

Social program FPSO JIP week 2012 (8 and 10 May)

8th of May: Excursion Kröller-Müller museum and cycling through National Park De Hoge Veluwe

Departure at 9.00 AM from hotel Bilderberg

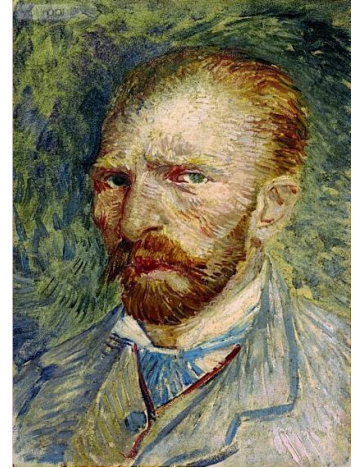
Return around 17.00 PM

Costs €50,- (including lunch and travel by coach)

History

The Kröller-Müller Museum is named after Helene Kröller-Müller (1869-1939). Helene Kröller-Müller collected almost 11,500 art objects with the help of her advisor, H.P. Bremmer. The purchases were paid for from the capital accumulated by her husband Anton Kröller as director of Wm. H. Müller & Co.

Helene Kröller dreamt of a 'museum-home', a dream that came true in 1938 when the Rijksmuseum Kröller-Müller opened its doors. Helene Kröller-Müller was its first director.



The museum is located in the centre of National Park De Hoge Veluwe (www.hogeveluwe.nl).

The park consists of 5.500 hectare woodland, heathland, grassy plains and sand drifts, and the natural habitat of deer, mouflons and wild boars. There is a visitor's centre where the Museonder is located, an underground museum about all things living underground.

Combine your visit to the Kröller-Müller Museum with a picnic, walk to the visitor's centre or bicycle ride on the white bicycles (free) and enjoy the space and peaceful silence of the Hoge Veluwe! For more info check the website: <http://www.kmm.nl/>.



10th of May Excursion Keukenhof & Zaanse Schans (windmills)

Departure at 9.00 AM from hotel Bilderberg

Return around 17.00 PM

Costs €50, - (including lunch and travel by coach)



Keukenhof

Where Keukenhof is situated now, was a hunting area in the 15th century. Herbs for the kitchen of the castle of Jacoba van Beieren were also collected here; hence the name Keukenhof.

The current park was a section of the sizeable estate of Slot Teylingen, with beautiful untamed bushes and dunes. After the decease of Jacoba van Beieren Keukenhof fell into the hands of rich merchant families. Baron and Baroness Van

Pallandt invited landscape architects J.D. and L.P. Zocher, designers of the Amsterdam Vondelpark, to make a design for the garden around the castle. This design, in the English landscape style, has always been the basis of Keukenhof.

At the moment the estate belongs to a Foundation. On the initiative of the Lisse mayor of that time and a number of leading flower bulb growers and exporters, an open air flower exhibition was organised here for the first time in 1949. This expanded to an annually recurring event that has always drawn great numbers of visitors from all over the world. This is how Keukenhof became the park that we now know.

More info check: <http://www.keukenhof.nl>.

Zaanse Schans

A visit to the Zaanse Schans would not be complete without the opportunity to explore a genuine working windmill! The cunning application of the crank shaft revolutionised the development of industrial windmills in the Netherlands. Cornelis Corneliszoon or Uitgeest, an inventor at the beginning of the Golden Age the principle applied for the first time with a floating sawmill in 1592. This process was so successful that timber production in the area rose by 3000 percent. With an abundance of wind and water and the close proximity of Amsterdam's important, global, commercial center the stage was set for the Zaan region to become the first industrial area in the world. Of the thousand industrial windmills ever built along the banks of the river Zaan thirteen remain. Six can be found at the Zaanse Schans.



The Windmill Museum is housed in a historic monument in Koog aan de Zaan near Amsterdam, and is the home of Vereniging De Zaanse Molen (Society of Zaan Mills). The museum aims at offering its visitors a picture of this industrial area along the river Zaan - the first in the world! - due to its more than 600 windmills in bygone times. Scale models show how in the 17th till into well into the 19th centuries the saw mill turned trees into shelves and wind power enabled the production of paper. Make the Windmill Museum to the starting point of your visit to the five windmills of our society that are located on the Zaanse Schans.

