

DUTCH ORGAN TOUR

16th to 21th April 2012

Join this magnificent organ tour to several beautiful historical organs in the Southern provinces of the Netherlands, Brabant and Limburg. In this area, close to the Belgian and German borders, several foreign organ-builders have worked and we can find many well-preserved and restored instruments from the 17th to the 19th century. The organs are demonstrated and played by well-known professional organists and tour participants can play if they wish. Including 5 nights with breakfast in an excellent hotel in Eindhoven and all the transport in Holland with two comfortable coaches.

Itinerary in a nutshell:

Monday: after arrival on Schiphol airport or train station, the coach brings us to our hotel in Eindhoven. After check-in we enjoy a nice 3 course diner.

Tuesday: After breakfast we leave for Bergen op Zoom with a recently restored organ from the German organbuilder Ibach, a perfect example of German romanitic organbuilding. In the afternoon we visit the massiv Flentrop organ in the Great Church of Breda, build in 1866 with pipes from the 17th to the 20th century. In Breda we visit the city-center for diner.

Wednesday: On this day we stay in the Eindhoven area for the fine organ from the most famous organbuilder from 19th century brabant, F.C. Smits, in the church of Aarle-Rixtel. In the afternoon we go to Helmond. Here we find a famous organ of the belgian builder Robustelly, original for a monastery in Averbode and in 1822 placed in Helmond. An organ perfect for French baroque music.

Thursday: This day is dedicated to the organ treasuries of Maastricht. In the St. Servaas church the organ was build by several famous builders who added all their part of this instrument but the organ was rebuild by Verschueren in 1985 to his former glory. In the St. Matthias church we find a fine example of Belgian organbuilding in the instrument of Binvignat of 1808. After the organ visits we enjoy the pitoresque city-center of Maastricht.

Friday: This last day we go to the old city of Den Bosch. In the Reformed church the Bätz brothers build an organ in 1831, perfectly preserved. The organ in the St. Catrien Church was build by the organ builder Vollebregt, one of the leading companies in Brabant during the 19th century. In the last evening of this tour a visit to the center of Den Bosch is a must for diner.

Saturday: After breakfast the coach brings us to the airport or train station for the journey home, ending a stimulating week in wich we will have see, hear and played some of the most beautiful and famous organs that Holland has to offer.

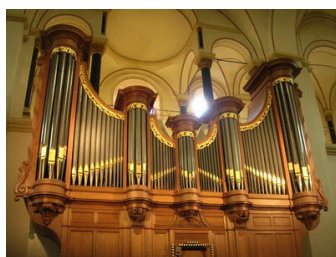
Group members going on this tour will be required to make their own way to Holland, where they will be met at and returned to Schiphol Amsterdam airport that have also a major train-station with regular train services to other places like ferry ports. All travel within Holland will be by coach and is included.



Aarle-Rixtel



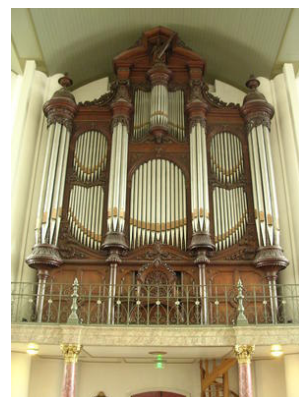
Breda



Maastricht



Den Bosch



Bergen op Zoom



Helmond

Included In the price are:

- 5 nights B&B in a 4* hotel (with 2 sharing a twin room).
- Dinner on Monday evening.
- Transport within Holland during the tour.
- Visits to all the organs, demonstrations and recitals etc.
- Illustrated booklet of all the organs visited.
- Dutch tour leader who speaks English.

Maximum number of participants: 16 for suffiçient playing time!

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Not Included:

- Travelling to and from the UK to Holland (airport or ferry port).
- Meals, other than breakfasts (except dinner on Monday).
- Travel and cancellation insurance etc.
- All personal expenses etc.

Price: £ 550,- pp. Single person supplement £ 25,- per night.

When you want to join this tour, please complete the attached application form and send it to the address indicated.

The itinerary is correct at time of publication and every effort will be made to keep to the schedule, but the organisers reserve the right to change the itinerary should circumstances dictate.