

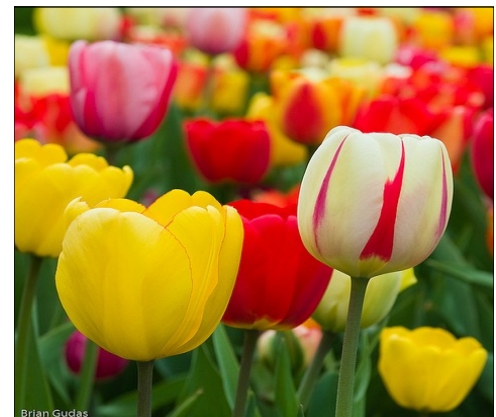
# HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL

**MAY 7-13, 2012**

**TULIP TIME FESTIVAL  
CELEBRATING OVER 80 YEARS OF CULTURE, HERITAGE AND BEAUTY!**

The Tulip Time Festival is a celebration of Dutch heritage and culture, a multi-generational event that has a little bit of something for everyone including; 3 amazing parades, multiple Dutch Dance performances, concerts, theatre, Dutch attractions, Dutch food, children’s events, trolley tours and so much more! It is held when the tulips are in full bloom and it is truly amazing to see acres upon acres of colorful tulips brightening the countryside!

[TULIP GARDENS & LANES IN HOLLAND, MI](#)  
ENJOY OVER HALF A MILLION TULIPS IN CITY PARKS,  
PUBLIC AREAS, AND ALONG CITY STREETS.  
PREMIER TULIP PLANTINGS MAY BE SEEN  
AT WINDOW ON THE WATERFRONT  
AND CENTENNIAL PARK.  
TULIP LANES START ON 12TH ST & RIVER AVE,  
WHERE [SIX MILES](#) OF TULIPS IN BRILLIANT ARRAY  
LINE HOLLAND’S STREETS.



**BILLED AS ONE OF THE TOP 100  
EVENTS IN THE UNITED STATES!  
DOESN'T THIS SOUND LIKE AN EXPERIENCE  
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS??  
THERE IS SO MUCH INCLUDED...READ OUR  
DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY ON THE NEXT PAGE.  
WHEN YOU SEE ALL THIS TOUR HAS  
TO OFFER, I AM SURE YOU WILL WANT  
TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE RIGHT AWAY!**

**REMEMBER, “EXPECT SOMETHING SPECIAL WHEN YOU TRAVEL WITH CAROLINA TOURS.”**

Many tour companies stay 30 minutes to an hour away from Holland and drive back and forth to take in the festivities. We feel it is important to actually stay in Holland where you will experience the full flavor of the Tulip Time Festival and not spend wasted time on the coach traveling to back and forth to Holland.

## PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

**Day 1** Travel to the very lovely Belterra Resort & Casino in rural Indiana. You will not believe the absolute beauty and luxury of this 4 star hotel. It is better than Beau Rivage!! (D)

**Days 2, 3, and 4** Continue to Holland, Michigan, where we will spend the next 3 nights at the Hampton Inn. We will be only minutes from all the activities we'll enjoy as we take in the Holland Tulip Festival. Some of those activities will include: (3 B & 2 D)

- \*The Tulip Trolley Tour
- \*A visit to the Markplaats
- \*The Volksparade & Street Scrubbing
- \*The Children's Costume Parade
- \*Veldheers Tulip Gardens
- \*The DeKlomp Wooden Shoe Factory.
- \*Windmill Island with its 200-year-old Dutch windmill, "DeZwann," surrounded by hundreds of tulips!  
Also, 3 shows

*See our detailed itinerary of our planned activities on the next 2 pages of this flyer.*

**Day 5** Today we will make our way south to the Amish country of Nappanee and Shippshewanna for a riding tour of the countryside and dinner with a local Amish family. (Breakfast, Dinner)

**Day 6** After spending a little more time exploring the Amish area, we will continue to Cincinnati where we will stay at one of our favorite hotels, The Embassy Suites Blue Ash. (Breakfast, Manager's Reception)

**Day 7** Our last day of the tour...we will make our way home with souvenirs and wonderful memories of the Holland Tulip Festival, I am sure! (Breakfast)

*Please note that not all activities for the Holland Tulip Festival will be confirmed until we have enough reservations to make this tour "a go."  
Please send in your reservation right away.*



### **HOTEL SPACE IN HOLLAND IS VERY LIMITED...**

AND CAROLINA TOURS RESERVED SPACE VERY EARLY SO THAT WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO WASTE TIME TRAVELING BACK AND FORTH TO THE FESTIVAL.

*HOWEVER, THE HOTEL WILL RELEASE OUR ROOMS EARLY IN FEBRUARY IF WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH RESERVATIONS. WE NEED YOU TO SIGN UP FOR THIS TOUR RIGHT AWAY TO KEEP OUR ROOM RESERVATIONS AT THE HOLLAND HAMPTON INN.*

### **TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

Deluxe motor coach transportation  
6 nights' accommodations  
6 breakfasts 1 lunch 4 dinners  
and 1 Manager's Reception  
All tours, admissions & 3 shows  
Baggage handling, taxes, and  
meal gratuities  
Amenities on board motor coach  
Services of an experienced tour director

\$1295 pp/double \$1239 pp/triple  
\$1215 quad \$1725 single

*Send your reservation and deposit of \$400 as soon as possible.*

**URGENT!**



**Carolina Tours—2011 Preliminary Itinerary**  
**Many of these events cannot be confirmed until we have enough people for the tour. We need you to make your reservation right away!**

**Tuesday, May 8, 2012**

Arrive in Holland.

8:00pm-10:00pm **Tulip Time Salute Show**...enjoy the extraordinary talent and enthusiasm of young performers from four area high schools. A musical collage with full festival orchestra, jazz band and show choirs. Visitors and locals can't say enough about this phenomenal show! Approximately 2 hours.

**Wednesday, May 9, 2012**

9:00am-12:00pm **Step-on Guided Tour**...let Tulip Time provide a pre-planned tour! A Dutch costumed guide will board our coach for a tour to include Holland's historic areas, city parks, Hope College, a view of the windmill, tulip lanes, downtown Holland and more!

12:00pm-1:15pm **Dutch Marktplaats & lunch on own** – Experience the tastes, sights, sounds, and crafts of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Holland as you stroll through a piece of yesteryear. Dutch food, folk dancing, period crafts, costumes, and activities add up to a memorable experience you won't want to miss! Lunch options include Dutch food inside Dutch Marktplaats (Holland Civic Center) or festival vendors outside next to parade bleachers. Downtown restaurants begin about 1 block east of the Civic Center.

1:15pm-3:30pm **Streetscrubbing & Volksparade** – bleacher seating  
For 80 years, Holland residents have been keeping with the "Dutch Cleanliness" tradition starting with hundreds of Dutch costumed townspeople armed with brooms and pails scrubbing the parade route clean. Experience dozens of colorful bands, floats, and Dutch Dance groups as they "Klomp" along the route in their authentic costumes and real wooden shoes! Approximately 1-1 ½ hours.

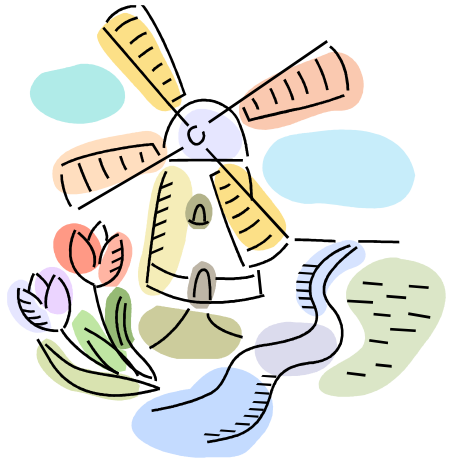
4:00pm-6:00pm **Available Time**

*Suggestions include:*

- R&R at hotel if staying in Holland
- Dutch Village (a local attraction- [www.dutchvillage.com](http://www.dutchvillage.com))
- Quilt Show (\$4pp)
- Shopping downtown Holland (shops located on 8<sup>th</sup> St.)

6:30pm-8:00pm **Church Dinner Buffet**...a delicious hot home-cooked meal provided by volunteers from a local church. Includes hot entrees, vegetable, salad, potato, roll, dessert and a beverage. A real convenience for groups – you're "in and out" in an hour!

8:30pm-10:00pm **Next Stop: New York City**...come hear a dynamic revue of show tunes, Gospel, Jazz, and Pop standards as we take you on a cross-country musical journey from Hollywood through the Midwest, the deep South, and on to New York city! Approximately 90 minutes.



**Carolina Tours**  
**2011 Preliminary Itinerary, continued.**

**Thursday, May 10, 2012**

8:30am-10:00am **Veldheer Tulip Gardens & DeKlomp Wooden Shoe Factory...**Holland's only tulip farm and perennial garden. In 1950 Vern Veldheer started a hobby farm with 100 red tulips & 300 white tulips, today Veldheer's plants over 5 million tulips for you to walk through and enjoy. DeKlomp offers you two unique items: Delftware, Dutch pottery ranging from figurines to specialty products; and Wooden Shoes, a very practical footwear for gardening. For more visit [veldheer.com](http://veldheer.com)

11:00am-1:30pm **Lights! Camera! Action!** This fast-paced song and dance extravaganza features music of Cole Porter, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Mac Davis, Merle Travis and more. Presented by the Evergreen Chorale – celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Guest artists include the popular Panning Family Bluegrass Group, a return engagement of the Gramer Family, and a thrilling new male quartet. Full pit band, festival dancers and a big red, white and blue finale are sure to dazzle. The show is preceded by a delicious luncheon – a truly great value! Approximately 2 ½ hours including lunch.

2:00pm-3:00pm **Kinderparade** with bleacher seating...This colorful parade gives over 7,000 area school children and local marching bands the opportunity to greet us and make us feel welcome. Dressed in Dutch costumes, these children showcase Holland's Dutch heritage with their creative use of props as they march with contagious enthusiasm. A great photo opportunity! Approximately 1 ½ hours.

3:30pm-5:30pm **Windmill Island Gardens...**a beautiful oasis within the city of Holland, Windmill Island features a 245 year old working Dutch windmill "De Zwaan" (meaning graceful bird). The windmill towers over 36 acres of manicured gardens, canals and picnic areas. Over 150,000 tulips bloom in the spring. For more, visit [www.windmillisland.org](http://www.windmillisland.org).

6:30pm-9:00pm **New Odyssey Dinner Show...**three Guys, Thirty Instruments! For over 30 years, New Odyssey has performed to the delight of audiences everywhere. The secret to their success is their ability to amaze and entertain audiences in a unique and dynamic way. With the latest technology, they generate a continual stream of innovation and timeless musical compositions. This outstanding performance will feature

Classic Rock, Country novelty and specialty arrangements. Dinner is included with the show. Approximately 2 ½ hours.

