MONTESSORI TOURS AND TRAVEL

… your window to the world of Montessori

Montessori in The Netherlands

Amsterdam and Noordwijk | 11–16 April 2027 | 5 nights

Wander, wonder… and be inspired.

MORE THAN A HOLIDAY.
A JOURNEY THAT STAYS WITH YOU.

Explore Dr Maria Montessori's Dutch connections on a small-group boutique journey from Amsterdam to Noordwijk by the North Sea. Discover the people and places behind her legacy while making time for creativity, conversation and shared discoveries.

Our visits to Nienhuis Montessori and the Head Office of the Association Montessori Internationale offer opportunities to deepen our understanding of Montessori's work. At the coast, follow her connections with Noordwijk and enjoy a hands-on watercolour experience.

Whether you are an educator, school leader, trainer, Montessori enthusiast or simply inspired by her vision, come ready to ask questions, make connections and learn through experience.

Come for the Montessori history. Leave with fresh perspectives, new friendships and renewed inspiration — professionally and personally.

A distinctive journey

Highlights include the Nienhuis offices, museum and warehouse; Dr Montessori's study, the garden, library and archives at AMI; watercolour exploration; and a self-paced, self-guided Montessori walking tour of Noordwijk.

Tour leader: Roelie Hartwig

YOUR DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

SUN 11 APR | Welcome to Amsterdam

ARRIVAL AND CONNECTION

Make your own way to our hotel in Amsterdam and settle in. This evening, meet your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner and begin the conversations and connections that make small-group travel so memorable.

Included: Welcome Dinner • Overnight: Amsterdam

MON 12 APR | The story behind the materials

NIENHUIS MONTESSORI

Visit Nienhuis Montessori, where our host, Chris Willemsen, will share the story of the relationship Dr Montessori had with the Nienhuis family and how that relationship has grown within the global Montessori Movement. There will be time to visit the offices, museum and warehouse, connecting familiar materials with the people and history behind them. Enjoy lunch at a nearby cafe, run by migrants and serving delicious food from their home country. Ever wondered what is inside a working windmill? Today we will find out.

Included: Breakfast, Lunch • Overnight: Amsterdam

TUE 13 APR | A window into Montessori's work

ASSOCIATION MONTESSORI INTERNATIONALE

Visit the Head Office of the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) in Amsterdam. Step into the study where Dr Montessori worked, view the garden, library and some archives, and hear more about the work AMI does. Take time to reflect on the connections between her work and the Montessori community today. This afternoon let's imagine what life was like for Anne Frank as we walk the streets of Amsterdam's city centre and the Jewish Quarter. Readings from her diary will help us understand what life was like during World War 2 in Amsterdam.

Included: Breakfast • Overnight: Amsterdam

WED 14 APR | To the coast, with time to create

AMSTERDAM TO NOORDWIJK

Depart Amsterdam by private transport for Noordwijk, a coastal town where Dr Montessori enjoyed family holidays. In the afternoon we will meet with local craftsman, Daniel Tavenier, who expresses his creativity in an old bulb barn dating back to the early 1800s. Once you have produced your own paint according to the recipes of the old masters, let your creativity soar whilst dabbling in the realm of watercolours. Experiment, explore and enjoy being a learner yourself.

Included: Breakfast • Overnight: Noordwijk

THU 15 APR | Walking in Montessori's footsteps

MONTESSORI AND NOORDWIJK

Enjoy a self-paced, self-guided walking tour of Montessori and Noordwijk. Grab your hat, water bottle, mobile phone and headphones, and together let's discover more about Noordwijk. Follow the stories at your own pace, with time to pause and appreciate the coastal setting.

Included: Breakfast • Overnight: Noordwijk

FRI 16 APR | Farewell, fellow explorers

FAREWELL

After breakfast we farewell our fellow explorers and head to other destinations. Take home memories of shared discoveries, a deeper connection with Montessori's legacy and inspiration to carry into everyday life.

Included: Breakfast • Tour concludes

Why travel with Montessori Tours and Travel?

Montessori is the thread that connects the journey, but its rewards extend beyond the philosophy. Travelling in a small group creates space for thoughtful conversations, questions, shared discoveries and the joy of learning alongside like-minded people. There is time to reflect, to create and to enjoy being in The Netherlands.

This is professional development with a difference — an experience in which personal growth and the joy of travel matter just as much as historical discovery. A certificate of Professional Development for 25 hours will be issued after the Tour.

What is included

- Five nights' hotel accommodation; breakfast as specified in the itinerary
- Private transportation from Amsterdam to Noordwijk
- Montessori visits and English-speaking hosts as specified
- Hotel taxes and tourist fees
- Cultural activities and meals (food only) as specified in the itinerary

What is not included

- Meals not specified in the itinerary; alcoholic and other drinks
- International flights, airport taxes and pre-tour or post-tour arrangements
- Overweight luggage and personal expenses
- Full comprehensive travel insurance (compulsory)
- Passport and visa costs, vaccinations, medication and personal items
- Tips, gratuities and any services not listed as included

Important information

Walking: Travellers need to be able to walk more than 5 km (3 miles) on any given day.

Itinerary flexibility: This itinerary may be adjusted while maintaining the integrity of the tour. The tour is conducted in English with local hosts, guides and drivers as arranged.

Prices: Quoted prices are based on prevailing fuel costs, taxes, fares, hotel rates and exchange rates at publication and may change if these costs increase.

COST: SINGLE — EUR 3230 TWIN / DOUBLE SHARE — EUR 2595 per person

DEPOSIT: EUR 200 per person

Final Payment Due 29 January 2027

To find out more or secure a place, please email Roelie Hartwig at montessoritoursandtravel@gmail.com

Local flavours. Meaningful discoveries. A journey to remember.

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