



LEEF JOU REIS

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A glimpse into my journey

Gerrie Pretorius

*Music was my first love
but travel is my passion.*

To understand the meaning behind “Leef Jou Reis,” one must discover, take detours, and embrace the alternative routes or the roads less travelled. To eat and mingle with the local people and truly comprehend their culture, we have this special opportunity to become authentic travellers, rather than mere tourists visiting a country.

Growing up in the small town of Mossel Bay, I have had the privilege of setting foot on 7 continents and explored over 85 countries. With all this experience and passion for travel, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join our global travel family.

We are the “cool kids” of travel and we do it in style...

Welcome to Leef Jou Reis





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The musical spectacle you will never forget.

Join us for an unforgettable and romantic evening in Maastricht with the maestro of the waltz, André Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra. The ancient city square forms part of the musical spectacle for an evening you will never forget.





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DAY 1: Sunday, 28 June 2026

Johannesburg

Meet the *Leef Jou Reis* team at OR Tambo International Airport, from where we depart to the land of tulips, cheese, clogs, and culture!

Tip: Fly in comfortable summer clothes and walking shoes (or pack them in your hand luggage).

(All meals included on board)

DAY 2: Monday, 29 June 2026

Amsterdam

Welcome to Amsterdam! We arrive early in Amsterdam and start by exploring the immediate surroundings of our centrally located hotel before checking in. From there, we make our way to the smallest restaurant in Europe – an authentic, traditional pancake house known for serving the most delicious pancakes you will ever taste. Back at the hotel, there is time to relax before we gather for dinner at a typically Dutch restaurant named after the famous painter Rembrandt van Rijn, who is deeply connected to the city and its history.

Here we discover stamppot – a traditional Dutch dish of mashed potatoes and cooked vegetables, often served with smoked meat or sausage – a beloved classic that captures the heart of Dutch home cooking. We raise a glass together to toast the unforgettable journey that lies ahead.

Overnight: Hotel Motel One, Waterlooplein 3*

(Pancake, welcome dinner and drink)



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DAY 3: Tuesday, 30 June 2026

Amsterdam

Today you are free to explore the city at your own pace. The *Leef Jou Reis* team is on hand throughout the day with tips, directions and recommendations. You might want to visit the Rijksmuseum, home to masterpieces by Rembrandt van Rijn and other great figures of the Renaissance such as Vincent van Gogh and Johannes Vermeer. Or step into history at the Anne Frank House, where you will be moved by the powerful story of Anne Frank and her experience during World War II.

You could also rent a bicycle and follow the scenic cycling route through Vondelpark, enjoy a relaxing picnic in the park or explore the city's famous flower market. Later, the *Leef Jou Reis* team will take you on a cultural walking tour ending with a culinary experience at a traditional Bruin Cafés. These iconic local pubs have been around for nearly 400 years, and it is here that you can enjoy a beer and a *bitterbal* alongside the locals – or perhaps try a real Dutch jenever.

In the afternoon, you will have more free time to discover the city on your own before we reunite for a relaxing boat cruise through Amsterdam's beautiful canals. As we glide along the water, we will pass well-known landmarks and learn how the city was originally built on marshy ground, supported by hundreds of wooden piles driven deep into the soil.

For dinner, feel free to choose your own restaurant or dine at one of the local favourites recommended by our team.

Overnight: Hotel Motel One, Waterlooplein 3*
(Breakfast, snacks and drink at Bruin Café and boat)



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DAY 4: Wednesday, 1 July 2026

Maastricht

Maybe it was a late night for you, so this morning we are taking it slow – starting the day with a delicious breakfast and an extra cup of coffee before we head off to the beautiful city of Maastricht.

The city is about a three-hour drive from Amsterdam, but there is a surprise waiting for you along the way: a stop at a charming spot where traditional wooden houses line a gently flowing river and windmills turn slowly in the breeze...

Upon arrival in Maastricht, we check into our hotel, and you will have the rest of the afternoon and evening free to explore the city at your own pace.

Maastricht is the oldest city in the Netherlands (founded during the Roman Empire), and you will definitely want to keep your camera close! Wander the picturesque streets of the Stokstraat Quarter, take in the charm of Onze Lieve Vrouweplein, and do not miss the famous Vrijthof Square in the old town. The city walls, the Helpoort (the oldest city gate in the Netherlands), and the Jeker Quarter are also well worth a visit.

For dinner, we recommend one of the lovely outdoor cafés in town.

Overnight: Amrâth Grand Hotel de l'Empereur 4* (Breakfast)

DAY 5: Thursday, 2 July 2026

Maastricht

Today you will wake up with great excitement and a song in your heart – because a truly special musical experience awaits you!

The “King of the Waltz,” André Rieu, picked up his first violin at the age of five and went on to form his own orchestra. He has sold over 35 million albums worldwide and now lives with his family in a 15th-century castle in Maastricht!

We will explore Maastricht at our own pace today (or waltz!). You might choose to join an André Rieu-themed tour, where you can visit places connected to his life –



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including the venue where his father, Andries Antonie Rieu, conducted the Maastricht Symphony Orchestra. Or perhaps you would prefer to dive deeper into the medieval history of Maastricht. However you choose, you will quickly get to know the old city and Vrijthof, where tonight's grand concert will take place.

We will meet early evening at a selected restaurant for an early dinner before heading off for an unforgettable evening of waltzes with André Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra. Our seats are excellent (Category A1), the orchestra is ready and the atmosphere is unforgettable. It will be a night that will stay with you forever and be prepared because there will definitely be some waltzing.

Overnight: Amrâth Grand Hotel de l'Empereur 4* (Breakfast and dinner)



DAY 6: Friday, 3 July 2026

Brussel

Today we travel to Brussels – the city of moules-frites (mussels served with fries) and the famous Manneken Pis. Belgium is home to more than 1,500 different types of beer, and you will have more than enough time to sample one (or three!) before we check in for our flight home later this evening. We will also be joined by local guides for a walking tour of Brussels, including a visit to the impressive Grand Place – one of Europe's most beautiful squares. It has been an unforgettable few days, starting in Amsterdam and peaking with the magical André Rieu concert. We return home with new friends, hearts full of beautiful melodies, and memories to last a lifetime.

(Breakfast and all meals on board)

DAY 7: Saturday, 4 July 2026

Johannesburg

Welcome back to South Africa.



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Package Include

- 4 nights hotel accommodation (bed and breakfast)
- Airport transfers in a luxury coach (if using group flights)
- Welcome dinner and drink in Amsterdam
- Walking tour in Amsterdam with *Leef Jou Reis* including a drink and *bitterballen*
- Canal cruise in Amsterdam with snacks and a drink
- Luxury coach transport from Amsterdam to Maastricht
- Category A1 ticket to the André Rieu concert on the evening of 02 July 2026
- Dinner in Maastricht
- Local guides in Amsterdam and Brussels
- *Leef Jou Reis* as tour leader and host

Package Exclude

- Return flights between Johannesburg and Amsterdam/Brussels
- Domestic flights within South Africa
- Visa application
- Travel Insurance
- Lunches and dinners (unless otherwise specified)
- Drinks (unless otherwise specified)
- Personal expenses
- Optional excursions
- Gratuities

Things to Bear in Mind

- South African passport holders need a Schengen visa which is not included in the price. We will supply you with all the details regarding your visa submission.
- You need a passport with two clean pages and your passport must be valid for 6 months after your return (4 January 2027)
- In the past we have been fortunate to have good weather, but please pack some clothes suitable for cooler weather in case of sudden weather changes.
- We reserve the right to change the itinerary in accordance with the tour operator and also taking your safety into account.





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What Next...?

Steps to follow to secure your booking on the André Rieu tour:

STEP 1

If you want to join us on this exciting tour, send your e-mail address and mobile number to leefjoureis@twf.co.za. We will then send the booking form that you must complete and return, together with a copy of your ID/passport and proof of payment of the deposit.

STEP 2

This itinerary is fairly complete and should contain all the information you might need. We will set up a WhatsApp group closer to the time for further communication; therefore, please make sure that the mobile number you have provided is correct. If you have any questions, feel free to send an e-mail or WhatsApp 082 923 3626.

STEP 3

Start getting excited and look forward to an incredible musical journey of the classics!

Deposit

- The deposit of R7,500 guarantees your place and is non-refundable, as your deposit and administration fees are paid to our suppliers to secure our group booking. Please refer to our website for full terms and conditions.
- The second deposit of R15 000.00 is due by 15 December 2025 with the total outstanding amount payable by 31 March 2026.
- The exchange rate is based on €1 = R22, so we can cover all costs and exchange rate differences during payments abroad. This is determined by the amount and date we pay our suppliers. Should the currency increase higher than €1 = R22, the price will be adjusted on the final invoice. These prices are based on EFT payment.

Banking Details & Pricing

Account Name : LeefJouReis TWF
Bank : Standard Bank
Branch Code : 051001
Account Number : 012324523

Deposit reference number: **ANDRE26 + NAME & SURNAME**

Please make sure you use the right reference number and that you send proof of payment to us on email: leefjoureis@twf.co.za.

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