

<p>V2</p>	<p>Fri 6th January 18.30 –21.00</p> <p>£12.50 (£15.00)</p> <p><i>Prices pegged for third year running – excellent value!</i></p>	<p>The Twelfth Night Party – in the Burton Gallery – wine, delicious buffet, raffle and quiz</p> <p>You are cordially invited to our annual winter party which will be at the Art Gallery. We are grateful to the Museums Trust for making the Gallery available and it will give us a late opportunity to have a private view of the Etty exhibition which closes later in the month on 22 January.</p> <p>Members are reminded that parking is free for York residents in the Marygate car park after 6.00pm. You are asked not to park in Exhibition Square itself.</p>
<p>V3</p>	<p>Mon 19th – Sun 25th March</p> <p>£685 *</p>	<p>Friends of York Art Gallery Spring Art Tour</p> <p>We are delighted to offer Friends and their guests this week long visit to the treasures of Antwerp, Amsterdam and the Hague. Based mainly in central Amsterdam, we have planned a tour which combines a full schedule of visits alongside free time to relax and explore. We will travel with Art Heritage Holidays (http://www.art-heritage.co.uk) and have put together a tailor-made itinerary which we think The Friends of the York Art Gallery will thoroughly enjoy.</p> <p>Please see reverse for details of the itinerary and cost *, and the events booking sheet for contact details.</p>
<p>V4</p>	<p>Wed 11th – Thurs 12th April</p> <p>£120 (sharing twin room, B&B, (£20 single room supplement)</p> <p>£50 deposit, balance payable by 28th February</p> <p>Coach departs Memorial Gardens 07.00, returning 21.30</p>	<p>Tempting Turner Treat</p> <p>An opportunity to see Margate's new Turner Contemporary Art Gallery. This is designer David Chipperfield's exciting new building, housing a dynamic visual arts display of high quality work from 1750 to the present day. We will see their first major exhibition of Turner's works, entitled <i>Turner and the Elements</i> as well as Rodin's <i>The Kiss</i>. En route we shall visit the Perry Green branch of the Henry Moore Foundation, taking in his garden, studio and galleries.</p> <p>11th April morning: Arrival Much Hadham to visit Henry Moore's house afternoon: Guided tour of the gardens, studio and galleries evening: At the Walpole Bay Hotel, with its own gallery (the proprietor is a Turner Gallery Trustee)</p> <p>12th April morning: Tour of the Turner Gallery. Time to wander before a 2p.m. departure</p>

Old and Modern Dutch Masters in Amsterdam, Antwerp and The Hague

19 March

The coach leaves York at 16.00 for the P&O ferry terminal at Hull. The ferry departs at 18.30 for the overnight sailing to Zeebrugge, cruising down the Humber and arriving at 08.45. Breakfast on board is included. Cabin accommodation will be in lower berths in a 4 berth cabin.

20 March

Arriving in Zeebrugge we drive to **Antwerp** for a guided tour, taking in the striking **MAS Museum** which opened in May 2011 and finishing at the **Cathedral of Our Lady**. This is the largest Gothic church in Belgium and sumptuously decorated by 17th century painters including three masterpieces by Peter Paul Rubens. The nearby **Rubens' House & garden**, offers a fascinating glimpse of how a 17th century artist lived and worked. In the afternoon we see Rubens' Funerary Chapel at **St Jacob's Church**. We check into our hotel for one night with dinner included.

21 March

We spend the morning in Antwerp, with an exclusive guided visit of the **Palais op de Meir**, a city palace with a rococo façade built in the middle of the 18th century. Afternoon transfer to Amsterdam, where time permitting we make a late afternoon visit to **Rembrandt's House**.

We check into our hotel the **NH Museum Quarter** our home for the next 3 nights.

22 March

We start our day by visiting the **Van Gogh Museum**. The collection of 200 paintings and many more drawings is the world's largest collection of works by the artist.

After lunch there will be a visit to the nearby **Rijksmuseum**, home to the world's greatest collection of Northern masters, including works by Vermeer, Frans Hals and many of the great works by Rembrandt including the Night Watch.

23 March

Today we drive to **The Hague** and a visit to the **Mauritshuis Gallery**, housing the Royal Art Collection and what is probably the world's most famous cityscape, the *View of Delft* and also the *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, both by Jan Vermeer. This is followed by a visit to the **Panorama Mesdag**, said by Vincent van Gogh to be "*the most beautiful sensation of my life. It has just one tiny flaw and that is its flawlessness*".

Our afternoon is spent in **Delft**, where Jan Vermeer was born and worked all his life. Here we enjoy a leisurely guided stroll through the medieval pedestrian streets which still resemble one of his paintings. There is the option of visiting the **Vermeer Centre Delft** or the **Prinsenhof Museum**.

24 March

This morning we visit the quiet canal-side private family home, built in the 18th century and now open as the **Museum Van Loon**, after the family name of the owners. There is an exquisite small garden between the house and the canal, numerous fine paintings and rococo furniture.

The rest of the day is free for individual visiting, for example the **Anne Frank House**, the **Stedelijk Museum** or one of the many fine old Churches. We leave Amsterdam at 17.00 for the journey to Europoort to join our return ferry to Hull, departing at 21.00 and arriving in the morning at 08.00.

25 March

08.00 After breakfast when the ferry docks we are transferred back to York.

NB Some use may be made of the excellent public transport by road and canal within Amsterdam.

Tour price: £685 per person sharing based on 30 people travelling. Single Supplement £99 (limited availability on a first-come-first-served basis)

NB Single accommodation on the ferry is not included; there is limited availability, cost £45 return

This includes:

- Executive coach travel throughout.
- P&O Ferries crossing Hull- Zeebrugge & Europoort-Hull
- Accommodation in lower bunks in a 4 berth cabin
- Farmhouse breakfast on the ferry
- 1 night dinner bed & breakfast at a 4* hotel in Antwerp
- 3 nights bed & breakfast at the NH Museum Quarter hotel Amsterdam
- All admissions to museums and galleries visited.
- Services of an art historian lecturer throughout.

For further details and a booking form please contact Jean Drysdale; see the events booking sheet.