


60th ANNIVERSARY

LIBERATION OF HOLLAND & BELGIUM TOUR

April 27 – May 09, 2005



 This tour with the special events in Holland will sell out again - make sure you don't leave it too late to book!!!



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April 27 - May 09, 2005 (13 days)

Day 01

April 27, Wed: **CANADA – AMSTERDAM**
Departure from Canada for Amsterdam

Day 02

April 28, Thu: **ARRIVE AMSTERDAM – THE HAGUE AREA**
After arrival we take the short drive to **The Hague** area where we check into our hotel and there is a bit of time to relax before dinner



Day 03

April 29, Fri: **THE HAGUE AREA – AMSTERDAM – VOLENDAM – LISSE – THE HAGUE AREA**
This morning we drive to **Amsterdam** for a brief orientation – then we visit the scenic fishing village of Volendam - in the afternoon we travel through colourful tulip fields to the Lisse area and visit the famous **flower gardens of Keukenhof** - we return to our hotel in time for dinner

Day 04

April 30, Sat: **THE HAGUE AREA – BERGEN OP ZOOM – BRUGES**
After breakfast we leave for **Bergen Op Zoom** - we have a ceremony at the **Canadian Cemetery** and then we take the ferry across the **Scheldt estuary** (Middelburg) into **Belgium** – we continue on to **Bruges**, because of its canals also called the Venice of the North

Day 05

May 01, Sun: **BRUGES – ADEGEM – LEOPOLD CANAL – BRUGES**
This morning we tour the historic centre of **Bruges** – then we drive to the Canadian cemetery at **Adegem** and visit the Canadian Museum – after lunch (which we have included today) we explore the **Leopold Canal** area and return to Bruges later in the afternoon

Day 06 -

May 02, Mon: **BRUGES – OOSTENDE – YPRES – BRUGES**
This morning we travel to the coast and stop for a coffee in **Oostende** before we visit the surroundings of **Ypres**, site of WWI's first gas attacks – you cannot turn your head without seeing a war cemetery somewhere on the horizon, reminder of the tough times these parts saw – we visit Hill 62 Monument, **Tyne Cot Cemetery** (with 45,000 graves) as well as the German Cemetery at Langemark (with 44,000 graves) - St. Julian Canadian Monument with Vancouver Corner and John McCrae's grave conclude our visits before we head for Ypres where we will have an early dinner in town – then we will join the traditional **Last Post Ceremony** at the Menin Gate before returning to Bruges

Day 07

May 03, Tue: **BRUGES - BRUSSELS – ANTWERP - CENTRAL HOLLAND**
We visit **Brussels** (with its beautiful Grand Place), the capital of the country and also the seat of the European Parliament – we then drive to **Antwerp**, important harbour and centre of the diamond industry – afterwards it is off to Central Holland and we check into our hotel in the Arnhem area



Day 08

May 04, Wed: **CENTRAL HOLLAND – HOLTEN – GRONINGEN – CENTRAL HOLLAND**
Today's excursion brings us to the **Canadian Cemetery** at **Holten** where we participate at the Remembrance ceremony

before we drive to Northern Holland – we stop in **Groningen** where there is time for lunch and to enjoy the town – then we continue our drive to the coastal batteries at **Termonden and Delfzijl** before returning to home base in time for dinner

Day 09

May 05, Thu: CENTRAL HOLLAND – KATWIJK – CENTRAL HOLLAND

We participate at the parade and ceremonies of **Katwijk**, a charming town along the coast, during which the town commemorates the freedom it regained 60 years ago with the help of Canadian soldiers – enjoy meeting the locals during the special festivities

Day 10

May 06, Fri: CENTRAL HOLLAND – GROESBEEK – NIJMEGEN – CENTRAL HOLLAND

On today's agenda is a ceremony at Groesbeek Cemetery – afterwards we head to **Nijmegen** and see the famous **John Frost Bridge** (made famous through the movie “A Bridge Too Far”) and also visit the nearby **Airborne Museum of Oosterbeek** dedicated to the operation “Market Garden” and we have a bit of time in **Arnhem**

Day 11

May 07, Sat: CENTRAL HOLLAND – GERMANY - RHINE BOAT TRIP – CENTRAL HOLLAND

This morning we drive to **Germany** and visit the **Hochwald / Kleve** area and will also visit **Reichswald Forest Cemetery** (the largest WWII Commonwealth cemetery – 708 of whom are Canadian airmen) – then you can enjoy the scenery and sit back during our boat trip on the **Rhine River** on our way back to Holland – then we return to our hotel for dinner

Day 12

May 08, Sun: CENTRAL HOLLAND – APELDOORN – CENTRAL HOLLAND

Today is a special day as we will join the main parade in honour of the 60th Anniversary of the liberation of Holland in **Apeldoorn** – thousands of people line the streets to pay tribute to Veterans who are coming back to remember the special ties that connect Holland and Canada

Day 13

May 09, Mon: CENTRAL HOLLAND – AMSTERDAM - CANADA

This morning we travel to the airport of Amsterdam for our flight home

IMPORTANT: THE PROGRAM FOR THE TIME IN HOLLAND WILL BE ADJUSTED TO FIT THE LOCAL EVENTS AND OFFICIAL CEREMONIES COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION.

Included:

- Air fare from Canada to Amsterdam and return
- Private bus and guide throughout
- Accommodation in superior tourist class hotels based on double occupancy
- Breakfast and dinner every day; 1 lunch in Adegem
- Sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary
- Ferry crossing
- Porterage
- Taxes and service charges

Not Included:

- Lunches
- Insurance
- Departure taxes
- Tips for driver and guide

Cost per person: in Can \$ based on double occupancy

from Vancouver: \$ 3590.00

from Toronto: \$ 3290.00

single supplement: \$ 570.00

Calgary/Edmonton/Saskatoon/Regina/Winnipeg/Halifax \$ 3690

Montreal/ Ottawa \$ 3390



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LIBERATION OF HOLLAND TOUR
CENTRAL EUROPEAN CAPITALS
ADD ON TOUR

May 09 - 15, 2005 (7 days)

BERLIN – DRESDEN – PRAGUE – VIENNA

Combinable with either of the 2 LIBERATION OF HOLLAND tours ending May 09

Day 01,

May 09, Mon: CENTRAL HOLLAND – BERLIN

Today you can sit back as we travel across Germany, past the towns of Hannover and Braunschweig to the capital, Berlin – check into the hotel and dinner



Day 02,

May 10, Tue: BERLIN

What a city! The once divided Berlin is one of Europe's most active towns right now with so many new buildings and we will get to experience the sites, from the Diplomatic Quarters

to Potsdam Square and the new Sony Centre, from the Reichstag and the Brandenburg Gate, along the Unter den Linden Boulevard to the Cathedral. And we will of course see the Museum of Check Point Charlie and a memorial with sections of the original Wall and have a bit of time to stroll along Kurfuerstendam this afternoon

Day 03,

May 11, Wed: BERLIN – DRESDEN – PRAGUE

Today we enjoy a look at the impressive town of Dresden, which has received an incredible facelift and whose Zwinger is a marvelous site again – we continue on to Prague – check in and dinner

Day 04,

May 12, Thu: PRAGUE

The Golden City with its bridges, the magnificent Cathedrals, the Old Town Square, the Astronomical Clock and the historic jewish quarters are part of our tour today – in the afternoon stroll through Inner City and in the evening we enjoy a cruise on the river Vltava



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Day 05,

May 13, Fri: PRAGUE – VIENNA

We drive past the capital of Moravia, Brno and head to Austria and arrive in Vienna in the afternoon – check into our hotel and then enjoy a special Heurigen Dinner in Grinzing, a wine village in the outskirts of town

Day 06,

May 14, Sat: VIENNA

All day Vienna with City Tour that shows us the sites along the Ringstrasse, from the Opera to the theatres and museums, Austria's Emperors of the middle of the 19th century made sure that this road would impress visitors and they achieved that – take the time to enjoy a coffee in one of the famous coffee houses of the city after visiting the gardens of Schoenbrunn Palace – and enjoy your last souvenir shopping – this evening we head to see some waltz dancing performances in a very special setting in Vienna's Stadtpark

Day 07,

May 15, Sun: VIENNA – CANADA

Transfer to the airport for flight home

Included:

- Return airfare from Vienna to Canada
- Private bus and guide throughout
- Accommodation in superior tourist class hotels based on double occupancy
- Breakfast and dinner every day
- Sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary
- Porterage
- Taxes and service charges

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- Insurance
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Cost per person: in Can \$ based on double occupancy

Add to HOLLAND LIBERATION TOURS: \$1690.00

single supplement \$290.00



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FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$300 per person is required at the time of making a reservation on the Special Travel International (hereafter called STI) tour of your choice. This deposit forms part of your final payment which is due eight weeks prior to departure. Travel documents will be sent to you approximately 14 days prior to your trip departure, provided full payment has been received.

TOUR PRICES:

All tour prices for land arrangements are based on rates effective at the time of printing and are expected to be in effect at the time of departure. Should these rates change, it may be necessary to surcharge the price of your vacation. Should the tour price increase by more than 10%, the passenger shall have the right to cancel within seven days of notification without penalty.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS:

Notice of cancellation must be made in writing. The effective cancellation date is the date when written notification is received by STI. The deposit is non refundable.

The following scale of charges will apply when cancellation is received within 60 days of departure.

60-30 days prior to departure	50%
29-15 days prior to departure	75%
14-0 days prior to departure	100%

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

STI acts only as an agent in securing all services related to the tours described in this brochure, including transportation, sightseeing and accommodation. STI shall not be responsible or liable for any loss, cost, damage, injury, delay or expense arising from the use of any conveyance, accommodation or service or from acts of God, strikes, weather, quarantine, accidents, sickness, government regulations, insufficient documents and any loss expense resulting from the above contingencies shall be borne by the tour member. In the event it becomes necessary or

advisable for the comfort of the passenger, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operators.

Additional expense, if any, shall be borne by the passenger. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all tours should conditions warrant, and also to decline to accept or retain any passenger as a member of the tour. In such instances, full or equitable amounts will be refunded.

INSURANCE:

STI recommends that each tour participant has health, cancellation, interruption, accident and baggage insurance for the duration of his/her travel, (in case of insurance not being included in the tour price).

TRAVEL DOCUMENT:

It is entirely the passenger's responsibility to possess whatever documents and VISAS are required by the law of the countries visited on the tour.

AIRLINE RESPONSIBILITY:

Any airliner carrier providing transportation in connection with these tours is not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passenger is not on board its planes or conveyances. The passenger contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchase of these tours and/or passenger. Similar responsibility as noted applies to all types of carriers, including car rental companies.



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