



CHEMICAL CONVENTION

24-26 October 2018
Amsterdam

Friday 26 October

A Rembrandthuis

- 09:30** Bus to the Rembrandthuis
- 10:00** Visit the Rembrandthuis with etching workshop
Rembrandt lived and worked between 1639 and 1658 in the Rembrandthuis which is now a museum. The group will get a tour through the museum. Rembrandt's world-famous etchings can be viewed during the tour. You will be invited to participate in an etching workshop to produce your own etchings.
- 12:30** Lunch at restaurant de Frenzi
- 14:00** Guided tour at the Stopera
The Stopera is the nickname of the Amsterdam building complex of the city hall and opera. It is home to the Dutch National Opera & Ballet. The group will have a guided tour through the building. They will visit the ballet studios where the dancers rehearse. The group will go backstage and visit the costume workshops. If feasible the group will attend a dance rehearsal.
- 16:30** Back at Okura hotel

B Zaanse Schans

- 10:00** Bus to the Zaanse Schans
- 10:30** Guided tour at the Zaanse Schans
The first thing that comes to mind when thinking about the Netherlands is windmills. Only a 30 minute drive away from Amsterdam you will encounter the typical and stunning windmill landscape at the Zaanse Schans. Here you can enjoy the breathtaking scenery, visit the windmills and old Dutch farmhouses.
- 12:30** Lunch at the Swarte Walvis
- 14:00** Licorice making workshop
A typical Dutch treat in the Netherlands is licorice. In one of the old farmhouses it is possible to make your own licorice. Licorice is made from a wide range of special ingredients. You will get to know them all in this workshop. You will be able to taste every single ingredient and carry out all the steps in the production process on a small scale. While the licorice is cooling down, you will have a tasting of all the different kinds of European licorice.
- 17:00** Back at Okura hotel

C Van Gogh Museum

- 11:00** Walk to the Museum Square
- 11:30** Visit the Van Gogh Museum
Step into Van Gogh's world and explore the world's largest collection at the Van Gogh Museum. An expert guide will acquaint you with Vincent's earliest Dutch works. You will discover how his art style changed once he lived in Paris surrounded by modern artists whilst gradually adapting his famously individual style.
- 13:00** Culinary Walking Tour: taste the culinary highlights of The Netherlands
Discover the not-so-frequently shown areas of Amsterdam by foot with a local guide and experience the culinary highlights of the Netherlands. During the tour you will get the chance to taste typical Dutch food (i.e. small grey shrimps, stroopwafels, poffertjes, herring, Van Dobben croquettes and Dutch cheese). A real feast for your taste buds!
- 15:30** Back at Okura hotel

Dinner at the Rijksmuseum

- 18:00** Departure from Okura hotel by bus
- 18:30** Chemical Convention Gala Dinner at the Rijksmuseum
The gala dinner will be in the Gallery of Honour. In this unique setting you will enjoy your dinner in front of the impressive "Nightwatch" painted by Rembrandt in 1642 (the painting is 3m63 by 4m34).
- 22:30** Return to Okura hotel by bus

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Thursday 25 October

A Anne Frank House

09:30 Bus or Tram to the Anne Frank House

10:00 Visit the Anne Frank House

The Anne Frank House is the biographical museum dedicated to the Jewish girl Anne Frank. During World War II, Anne Frank hid from Nazi persecution with her family and four other people in a secret room, known as the Secret Annex (Het Achterhuis). An introductory program will be given followed by a brief summary which takes 30 minutes. After the group is free to visit the house.

12:00 Visit the Westerkerk

The Westerkerk is mentioned frequently in Anne Frank's diary. It is situated right next door to the Anne Frank House. Rembrandt van Rijn was buried in the Westerkerk on October 8, 1669. However the exact location of his tombstone is unknown.

12:30 Lunch at Restaurant Jansz

A short walk along the Prinsengracht will bring you to the Restaurant Jansz.

14:30 Canal cruise in the Saloon boat Dame van Amstel

The best way to see the real Amsterdam is by boat. The group will board the boat near restaurant Jansz. The tour will last 2 hours. It will be possible to order drinks which will be served with some Dutch bites.

16:30 Back at Okura hotel

B Museum Bags & Purses

09:30 Canal cruise in the Saloon boat Dame van Amstel from the Okura Hotel

11:30 Visit to the Museum of Bags and Purses, including a guided tour

Just across the water from the Waldorf Astoria you will find the Museum of Bags and Purses. Every bag has its own story. It tells us something about the fashion, art, skills and customs of a particular period. In this magnificent 17th-century canal house you will find so many special and exciting bags under one roof.

13:00 High Tea in 17th century Period Room

On the first floor of the museum of Bags and Purses, two rooms were recently restored to their original splendour. These period rooms are decorated by beautiful works of art by great masters of the 17th and 18th century. The group will be served a full, three-course High Tea, starting with a selection of savoury snacks and sandwiches, followed by a range of sweet delicacies prepared by our pastry chefs and presented on a tiered cake stand. Finally, scones will be served with Devonshire clotted cream and a selection of jams.

14:30 Guided walking tour through Amsterdam

16:00 Back at Okura hotel

C Stedelijk Museum

10:00 Walk through the Pijp to the Museum Square

It's only a 15-minute walk from the hotel to the famous Museum Square. Some of the most famous museums of Amsterdam are situated here. The walk will take the group across the locally very popular area of the Pijp.

10:30 Visit the Stedelijk Museum, guided tour of the highlights

The Stedelijk Museum, situated at the Museum Square, is the biggest museum of modern art in the Netherlands. Its historical building with red bricks dates from 1895 and the collection consists of world famous modern artists, like Karel Appel, Cézanne, Chagall, Marlene Dumas, Kandinsky, Edward Kienholz, De Kooning, Malevich, Matisse, Mondrian, Picasso, Gerrit Rietveld and Warhol...

12:00 Canal cruise in the Saloon boat Adeline with High Tea

14:00 Paint workshop Delft tiles

The Netherlands is very well known for its Delftware. Delftware is blue and white pottery made in and around Delft from the 16th century onwards. In the workshop everybody will paint two Delft Blue Tiles.

16:00 Back at Okura hotel

Dinner at the Scheepvaartmuseum

18:00 Departure from Okura hotel by boat

18:30 Chemical Convention Dinner at the Scheepvaartmuseum

22:00 Return to Okura hotel by bus

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