JOURNEY TO HOLLAND
LAW & CULTURE IN THE NETHERLANDS

April 11-15, 2024
Keukenhof - The Hague - Rotterdam - Kinderdijk
April 15-17, 2024
Optional 2 night extension in Amsterdam

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YOU'RE INVITED

The Kentucky Bar Association invites you and your guest(s) to join our exclusive journey to the marvelous Holland.

We make home base in The Hague (Den Haag) - the political heart of the Netherlands as well as the Center of International Law - providing a fascinating education for lawyers and non-lawyers alike. The city’s wide streets and numerous green zones make for an incredibly pleasant pedestrian experience where charming boutiques, cafes and fine dining abound.

The Hague is also ideally situated within reach of some of Holland’s greatest attractions. We visit modern city of Rotterdam and the iconic windmills of Kinderdijk.

Add two nights and explore Amsterdam, the 17th century capital of Holland known for its museums, fine dining, beautiful architecture, and unique nightlife.

And of course, no visit to Holland is complete without a thorough immersion into Dutch cuisine. Our group meals will be selected for their elevated culinary experiences ensuring we make the most of every meal and taste...
AT A GLANCE: NETHERLANDS

4/11 KEUKENHOF & THE HAGUE

4/12 THE HAGUE

4/13 THE HAGUE & SCHEVENINGEN

4/14 ROTTERDAM & KINDERDIJK

4/15 OPTIONAL EXTENSION IN AMSTERDAM

4/16 OPTIONAL EXTENSION IN AMSTERDAM

4/17 DEPARTURE DAY
**Day 1** Thursday April 11

**Morning**
Participants arrive at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS).

From the airport we travel to Keukenhof and see the iconic Tulips in bloom. For just a few weeks each year, Keukenhof opens its grounds to visitors to see one of the most beautiful spring gardens in the world. This world-famous park holds more than 7 million spring flowering bulbs, with over 500 growers presenting an enormous variety of flowers and their iconic tulips in bloom. Free time to explore the grounds on your own.

After our visit to Keukenhof, we walk to Keukenhof Castle for a brief lunch at Restaurant de Hofboerderij. This restaurant is located within the lush grounds of the Estate.

After our seasonal 2-course lunch, we depart for The Hague by private coach.

**3:00 pm**

Check-in to Hotel Carlton Ambassador (or similar)
Sophia Lan 2,2514 JP Den Haag
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**5:00 pm**

A short walk from our hotel, we board a canal boat for a panoramic orientation and Welcome to the Hague.

**Evening**

Welcome Dinner in the Haag.

*Remainder of the evening is free to rest and get acclimated to the time zone.*

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**Day 2** Friday April 12

**Morning**

Breakfast is served daily at the hotel.

INTRODUCTION TO DUTCH RULE OF LAW, POLITICAL SYSTEMS & CONSTITUTION WALK

This interactive presentation provides an engaging introduction to the Dutch political system and the unique political cultures in the Netherlands. Notable is that the Dutch Constitution plays an important role in the history of numerous locations throughout the city.

**Mid-Morning**

Depart the hotel for a guided Walking Tour of the Hague’s city center and historic and political landmarks.

Tour of the medieval Prison Gate Museum. The museum tells the story of crime and punishment from the 15th century onward.

**1:00 pm**

Lunch at t’Goude Hoof (The Good Student), the oldest inn in The Hague. Over the years, this institution has evolved into a rather eclectic space and dining establishment.

**Afternoon**

Visit the Supreme Court of the Netherlands AND/OR Lecture.
In this controversial presentation for a political activist, we learn about the many harms and benefits to the longstanding Dutch Drug policies.

OR

WAR CRIMES & GENOCIDE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

We welcome a panel of distinguished international law practitioners and leading women in the field of international criminal law for an informative discussion on the prosecution, defense and administration of justice in war crime tribunals including the latest from Ukraine.

Afternoon visit the Maurithuis Museum, home to a fine collection of classical art from the age of Rembrandt including Vermeer's most famous work, Girl with a Pearl Earring.

Alternatively, some may choose to visit Escher in Het Paleis (Escher in The Palace) to see the permanent collection of the renowned Dutch graphic artist's work. Or return to the hotel.

Dinner on your own. Remainder of the evening free.

Day 3 Saturday April 13

Today consider Business Casual / Smart Casual for our visit to the Peace Palace.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING: Passport-in-hand required for Peace Palace entry (no photocopies accepted).

Morning

Meet in the hotel lobby and depart for our visit to the Peace Palace, a short walk from the hotel and home to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA).

Suggested Dress Code: Smart/Business Casual.

THE FOUNDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE HAGUE AS A CITY OF PEACE AND JUSTICE

Financed and maintained by the Carnegie Foundation, the Peace Palace was built in 1913 to house the PCA and a Library. Soon after, they were joined by the Permanent Court of International Justice, the official court of the League of Nations. After the Second World War, the League of Nations was dissolved and the United Nations was founded. The ICJ of the United Nations then took up residence in the Palace.

Afternoon

Group lunch at Bayonne for Dutch-Spanish style tapas and pinchos.

Remainder of the afternoon free.

Optional Add-on: For those who have purchased this option, we continue to nearby Scheveningen Beach for time to walk the Boardwalk or the Sand Dunes. Continue to dinner at Catch by Simonis on Scheveningen Harbour. This family run business has been in operation since the end of the 19th century. A former eel smokehouse, Catch is known for international seafood recipes using a daily fresh supply from the local fish auction. We dine on the rooftop terrace overlooking the marina filled with sailboats.

After dinner, The Pier SkyView. This 160' foot ferris wheel has 36 closed cars that seem to float over the water. Enjoy a glass of bubbly as you take in the sweeping views of the dunes, the boardwalk and the sun setting over the sea.

9:30 PM Return to the hotel by van or bus.
Day 4  Sunday April 14

Depart for the UNESCO World Heritage site of *Kinderdijk* and its iconic *Wind Mills*. The tour includes a multimedia presentation, hop-on/hop-off canal ride and time to explore the grounds on foot.

Travel to *Rotterdam* and see the cities’ dynamic skyline including the iconic, white Erasmusbrug bridge nicknamed ‘The Swan’.

Lunch at the historic *Hotel New York*, the former headquarters of Holland-America Line. The property is a prominent fixture of the Wilhelminie Pier in contemporary Rotterdam. Guest speaker at Lunch to discuss U.S.-Netherlands Trade Relations.

Time permitting after lunch, *Harbour Tour* or visit the top of the *Euromast* tower for stunning panoramic views over Rotterdam and surrounding areas, including a rotating glass elevator.

**Late Afternoon**

*Return to the Hague.*

**Evening**

The Hague Farewell Dinner.

Day 5  Monday April 15

**Morning**

Hotel Checkout and Board Bus for Amsterdam.

On arrival: *Walking Tour* of the trendy *Jordaan* neighborhood in Amsterdam. The charming narrow streets and canals of this area are home to hip pubs & restaurants, indie boutiques & galleries and the *Noordermarkt* outdoor marketplace.

Visit the *Anne Frank House*. This self-guided tour offers a poignant view into the famous young diarist's life. *Note: Museum visits are by appointment. Participants who separate from the group or arrive too late may not be granted entry.*

Private *Lunch and Canal Cruise*. From the water, we have the best vantage point to see Amsterdam’s most interesting Architecture.

At the conclusion of the canal cruise, our boat will dock in front of our hotel. Group Check-In.

Check in to the 4 Star *Park Plaza Victoria Hotel* [or similar]

*Remainder of the evening free. Dinner on your own.*
Day 6 Tuesday April 16

THE CASE FOR RESTITUTION OF STOLEN ART IN THE NETHERLANDS

There is a growing movement in the Netherlands to demand the return of stolen art. The Goudstikker collection is just one of many examples of art looted during World War II now subject to potential claims for restitution under Dutch law and an evolving public policy. In this lecture, we learn about the most significant cases against the Dutch government, some of which have resulted in the successful return to the heirs of stolen art collections.

Guided visit to the Van Gogh Museum, the largest collection of the tragic painter's work, and the most visited museum in the Netherlands.

After your museum visit, you may want to visit the high-end shopping area near Museumplein or stroll through Vondelpark with its entrance at Nassaukade Street just steps from your hotel. A short walk behind your hotel is a less touristy area for dining and shopping alongside the canals on Bilderdijkstraat and Da Costakade streets.

Amsterdam Farewell Dinner and entertainment.

Day 7 Wednesday April 17

Optional morning activities depending on departure time.

Participants will make independent transfers to Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS).

Guided visit to the Rijksmuseum, the National Museum of the Netherlands. Home to Dutch Masters such as Rembrandt and Vermeer, this massive collection currently exhibits 8,000 objects of art and history.

Remainder of afternoon free. Lunch is on your own today.

On your last day in Amsterdam, enjoy as much free time as desired to sightsee, shop or enjoy the hotel amenities.
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