



Land of Freedom

# Netherlands 4 day

## Van Gogh Trails & Architectural Wonders

Tour code : MV-NLD Product Code : MVSP000514

Standard Room (USD) **\$1035**/pp

### DAY 1 Amsterdam → Apeldoorn → Utrecht → Eindhoven

HOTEL : Four star or similar

In the morning, our driver-guide will meet you at the pre-arranged time and location to begin the journey!

**Apeldoorn** – known for forests and strong ties to the Dutch royal family.

Het Loo Palace: A former summer residence of the Dutch royal family, often called the “Versailles of the Netherlands.” Visit royal rooms to learn about court life, history, furniture and décor. The Baroque palace gardens feature elegant fountains and sculptures, reminiscent of Versailles.

Apenheul Primate Park: The world's first zoo where monkeys roam freely. Squirrel monkeys and lemurs may jump around nearby, while larger primates such as gorillas live in natural habitats that can be viewed across water or barriers; listen to keeper talks during feeding times.

**Utrecht** – a vibrant old university city and hometown of Miffy creator Dick Bruna. Miffy Museum: Designed to spark children's imagination through play and exploration. Each gallery represents a theme in the Miffy world, such as Miffy's home, the zoo, a hospital or transport. Next door, the Centraal Museum features Dick Bruna's original studio, displaying his furniture, paintings and design sketches. Dom Tower: The city's signature landmark and the tallest church tower in the Netherlands. Climb up for panoramic views. After a five-year restoration, it was fully reopened by the end of 2024.

Museum Speelklok: Known as the “Palace of Joy,” one of the world's richest collections of self-playing instruments. Located in a beautiful former church, it features tiny music boxes, giant street organs and other automatic instruments.

Railway Museum: Housed in a restored old railway station, featuring historic steam locomotives, luxurious royal carriages and trains from different eras.

### DAY 2 Eindhoven → Nuenen → Maastricht (B)

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**Eindhoven** – the Netherlands' innovation, design and tech hub; often ranked among Europe's leading tech cities.

Philips Museum: Located in the original factory where founder Gerard Philips produced the first incandescent light bulbs in 1891. This interactive museum tells how Philips grew from a small workshop into a global electronics giant, showcasing products from light bulbs, radios and TVs to modern healthcare technologies.

Van Abbemuseum: A world-renowned modern and contemporary art museum, with works by Picasso, Kandinsky, Chagall and more.

DAF Museum: Showcasing the rich history of Dutch truck and car manufacturer DAF, with vehicles spanning from its founding in 1928 to the present day.

Evolution: Eindhoven's iconic UFO-shaped building, constructed by Philips in 1966 as a science and technology museum to celebrate the company's 75th anniversary; its avant-garde design quickly made it a city landmark.

**Nuenen** – where Van Gogh lived and created around a quarter of his works, including The Potato Eaters.

Vincent van Gogh Village Museum: A key place to learn about Van Gogh's important years in Nuenen (1883-1885), when he painted The Potato Eaters. It is also the starting point for Nuenen's “open-air museum” route, visiting 24 Van Gogh-related sites, including his parents' home, the church and pastoral landscapes.

**Van Gogh**–Roosegaarde Cycle Path: A 600-metre bike path inlaid with thousands of glowing stones, inspired by Van Gogh's Starry Night. About 50,000 stones with a special photoluminescent coating combine artistic beauty with eco-technology.

### DAY 3 Eindhoven → Nuenen → Maastricht (B)

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**Maastricht** – one of the Netherlands' oldest cities; the Maastricht Treaty (1992) marked the birth of the European Union.

Dominicanen Bookstore: a 13th-century Gothic church transformed into a stunning cultural space.

Maastricht University: founded in 1976; renowned for law, medicine, economics and European studies.

St. Servatius Bridge: regarded as the Netherlands' oldest bridge (rebuilt after WWII).

Hell's Gate: The oldest surviving defensive city gate in the Netherlands, with a history dating back to 1229.

Helpoort & the underground caves: the oldest surviving city gate (1229) and a vast limestone labyrinth used for shelter and storage.

**Roermond** – home to one of Europe's largest designer outlets with an exceptional mix of international brands.

200 stores: fashion, sports and home brands with year-round discounts (often up to 70%). Popular names include Prada, Gucci, Burberry, Armani, Michael Kors, Nike, Adidas and more.

### DAY 4 Arnhem → De Hoge Veluwe National Park → Giethoorn → Amsterdam (B)

De Hoge Veluwe National Park – one of the Netherlands' largest nature reserves, blending wildlife, art and modern architecture.

Kröller-Müller Museum: the world's second-largest Van Gogh collection (about 90 paintings & 180 drawings). Must-sees include works like The Potato Eaters and Café Terrace at Night (subject to exhibition). Sculpture Garden: one of Europe's largest outdoor sculpture parks featuring masters such as Rodin and Picasso.

St. Hubertus Hunting Lodge: a landmark by architect Hendrik Petrus Berlage, with a distinctive V-shaped design and lookout tower.

**Giethoorn** – an eco-friendly fairytale village of winding canals and 170 wooden bridges, known as the “Venice of the North”.

Giethoorn boat cruise (about 1 hour): glide through the main canals and lake area with commentary from an experienced captain.

Giethoorn Museum: learn the village's history—peat digging, traditional boats, old farmhouses and daily life artefacts.

Arrive back in Amsterdam in the evening. Our driver-guide will drop you off at the pre-arranged location—tour ends.

#### What's Included?

5–9-seat business van + 4-star hotels with breakfast + professional driver-guide (10 hours/day); includes driver's meals & accommodation, fuel and parking. Door-to-door pick-up & drop-off for joining/leaving the tour (city centre only).

#### What's not Included?

Airfare & visas; lunch and dinner; attraction tickets; driver-guide tips (EUR10 per person per day).

Themed activities (e.g., winery visits, truffle hunting), other transport (trains/boats), city taxes, insurance, and driver-guide overtime (EUR 50 per hour).

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