

Still Stitching With Susan - Holland 2024

2024 May 20th (Monday) to May 31st (Friday), 12 days 11 night

Day 1 Monday 20th May Overnight Bergen, small artists community just outside Alkmaar. Easy for people to get around on foot. 1 hr from Schipol.



Bergen



Bergen

Overnight Bergen 2 nights

Welcome dinner

Day 2 Full day Leiden. Morning private visit to the Textile Research Centre to see their wonderful collection. Afternoon discover Leiden at your leisure on foot or take an optional boat trip along canals. If there is time we can visit the blanket making cooperative which is trying to revive a once traditional industry.



Leiden



Textile Research Centre, Leiden

Overnight Bergen

Day 3 Visit Haarlem, optional visit to home of resistance leader Corrie Ten Boom. Afternoon visit Hoogwoud farmstead to see their private collection of Sampler. The day wouldn't be complete without a visit to see a windmill, enroute to Enkhuizen.



Hoogwoud Farmstead



Corrie Ten Boom

Overnight Enkhuizen 2 nights

Day 4 Morning visit the magnificent Open Air Museum. Afternoon embroidery workshop.
Overnight Enkhuizen



Enkhuizen



Open Air Museum

Day 5 Visit some of Holland's most picturesque villages Hindeloopen, Staphorst and Almelo enroute to Apeldoorn



Staphorst



Hindeloopen

Day 6 Full day embroidery workshop with Afke Wullink perhaps one of Holland finest modern sampler designers.



Afke Wullink

Day 7 Visit a private Sampler collector in Celle, Germany.



Celle



Lorraine out lovely hostes

Overnight Celle

Day 8 Continue on to Wuppertal to visit the banding factories. Wonderful opportunity to stock up on fabric, thread and patterns.



Kafka Museum



Linen Banding Factory

Overnight Wuppertal

Day 9 We leave Germany and head to Brugge in Belgium, home of the lace industry. Visit the beautiful sampler museum in Kontich enroute.



Kontich Samplers

Overnight Brugge 2 nights

Day 10 Brugge. Great opportunity to stock up on lace and chocolate. Optional walking tour of the city.



Brugge cafe culture



Chocolate

Day 11 Head back to Bergen with sightseeing enroute - Zaanse Schans might be a good stop for last minute shopping.



Zaande Schans



Dutch Cheese

Overnight Bergen

Day 12 Last day depart after breakfast

Included accommodation in twin bedded rooms (single room supplement available on request)
3 dinner and 3 lunches, usually 2 courses. Drinks not included
Sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
2 workshops and kits
Coach transfers as per itinerary.
Services of Tour Guide Linda Gelens. throughout