



# Holland



## Mooring

in the heart of Dutch cities At Amsterdam, the marina is in the heart of the town. It is just across the ship canal from the central station, and is served by a ferry which runs every 10 minutes night and day. Taking a Pénichette® through the city's canals is simple enough with a little care, and it is the best way of all to see the place. You will need to buy a permit to enter the city. At Utrecht you can readily moor at the quaysides or opposite the cathedral (except for flying-bridge Penichettes®). A plan of the city's canals and the many bridges will be given to you at the entrance lock, where you will have to pay a modest toll. Gouda the marina is in the middle of the old town.



## week-ends to live to the full !

In Spring and Autumn, discover the lake at Loosdrecht with its multitude of tiny islands where herons, ducks and moorhens nest.

## Display gardens at Keukenhof

Opening period for the park at Keukenhof, near to Harlem is from 19/03 to 21/05/09, with some 6 million tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and other bulbs.

[www.keukenhof.nl](http://www.keukenhof.nl)

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LOOSDRECHT

One sees the true nature of the country on its countless waterways since everything which is built, whether **towns, villages, mills or bridges**, is also mirrored in the water at its feet. Here you will find the **landscapes of its famous painters**, from the emphatic tones of Vermeer to the gentler touch of other masters of the Golden Age. You'll see the warmth and joie de vivre of the Dutch in the cafes, on the welcoming terraces along the water's edge, and in the shops which nestle amongst **the cellars of the old houses of Utrecht or of Amsterdam**. After crossing the great "**broad**" of Loosdrecht, dotted with untouched islands, you will follow the course of the river Vecht and pass through the two great art centres of Amsterdam and Utrecht. Further north, near **Edam**, you cross **the Zaan country, full of windmills** and rich in wildlife. To the south your cruise unfolds through the timeless Dutch countryside: lifting bridges, dykes, and that magic light of dawn which will surely tempt you into rising early.

### ACCESS

#### LOOSDRECHT

-  AMSTERDAM-SCHIPHOL (30 KM)
-  HILVERSUM (18 KM)
-  VINKEVEEN-HILVERSUM (8 KM)

