

# DUTCH ORGAN TOUR: The Green Heart of Holland

## May 25th to May 30th 2020

Join this magnificent organ tour to several beautiful historical organs in the green heart of Holland (province North and South Holland and Utrecht). The organs will be demonstrated by several professional organists and with most organs tour participants will have an opportunity to play if they wish. The price includes 5 nights with breakfast in two 4\* hotels, three dinners and all transport during the tour with three comfortable coaches.

### Itinerary in a nutshell:

**Monday 25:** After arrival at Schiphol Airport, the coaches will take us to the Van der Valk hotel in Hilversum where we will enjoy a 3 course dinner after check-in.

**Tuesday 26:** After breakfast we leave for Amsterdam where we spend the whole day. First a visit to the Mozes and Aaron Church at the Waterlooplein. In this church Adema build in 1871-1887 their first large organ in French Cavaille-Coll style. Arjen Leistra will be the organist here. After this church we walk to the city-center for a visit to the new Lutheran Church, with a large organ from Bätz, build in 1831. Organist is Matthias Havinga. We end this day in the Old Church where we see and hear the recently restored iconic organ from Vater and Muller from 1726/1742.

**Wednesday 27:** This day is dedicated to the Bätz firm, due to the 250 year commemoration of the death of J.H.H. Bätz (1709-1770), founder of this important organ-builder dynasty. First we visit the recently restored organ from G.Th. Bätz (1787) in Breukelen, the Bätz specialist Jaap Jan Steensma give a short lecture about the Bätz firm. Subsequently we drive to Woerden. Here we find an organ from J. Bätz&co in the Lutheran Church (1848) and an organ from J.H.H. Bätz in the Petrus Church (1768). This day our organist is Rien Donkersloot. At the end we drive to Alphen a/d Rijn for dinner and a stay for 3 nights in the van der Valk hotel.

**Thursday 28:** Today a tour through the green heart. But we start in Alphen a/d Rijn in the Oudshoornse Church with an organ from H.H. Hess (1783). In Benschop we find another organ from J.H.H. Bätz (1755) and we end the day in Gouda where we visit the large organ from Moreau (1739) in the famous St. Janskerk.

**Friday 29:** This final day we visit the city of The Hague. We start in the Wallonian Church with his beautiful Cavaille-Coll organ from 1880. Then we go to the Old-Catholic Church with a nice organ from R. Garrels, build in 1726 and we end in the Lutheran Church with the fantastic organ from J.H.H. Bätz from 1762, his largest existing instrument. A nice live-cooking dinner conclude this day. Organist this day is Sander van den Houten.

**Saturday 30:** After breakfast, we pay a final visit to the 1913 organ of Adema in the St. Agatha Church of Lisse for the farewell recital, performed by Rien Donkersloot.

After this recital the coaches will take us to Amsterdam Schiphol airport or train station for the journey home ending a stimulating week in which we will have seen, heard and played some of the most beautiful and famous organs this region has to offer.

Tour members will be required to make their own way to Holland, where they will be met at and returned to Schiphol airport, or travel arrangements will be made in due time. All the travelling during the tour will be carried out by three coaches and is included in the overall price.



Amsterdam Oude Kerk



Amsterdam  
Mozes & Aaron Kerk



Alphen Oudshoornse Kerk



Gouda St. Jans Kerk



Woerden Petruskerk



Den Haag Oud Kath. Kerk



Den Haag Ev. Luth. Kerk

### Included In the price are:

- 5 nights B&B in two 4\* hotels (with 2 sharing a twin room).
- Dinners on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening.
- Transport within Holland during the tour.
- Visits to all the organs, demonstrations and recitals etc.
- Illustrated booklet of all the churches and organs visited.

Maximum number of participants: 24 with a maximum of 10 players for sufficient playing time!

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### Not Included:

- Travel to and from Amsterdam Schiphol airport or train station. (if necessary, travel arrangements will be made individually)
- Meals, other than breakfasts and dinners on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Travel and cancellation insurance etc.
- All personal expenses etc.

Price: EUR: € 875,00 Single room supplement EUR € 125,00

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.