



EXETER
INTERNATIONAL

A PRIVATE HISTORICAL AND
CULTURAL TOUR OF
AMSTERDAM





FEATURING EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES:

PRIVATE CANAL CRUISE IN AMSTERDAM

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WHY EXETER INTERNATIONAL?

At Exeter International we have been creating memories and crafting our trademark extraordinary journeys to Central Europe, Russia, Scandinavia, and Central Asia for 23 years. Our specialty is to distill the best of the best in iconic places that are on so many people's travel must-do list.

We are not a call center of nameless, faceless people. We do not try to be everything to everyone. We are a small team of specialists. We are all committed to providing the best travel experiences to our destinations. Each member of our team has travelled extensively throughout our destinations, giving them insider knowledge lacking in many other tour operators.

Our Extraordinary Experiences are different, unusual, and often closed to the general public. We can offer special insider access that takes you beyond the typical tourist sites. We know how important it is to remain authentic and increasingly going beyond the well-known sites is what is important to our guests—discovering the little known museum or street market that adds to their experience. We do this through our local knowledge, cultivating our extensive contacts and regularly visiting each destination to enable us to share the most up-to-date insider information with you, our valued partner.

The most important part of your trip will be your guides. Guides come in many quality levels, especially in the region. We have worked with a core group of the best of the best for over 20 years. We know them like family and if they weren't the best, they wouldn't work for us. Simply stated, a guide can make or break your experience. You should have 100% confidence in who is introducing you to your guide and the level of guiding that you are going to get throughout the countries you will be visiting. The best does indeed cost more and we pay our guides at the very top of the market, with pride.

You'll also want to know what kind of vehicle your tour will include. We use luxury late-model vehicles, often Mercedes, Audi, BMW, or Volkswagen, depending on the size of the vehicle you need. You'll want to see things that may or may not be open to the public and go in early or after hours before the crowds whenever possible. We also make every effort to skip lines whenever possible. Avoiding long museum lines is one of our top priorities and we work hard to minimize the wait time to get into the most popular sights in each city, maximizing your time in each destination.

You'll want impeccable planning and someone to bounce ideas off of before your trip and speak English as well as you do while planning your trip so there are no cultural misunderstandings when you arrive. You'll also want someone to talk to if your trip is not perfect when you get home. These are all ways that we distinguish ourselves from all other companies.

A lot goes into our travel program design. We arrange the program so that it is flawless and effortless for our travelers from the time they set foot in the first city until they leave us. The expertise to set up an itinerary like this comes after years of investing in staff on both sides of the Atlantic, and this too is a value that is incorporated into our traveler's trips with us.

DAY 1



ARRIVE IN AMSTERDAM

Upon your arrival into Amsterdam, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel The Pulitzer Amsterdam, located in the heart of Amsterdam's historic 9 Streets neighborhood.

The remainder of your afternoon and evening is at leisure.

EXETER SERVICES

Airport Transfer

HOTEL

The Pulitzer Amsterdam



DAY 2

AMSTERDAM

This morning, your guide will meet you in the hotel lobby at 9:00am for an overview tour of Amsterdam. You'll see the most important parts of the city, including Dam Square and the 17th century Central Station building. You will also explore the neighborhood of Jordaan with your guide. This was once a working-class bastion and is now a gentrified hipster neighborhood of galleries, restaurants and specialty shops. This is also where you will find some of the most scenic outdoor markets in the country.

Exeter International Extraordinary Experience

Afterward, see Amsterdam as it's meant to be seen from your own private luxurious canal boat. Your guide will accompany you on this 1.5-hour tour and will narrate your journey. Enjoy snacks and drinks on board while you have the perfect introduction to the city.

Continue onto Museumplein. Today's highlight will be a visit to the newly reopened Rijksmuseum. This is the largest museum in the Netherlands, featuring an astounding 1.5 kilometers of art, and showcasing many works of Dutch masters, items of the Netherlands' cultural history (artifacts, clothing, prints) and more.

Your afternoon is at your leisure. You may choose to further explore the Rijksmuseum on your own or stop in the Van Gogh Museum next door.

We also suggest a visit to the Anne Frank Museum. The rooms here, though empty, reveal the atmosphere of the period her family spent in hiding. Anne's original diary and other notebooks are on display. Guides are not allowed to guide in the museum so we recommend exploring on your own. Tickets can be purchased on-line in advance and sell out quickly. Please advise if you would like assistance with obtaining tickets.

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver & Guide (4 Hours)

HOTEL

The Pulitzer Amsterdam

DAY 3



EDAM-VOLENDAM

This morning meet your guide at 9:00am to explore a bit of the Dutch countryside.

Start with a visit to a traditional local farm near Amsterdam. You'll have the opportunity to taste different kinds of homemade cheese and learn about the production process. You can also see how typical Dutch wooden shoes are made.

Afterward, explore some of the smaller cities in the countryside. One stop is Volendam, the old fishing village at the IJsselmeer. The village is characterized by countless little houses around the small fishing port. It's a great place for a stroll and a place where one can try a traditional tasty Dutch style herring!

Continue on to Edam, a city with a rich history. It began in the 12th century, when farmers and fishermen settled along the little Ye river. With that 'Yedam' was created. This primitive settlement developed into an increasingly prosperous town well into the 17th century, with shipbuilding played an important role in this growth.

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Vehicle, Driver & Guide (4 Hours)

HOTEL

The Pulitzer Amsterdam



DAY 4

AMSTERDAM

Enjoy the day at leisure. Modern Art fans should not miss the Amsterdam Stedelijk Museum, with one of the richest collections of modern art and design in the world. This museum often finds itself at the center of controversy for its artistic choices, and with a collection including works by Warhol, Matisse, and Casimir Malevich, it is not one to be missed for fans of modern art.

Continue onto Modern Contemporary Museum Amsterdam (Moco). Set in a villa dating back to the early 1900's, the museum features modern and contemporary art from such artist as Dali, Banksy and Lichtenstein. Street art and underground art are widely showcased.

Stop by the Bloemenmarkt (Flower Market), the only floating flower market in the world, located in the Singel district. You'll find flowers, seeds, bulbs and rare flowers from all over the world.

EXETER SERVICES

None

HOTEL

The Pulitzer Amsterdam

DAY 5



AMSTERDAM-ONWARD

Your driver will meet you in your hotel lobby for your transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

EXETER SERVICES
Airport Transfer

WHAT'S INCLUDED:



PRICES:

For Two (2) guests traveling together	From \$4,175 per person, double occupancy
For Four (4) guests traveling together	From \$3,075 per person, double occupancy

Exact pricing will depend on the hotels, room categories, and touring you choose.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Amsterdam

One Classic Room for Four (4) nights at The Pulitzer; Tax and Buffet Breakfast included daily.

The Pulitzer is an intimate, privately owned hotel within a prime location in the Canal Belt. The hotel is set within twenty-five restored 17th and 18th century houses overlooking the picturesque waters of Amsterdam's Nine Streets neighborhood, walking distance from sights like The Anne Frank House and the Royal Palace. Its 230 rooms are decorated with contemporary furniture and prints from the hotel's extensive modern art collection. Renowned local chef Cassidy Hallman heads up The Restaurant Jansz, which spills out through a series of simply decorated rooms along the canal. Breakfast here is a magnificent spread of locally sourced products. Along with Restaurant Jansz, are the Pulitzer and Lobby bars, both offering classic cocktails and an extensive wine list.

Classic Rooms: These 250 square foot rooms overlook canal or the courtyard and come complete with floor to ceiling windows and generous bathrooms with heated marble floors.

Meals

No meals included, other than breakfast as described above. Your final documents will include our top recommendations. *Your guides will recommend restaurants that fit your exact needs daily.*

Services

Private vehicle, driver and guide at your service as described. The timing for each day is noted in your program.

Exeter International's local offices are available for your assistance 24 hours per day while you are traveling. Our local staff may also assist you with restaurant reservations and purchasing of additional theater and museum tickets at your request.

Transportation

Transportation is included as noted. Unless otherwise noted, all transfer service is with a driver only, not a guide. In general, drivers have limited English-speaking skills. Timing for each day is noted in your program.

Guides

Hand chosen for their knowledge on local history, art & architecture. Guides are at your disposal as noted in your itinerary.

Tickets

All entrance tickets as described in the program.

Exeter International Travel Information

BAGGAGE

The vehicles reserved for your itinerary can accommodate up to two medium-sized suitcases per person. If you intend to travel with additional luggage, please advise your travel consultant so appropriate arrangements may be made. In general, we schedule a sedan for parties of two, a minivan for parties of three to four and a minibus for parties of five or more.

SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing arrangements have been made with your special interests in mind. Your drivers and guides are at your disposal as indicated in the itinerary. Within those time and mileage guidelines, you are free to modify your program as you please. Should you require additional time or mileage, the costs will be quoted on request and may be paid for locally in the local currency or U.S. Dollars.

Every effort has been made to confirm that scheduled sightseeing venues will be open at the time you plan to visit them. However, individual estates, museums, gardens and other points of interest can change their hours of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular attraction is closed on the day or time of your visit, your guide will offer alternative arrangements or rearrange your sightseeing to accommodate these unexpected events.

OPTIONAL EXPENSES

Charges for extra meals, transport, sightseeing services or other optional additions to your established itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally in the local currency.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not included in your tour price. Gratuities are at your own discretion. We recommend \$15-\$20 per person, per day for your guide and \$5 - \$10 per person, per day for your driver. For your airport or station transfer, a gratuity of \$5 - \$10 is customary, based on service. Dollars, Euros and any local currency are all accepted.

DINING WITH YOUR GUIDE

On days when dinner and lunch costs have not been included in your itinerary (or in your tour cost), you may, at your discretion, choose to invite your guide to dine with your party. You are under no obligation to do so but, if you do extend such an invitation, the guide is your guest and you will be responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

Booking Conditions

PAYMENTS

Exeter International must receive a deposit of 25% of the total program cost before reservations for your independent travel program can be initiated. The balance of payment is due 60 days prior to departure. *No reservations are made on your behalf until this deposit has been received.* Availability and pricing is subject to change until this deposit is received. **All deposits are nonrefundable.**

CANCELLATION

Written cancellations received less than 60 days prior to departure are subject to the following forfeit of tour cost

- 59-14 days prior to departure, 50% of total tour cost
- 14 or less days prior to departure, 100% of tour cost

REFUNDS

We regret that refunds cannot be issued for arrangements confirmed on your itinerary but unused once your tour has begun.

INSURANCE

Exeter International strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment. You will find insurance costs noted on your invoice and insurance coverage information in your original booking packet.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Once an itinerary is finalized and final payment has been made, a \$100 revision fee will be charged if the itinerary is changed.

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars on the current rate of exchange and tariff as of 2018. Exeter International reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Devaluation of a foreign currency will be weighed against any tariff increases imposed. Exeter International does not breakdown costs involved in any Small Group or Individual Travel Program.

*All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary.
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