grand halls, and lushly manicured gardens. Lunch is on your own at the estate's café overlooking the monumental palace stables, followed by a guided tour of the palace and time to visit the gardens. The sumptuously furnished interiors give an impression of how the Dutch royal family lived here for three centuries, from William and Mary up to the reign of Queen Wilhelmina. We'll reconvene for dinner at the **Restaurant De Heerlijckheyt Het Loo**.

### Friday, May 4 | *Breakfast & Lunch*

Begin the day at **De Wiersse**, an historic estate with moated manor house and 38 acres of gardens and woodland that has been in the same family since the 17th century. We'll tour the charming interior (not normally open to the public) and gardens and enjoy a private lunch before continuing to the picturesque village of **BRONKHORST**. At **Kasteel Middachten** (c. 1698) we will be offered a guided tour of the splendid interior and marvellous 300-year-old gardens, and afternoon tea. Dinner tonight is at your leisure.

### Saturday, May 5 | *Breakfast & Dinner*

Travel to the **De Hoge Veluwe National Park**, the largest actively managed conservation area in private hands in the Netherlands. Enjoy a guided tour of the park's **Kröller-Müller Museum**, a remarkable collection of 20th-century art, including important works by Van Gogh, Seurat, and Picasso, and one of Europe's largest sculpture gardens. Lunch is at your leisure in the museum's self-service restaurant. Continue to **GOUDA** to visit **Sint-Janskerk**, dedicated to John the Baptist and containing the most significant examples of 16th-century Dutch stained glass in the country. Reaching **THE HAGUE**, we'll check-in to the centrally-located, boutique **Paleis Hotel**, our home for the next two nights. We'll dine tonight at one of the city's best restaurants.

### Sunday, May 6 | *Breakfast & Lunch*

Begin the day with a stroll down The Hague's famous promenade, **Lange Voorhout**, to the **Mauritshuis** for a guided tour of its unrivaled royal collection of Dutch paintings, including Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring*. Next a walk through the **Binnenhof**, the seat of government since the 15th century. Head to **RIDDERKERK** for a private lunch and tour of magnificent **Het Huys Ten Donck** (1746) with Lady Catharina Groeninx van Zoelen, a descendant of the original resident. In the charming city of **DELFT**, we will enjoy a guided walking tour, with time to explore independently before our return to **THE HAGUE**. Dinner is at your leisure.

### Monday, May 7 | *Breakfast & Lunch*

Travel to **LISSE** for a guided tour of the famous 70-acre **Keukenhof** park, one of the largest open-air flower exhibitions in the world. As many as seven million tulip bulbs bloom here, alongside daffodils, hyacinths, narcissi, and more exotic blooms in greenhouses. Continue to **AMSTERDAM** and check-in to the **Hotel Ambassade**. In ten 17th- and 18th-century houses on the Herengracht and Singel canals, this stylish hotel uniquely re-creates what it must have felt like to live in an elegant canal house. On an introductory cruise along the city's storied canals we'll enjoy a sandwich lunch. A guided tour of the fascinating **Amsterdam Museum** will reveal how a small fishing village founded around 1200 became a major sea power and trading center. Refresh at the hotel before a private, after-hours curator-led tour of the family-owned **Museum Van Loon** (1672), an opulent canal-side mansion with an illustrious history. Silverware, paintings, rich tapestries, Louis XV furniture, original coach house, and a beautiful garden in the rear—all witnesses to the Dutch Golden Age. Dinner tonight is at your leisure.

### Tuesday, May 8 | *Breakfast & Dinner*

Begin the day at the renowned **Rijksmuseum De Meesterwerken**, with a guided tour of the crème de la crème of its permanent collection in the newly furnished Philips Wing. *The Masterpieces* exhibition offers the unique opportunity to view all the highlights of the 17th-century Dutch Golden Age in one place, including Rembrandt's *The Night Watch*. We exit onto the famous **Nieuwe Spiegelstraat**, one of Europe's finest antiques-hunting grounds, for some shopping. Among the items you might see are rare editions of early children's books, Persian tapestries, music boxes, and old Dutch clocks. Compare your finds over a cocktail reception at a private home on the **Keizersgracht** (Royal Canal). Lunch is at your leisure with time this afternoon for independent explorations. We'll reconvene for our farewell dinner.

### Wednesday, May 9

Transfer to the Amsterdam Schiphol Airport.



## Eligibility

Open to Homewood Museum members only. Membership information may be found on the Registration Form.

## Costs

\$4600 per person, land only, based on double occupancy. *If you would like assistance in making your flight arrangements, please call Alice Meiners at Gulfstream Travel, 1.800.366.6936.*

Single accommodations are available at an additional charge of \$700. Rates are based on a minimum group size of 20, currency exchange rate, and hotel costs as of July 2011. *If the dollar becomes less favorable to the euro, adjustments will be made to the itinerary to compensate for the increased cost.*

## Terms and Conditions

A deposit of \$1000 per person made payable to JHU—HOMEWOOD MUSEUM is required at the time of booking to reserve space on the tour.

The deposit is refundable up to December 1, 2011, less an administrative fee of \$150 per person.

Full payment is due December 1, 2011. Cancellations received after this date are subject to any and all fees assessed by hotels, restaurants, motorcoach, and tour companies.

Participants are expected to purchase travel insurance. *For assistance with travel insurance, please call Alice Meiners at Gulfstream Travel, 1.800.366.6936.*

**Visits to castles, country houses, and gardens require substantial walking.**

Please consult with Mary Meyer or Judith Proffitt if you would like more information on these terms.

## Not Included

Air fare, passport expenses, accident and baggage insurance, bar costs, and items of a personal nature such as laundry and telephone calls.



## STUDY TOUR INCLUDES:

- Pre-trip informational evening: 5:30pm, Oct. 19, 2011.
- Deluxe motor coach transport and canal travel.
- First-class accommodations with private baths.
- All breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 4 dinners, privately hosted (wine included).
- All entrance fees.
- Tips & gratuities.
- \$350 tax-deductible contribution to Johns Hopkins' Homewood Museum.

Vincent Van Gogh, Café Terrace at Night, 1888.  
Kröller-Müller Museum

## Responsibility

Homewood Museum, The Johns Hopkins University reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a tour member. Please be advised that the tour will include visits to sites and locations that may have limited wheelchair access and/or may require walking and some physical exertion by participants.

Although we will exercise every reasonable care, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the services of any airplane, motorcoach, automobile or other conveyance used in this tour or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or carrying out the arrangements of the tour. The itinerary may require some minor changes based on unforeseen circumstances. We reserve the right to vary the itinerary and substitute the best alternative. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, acts of God, or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is at the owner's risk entirely.

Should you have a health condition or disability which may raise concern in this regard, please contact Homewood Museum or your health care provider. Refunds will be made in accordance with the cancellation policy listed in this brochure.



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RESERVATIONS accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, upon receipt of registration form and a \$1000 deposit. Registration and final payment of \$3600 is due by December 1, 2011. Complete form and return with payment to: Judith Proffitt, Homewood Museum, 3400 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21218.

Request for refund must be made no later than December 1, 2011. If you have any other questions, please contact Judith Proffitt at proffitt@jhu.edu or 410.516.8645.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Space(s) for HOMEWOOD MEMBERS @ \$1000 deposit per person

# \_\_\_\_\_ Space(s) for NON-MEMBERS @ \$1000 deposit per person.  
Please complete the Membership Registration on the reverse and add fee to total below

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Fee

\$ 700.00 Single Supplement

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed

## PAYMENT METHOD

CHECK (Payable to JHU—HOMEWOOD MUSEUM)  VISA A 3% additional surcharge will be applied  
 MASTERCARD to cover credit card transaction fees.

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**LIMITS OF RESPONSIBILITY** The undersigned have read the schedule of activities for The Netherlands study tour departing May 2, 2012 and accept any and all risks thereof. The undersigned recognize and agree that Homewood Museum and The Johns Hopkins University have no control over the travel, the accommodations or the dangers and risks associated with this travel program. The undersigned recognize and acknowledge such travel can result in personal injury, accident, illness, death, loss of personal property or other contingencies that may befall participants while being involved with the program, all matters over which Homewood Museum has no control. The undersigned agree to indemnify and hold harmless Homewood Museum and The Johns Hopkins University and its officers and staff from liability of any kind, including but not limited to delays, inconveniences, injuries or death, or for the loss of or damage to their personal property, however occurring during this tour or related to this tour.

This agreement is for the benefit of Homewood Museum and The Johns Hopkins University only. Third parties, such as common carriers, hotels and travel agents, are not released from liability for their acts by this agreement. This agreement is covered by the laws of the state of Maryland without regard to the conflict of laws, provisions and principals of Maryland law.

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# Homewood Membership Registration

All Members receive these basic benefits for one year:

- Unlimited FREE admission
- Advance notice of special programs and exhibitions
- Special Member prices for concerts, lectures and other programs
- Invitations to Members-only exhibition previews and trips
- Subscription to the JHU Museums' Newsletter
- 10% discount on your Museum Shop purchases
- Complimentary admission pass admitting two guests
- Membership in Time Travelers national consortium of history museums
- Personal satisfaction in supporting Homewood Museum

## JHU MUSEUMS SUPPORTER

*All basic benefits for two adults and children under 17 living at one address, for both Homewood Museum and Evergreen Museum & Library, plus free admission at 15+ Greater Baltimore History Alliance sites*

## FAMILY OF HOMEWOOD

*All basic benefits for two adults and children under 17 living at one address*

## FRIEND OF HOMEWOOD

*All basic benefits for one*

### Please indicate membership level:

LEVELS	RATE
<input type="checkbox"/> JHU Museums Supporter	\$125
<input type="checkbox"/> Family of Homewood	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Homewood	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> JHU Non-Resident Alumni*	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> JHU Faculty and Staff*	\$30

\*Johns Hopkins non-resident alumni (living more than 100 miles from Baltimore), faculty and staff may join both Homewood Museum and Evergreen Museum & Library for \$30. Please provide a copy of a current, valid ID if you are eligible.

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Name(s)

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City / State / Zip

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TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD:

CHECK (Payable to Evergreen Museum & Library)

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**MEMBERSHIP MATTERS. Thank you for supporting Johns Hopkins' Homewood Museum.**