



LEEF JOU REIS

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2027 | Tulips Tour – Belgium & the Netherlands

16 – 24 April 2027



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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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Join us for one of Leef Jou Reis's most beloved European experiences as we discover the timeless beauty of Belgium and the Netherlands in the heart of spring.

This exceptional journey takes you through two of Europe's most character-filled countries, where medieval splendour, historic cities, world-class art, and endless flower fields blend together in an experience that is far more than an ordinary holiday.



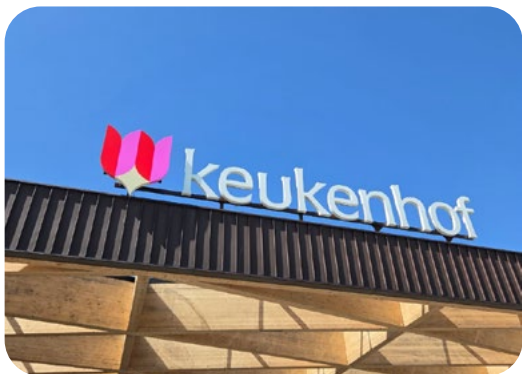


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Highlights

Brussels:

Explore Brussels' historic heart, including the iconic Grand Place and Manneken Pis. We also visit the famous Waterloo battlefield, where Napoleon suffered his final defeat.

Ghent:

The Ghent Altarpiece by the Van Eyck brothers in St. Bavo's Cathedral is the highlight of our visit, but be sure to also experience the impressive Poetry Centre.

Bruges:

See how the chocolatiers at The Chocolate Line express their creativity through artistic pralines and truffles, enjoy a meal at a brasserie, and experience the city's romantic atmosphere during a canal cruise and horse-drawn carriage ride.

Keukenhof:

Experience the overwhelming colour palettes of more than a million tulips and other spring flowers in full bloom.

Amsterdam:

Stroll through the city centre and admire the postcard-perfect canals of this remarkable city.



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DAY 1: 16 April 2027

Today is the day we have all been looking forward to! Meet the Leef Jou Reis team at OR Tambo International Airport as we depart on our long-awaited tour.

(All meals on board)

DAY 2: 17 April 2027

Welcome to Belgium!

Upon arrival at Brussels Airport, our **Tulip adventure** truly begins! We are transferred to our centrally located hotel where our luggage will be safely stored, giving us the opportunity to enjoy our first relaxed introduction to **Belgium's stylish capital**.

Later that afternoon, we depart on a **walking tour** through Brussels' historic heart. We admire the famous **Manneken Pis** and visit the **Grand Place** – a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as one of Europe's most beautiful city squares.

The day ends with a delicious **Belgian dinner** – the perfect opportunity to discover local flavours, get to know your fellow travellers better, and share in the excitement of the unforgettable adventure ahead.

Overnight: Brussels (Dinner)

DAY 3: 18 April 2027

After a delicious breakfast, we check out and bid Brussels farewell. Our first stop is for a photo opportunity at the impressive **Atomium** – one of Belgium's most famous landmarks. This unique structure, built for the 1958 World Expo, represents an iron crystal magnified 165 billion times.





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We then continue to the **battlefield of Waterloo**, where Napoleon was finally defeated in 1815. Your guide will take you to key landmarks and explain the turning points of the battle as you walk across this historic ground. Experience the action of the past in the Panorama, where a gripping **360-degree mural** depicts a decisive moment in history.

Thereafter we travel to beautiful Ghent – often described as Belgium’s historic jewel. With its medieval character, picturesque canals, and vibrant atmosphere, Ghent is a city that quickly captures the heart.

Upon arrival in **Ghent**, we check in and explore the city’s atmospheric streets. We also stop at the famous **Dulle Griet**, where the adventurous can enjoy a unique beer experience by exchanging a shoe as a “deposit”!

The rest of the evening is yours to further discover Ghent and enjoy its excellent food culture at one of its many restaurants.

Overnight: Ghent (Breakfast)

DAY 4: 19 April 2027

After breakfast, we visit the impressive **St. Bavo’s Cathedral**, where we encounter **Jan van Eyck’s** world-famous Adoration of the Mystic Lamb (the Ghent Altarpiece). The dramatic history of this masterpiece reads like a thriller – over the centuries it has been stolen, hidden, and coveted by powerful figures such as **Napoleon and Hitler**, and even inspired the film **The Monuments Men**.

After some free time for shopping, we say goodbye to Ghent and depart for Bruges – known as the “Venice of the North.” With its winding canals, cobbled streets, historic buildings, and romantic atmosphere, this medieval city feels like something from a fairy tale.





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After checking into our hotel, we visit **The Chocolate Line** to discover Belgium's world-class chocolate. Belgium is, after all, renowned as the home of some of the world's greatest chocolatiers – and we will certainly taste for ourselves why!

The rest of the afternoon is yours to discover Bruges' unique charm at your own pace before we gather again later for a delicious dinner.

Overnight: Bruges (Breakfast and Dinner)

DAY 5: 20 April 2027

Today we continue exploring Bruges. We enjoy a relaxing **boat cruise** through the famous canals, experiencing Bruges from a unique perspective while admiring some of its most beautiful sights. Thereafter, we climb aboard a **horse-drawn carriage** for a traditional ride through the winding streets and charming squares – an experience that perfectly captures the magic of this extraordinary city.

Tonight is yours to enjoy **Bruges** in your own way. Wander through the illuminated streets, discover **cosy restaurants**, or simply enjoy an evening stroll as the city's clever lighting gives this Belgian jewel an entirely new enchanting character.

Overnight: Bruges (Breakfast)





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DAY 6: 21 April 2027

The day everyone has been waiting for is finally here! Today we exchange one of the **Low Countries** for another as we travel to the Netherlands to visit the world-famous **Keukenhof** – one of the largest and most impressive **flower gardens** in the world. Every spring, this 32-hectare garden is transformed into a living artwork filled with millions of tulips and other seasonal flowers in endless colour combinations.

The overwhelming floral displays create a landscape of almost unreal beauty – from perfectly designed flower beds to tranquil pathways and iconic Dutch scenes.

Although no photograph can truly capture the experience, you will certainly want to try. This remarkable visit is undoubtedly one of the greatest highlights of our Tulip Tour – a memory you will treasure for years to come.

After our visit to Keukenhof, we depart for **Amsterdam** for a relaxed evening at your leisure.

Overnight: Amsterdam (Breakfast)

DAY 7: 22 April 2027

Today we explore the vibrant and character-filled city of **Amsterdam!** We begin the morning with a **walking tour** through the city's iconic streets and canals, where history and modern life blend seamlessly.

We discover Amsterdam's unique character as we explore its historic streets and famous canals.





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Along the way, we see well-known landmarks such as the floating **Bloemenmarkt**, the **Royal Palace on Dam Square**, and the **historic Nieuwe Kerk**.

For lunch, we enjoy an authentic Dutch experience at a traditional **brown café**, where **Bitterballen** and a cold beer form part of the local culture.

The rest of the afternoon is yours to further experience Amsterdam – visit a museum, explore the shopping streets, or simply soak up the atmosphere of this extraordinary city.

Tonight, we meet again for an unforgettable farewell dinner on a canal cruise – the perfect conclusion to our Tulip adventure.

Overnight: Amsterdam (Breakfast and Dinner)

DAY 8: 23 April 2027

After a week filled with extraordinary moments and new memories, it is time to say goodbye – with hearts full of stories and a new appreciation for Belgium and the Netherlands. After one final breakfast, we depart for the airport for our flight back to South Africa.

(All meals onboard)

DAY 9: 24 April 2027

Upon arrival at OR Tambo International Airport, we bid farewell to a journey filled with colour, culture, and unforgettable moments.





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Package Includes

- 1 night hotel accommodation in Brussels with breakfast
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Ghent with breakfast
- 2 nights hotel accommodation in Bruges with breakfast
- 2 nights hotel accommodation in Amsterdam with breakfast
- Airport transfers (if group flights are used)
- Luxury air-conditioned coach
- Welcome dinner
- Visit to Waterloo
- Entrance to St. Bavo's Cathedral in Ghent
- Visit to The Chocolate Line in Bruges
- Canal cruise in Bruges
- Horse-drawn carriage ride in Bruges
- Dinner in Bruges
- Entrance to Keukenhof
- Beer and Bitterballen at Café Hoppe
- Farewell dinner in the form of a canal cruise
- All gratuities
- Leef Jou Reis tour leader

Package Excludes

- Return flights between Johannesburg and Brussels/Amsterdam
- Visa application
- Lunches and dinners (unless otherwise specified)
- Drinks (unless otherwise specified)
- Personal expenses
- Optional excursions

Important Things to Remember

- South African passport holders require a Schengen visa, which is not included in the tour price. We will, however, assist you throughout the application process and provide all necessary documentation.
- You require a passport with two blank pages, valid for 6 months after your return date (i.e. until 24 October 2027).
- A Leef Jou Reis tour leader will be available throughout to assist with all questions and information.
- Optional extras are offered with the assistance of the Leef Jou Reis team, but tour members are free to come and go as they please.
- **NB: You are in good hands and can simply sit back and enjoy the journey, while also setting your own pace. At Leef Jou Reis we enjoy walking, but alternative options often arise spontaneously and we can even hire a taxi if needed.**
- To fully enjoy the attractions on this tour, you should be fit enough to comfortably walk approximately 5 kilometres per day.
- Come with an open mind and make new friends.
- Approximately one week before departure, we create a WhatsApp group to share important information. This will be your communication channel with Leef Jou Reis. Please ensure that you provide all the correct cellphone numbers on your booking form in order to be included. During and after the tour, we will also share photos and videos here.
- Please also note that, if necessary, we may rearrange certain daily programmes to ensure you have the very best travel experience.



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What Next...?

Steps to follow to secure your seat on the Tulips Tour to Belgium and the Netherlands.

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

Get excited and look forward to the most idyllic holiday of your life!!

Deposit

- To secure your place on this tour, we require a non-refundable deposit of R15,000. Please note that we are obligated to pay the deposit and administration fee over to our operators. Kindly read the terms and conditions as set out on our website.
- The second payment of R15,000 is payable by 31 August 2026. The following payment of R15,000 is payable by 31 October 2026, and the total outstanding balance is payable by 31 January 2027.
- The tour price is calculated according to an exchange rate of €1 = R22, in order to accommodate exchange rate fluctuations and payments to suppliers outside South Africa.

This tour is hosted by an experienced and professional Leef Jou Reis team. A dedicated team member will be available throughout the journey to assist you. While Gerrie's presence cannot be guaranteed due to the company's full annual programme, your comfort and enjoyment are assured by our passionate tour leaders.

Banking Details & Pricing

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

Deposit reference number: TUL27 + 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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