

GARDENING

Enjoy tulips, other flowers when you travel

GARDEN SPOT



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Many of the flowers we grow in our gardens today originated in other countries. Many are still growing there and are shipped here to be lovingly put in our gardens to add their own captivating beauty. For instance, fields and fields of bulbs grow in Holland and much hybridizing is done there to produce new plants.

This is to introduce you to a wonderful opportunity to come with me on an unforgettable 11-day journey to Holland and Belgium next spring! The tulips will be blooming as will other beautiful plants; the spectacular Keukenhof Bulb Gardens in Amsterdam will be at their peak. An exceptional cruise holiday offers the beauty of Holland and Belgium next spring! The tulips will be blooming as will other beautiful plants; the spectacular Keukenhof Bulb Gardens in Amsterdam will be at their peak.



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Dutch treat: The rose garden was one of many specialty gardens at Floriade in 1992.

spunk about the Floriade I attended in 1992. Never did I guess that I would be planning a trip 10 years later! This is an extravaganza you won't want to miss.

A little more about the Floriade. Everything is clean and

inviting. There are numerous different display areas - some are under glass, others are in the open.

You can stroll through gardens representing many countries, see a huge array of bedding plants, visit a science area and enjoy

permanent and ever-changing horticulture products, and ride a monorail. You can enjoy the Floriade at your own pace.

From your comfortable cabin aboard the Swiss Pearl you will delight in the scenic treasures of the picturesque town of Delft, the historic Kinderdijk windmills, the Zuider Zee villages of Volendam and Edam, the Kroller-Muller Museum in Arn-

hem (with many paintings by Van Gogh), and the romantic Belgian cities of Brussels (with the magnificent Grand Palace) and Brugge (with preserved examples of northern Renaissance architecture) - and on top of this, an enjoyable cruise on a canal.

Our tour departs Detroit April 8, 2002, and returns April 18. The round-trip flights to Amsterdam, cruise accommodations, all meals and extensive guided shore excursions are all included.

Just think: No packing and unpacking as the cruise ship will be our home away from home.

All of this is included in the price, which starts at \$2,599 plus taxes. Please book early as space is very limited. Book by Oct. 15 for the best rates and cabin selection.

For more details and a tour brochure, call Jean at The World of Travel, 860 W. Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills, at (248) 203-0022.

I do hope you will seriously consider this trip and send your reservation very soon. You may call me at (248) 644-2178.

Now to garden matters. Garden Spot will be on hiatus the first three weeks in October, so I'm offering some Goodgarden tips now.

GOODGARDEN TIPS

■ Upgrade your garden records - successes and failures; identify plants in photos.

■ Remove all diseased and fallen rose leaves and debris surrounding shrubs.

■ If the season is dry, water bulb beds.

■ Store seed packets and those you've harvested in a cool, dry place in a jar that you can seal. Put some silica gel, dried rice or powdered milk in the bottom of the jar.

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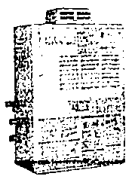
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