

Concert tour Amsterdam and surrounding – 5 days

Target group: Brass band/orchestra

Program of the tour:

Day 1: Arrival in Amsterdam

Arrival in Amsterdam by coach, train or flight. If necessary, music&friends can organize all local transport in private coaches. Welcome by the local guide and check-in. Dinner in the hotel.

Day 2: Guided tour and performance in Amsterdam

Buffet breakfast in the hotel.

Drive to the center of Amsterdam and canal cruise (about 1 hour) in several languages. You will see the sights, which can't be reached by coach in the center. After this, city tour by coach with the local guide.

Lunch in a historical restaurant, only some steps away from the Royal Palace.

Open air concert in the center in Amsterdam for about 45-50 min. (music&friends will obtain the permission at the city administration).

After the concert time for individual walks or visits of one of the famous museums.

Day 3: Guided tour to Zaanse Schans, performance and friendship concert

Buffet breakfast in the hotel.

All day tour outside of Amsterdam: The open air museum **Zaanse Schans** shows mills from the former centuries, when they have been used in several for different works. In between are craftsmen, presenting works with typical historical tools.

Individual lunch in one of the restaurants of the museum area. After the lunch open air concert at the entrance area of the museum.

In the afternoon drive to Edam and short guided tour in this town, known for its cheese all over the world.

Late afternoon drive to Amersfoort and dinner in a restaurant. Followed by a friendship concert with a local brass band.

Drive back to the hotel .

Day 4: Sailing at the IJssel Sea

Buffet breakfast in the hotel.

This is the day for sailing: Drive to Lelystad at the Eastern side of the IJssel sea. At 11h a historical sailing vessel - with a length of appr. 40 m one of the largest at the IJssel sea - is waiting for you. After some information about the basics of sailing and the history of the ship, a snack is waiting for the group. The sailing starts to the Western part of the sea and everybody can help the staff. Arrival at the fishers village of Volendam at about 17h and time for walk along the harbor area.

Drive back to the hotel and dinner as a buffet.

Day 5: Departure

During the morning check-out and departure during the day.



Without local transport, 4-star-hotels and meals as listed, organization of 3 performances, ship rental, guided tours, assistance and guide in several languages: costs about € 450 with 60 travelers in June 2014.

Performances for choirs:

- **Concert in a senior house:** Concert in a senior house near-by Amsterdam, can be combined with a visit at the cheese market in Edam.
- **Mass service in Amsterdam:** The repertoire must be approved by the priest or parish.
- **Friendship concert in Amsterdam or surrounding.** Since many years music&friends is co-operating with several choirs in Amsterdam and surrounding. Many of them are hosting choirs at the Cantate Amsterdam by music&friends. After the concert there will be a get-together with a glass of wine or beer.



