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# NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM 2003

## Denver Friendship Tennis Exchange

June 13 – June 24, 2003

ASD Cultural Exchange Reference No.: AM1A03

### ASD Colorado Tennis Travelers

#### DAILY ITINERARY

##### **DAY 1 / FRIDAY JUNE 13**

##### **DENVER TO AMSTERDAM**

3:00 PM meet at Denver airport for check-in at the Lufthansa counter. Depart from Denver on Lufthansa on our transatlantic overnight flight departing at 5:35 PM bound for Frankfurt. Enjoy your in-flight meals and movies! (D on flight)

Overnight Transatlantic flight

##### **DAY 2 / SATURDAY JUNE 14**

##### **ARRIVE AMSTERDAM**

We arrive in Frankfurt, Germany at 11:15 AM and board our flight for Amsterdam, Netherlands, where we arrive in the late afternoon. Upon arrival to Amsterdam/Schiphol airport, you will be met by your local ASD Cultural Exchange transfer assistant who will transfer you by private coach to the city of Amsterdam and your centrally located hotel. Orientation sightseeing on the way during the transfer. Late afternoon check-in at your hotel. After check-in, the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, S on flights)

Accommodation in Amsterdam: Hotel TBA (4-star First Class)

##### **DAY 3 / SUNDAY JUNE 15**

##### **AMSTERDAM, PANORAMA CITY SIGHTSEEING**

Welcome to exciting and vibrant Amsterdam! Today, beginning at 9:00 AM, you will enjoy a morning and early afternoon ¾day Amsterdam City Panorama Sightseeing Tour. Amsterdam, the most famous city in the Netherlands (Holland), is dating from 1000 years ago when two fishermen landed on the banks of the Amstel and settled. The settlement became Amstelledamme and grew to be a town in 1245 and eventually the prized city of many European monarchs and conquerors. Today it is a bustling city famous for its symmetrical rings of canals and the 1200 bridges lacing them together. We enjoy a morning Amsterdam City Panorama Sightseeing including a visit to the famous Anne Frank's House, where the 14-year old Anne Frank wrote her diary in hiding during the Nazi Occupation. Following our sightseeing we enjoy an afternoon and early evening of friendship tennis matches a local tennis club in the Amsterdam area followed by a social get-together hosted by ASD Cultural Exchange and the host club. Evening return transfer to our hotel. (B, D)

Accommodation in Amsterdam: Hotel TBA (4-star First Class)



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**DAY 4 / MONDAY JUNE 16**                      **AMSTERDAM, SIGHTSEEING AND TENNIS**

Leisurely breakfast at our hotel. Morning free in Amsterdam, including free time for lunch on own. 1:00 PM departure from our hotel to The Rijksmuseum, world famous for its paintings by the great 17<sup>th</sup>-century Dutch Masters such as Rembrandt and Vermeer. Many of Rembrandt's masterpieces are here, including The Night Watch and The Jewish Bride. Following our visit to The Rijksmuseum, mid-afternoon departure for our afternoon and evening friendship tennis exchange with a local tennis club in the Netherlands. Evening return to our hotel in Amsterdam. (B)

Accommodation in Amsterdam: Hotel TBA (4-star First Class)

**DAY 5 / TUESDAY JUNE 17**                      **AMSTERDAM, DAY AT LEISURE**

Full day at leisure in Amsterdam to further enjoy and explore this fascinating city. There is so much to see and do in Amsterdam. Perhaps spend the morning by visiting the famous Van Gogh Museum, containing the world's largest collection of Van Gogh paintings, or Rembrandt's House, where Rembrandt lived for more than 20 years, or simply stroll around in Amsterdam's Historic Centre. The historic center of Amsterdam is a dense network of lanes and canals dating from the Middle Ages. Perhaps enjoy a boat trip on the Amsterdam canals. Amsterdam is a fascinating maritime city built on a network of canals. The 17<sup>th</sup>-century canal district was built under the Plan of the Three Canals of 1609, whereby the three main canals – Herengracht (Gentlemen's Canal), Keizersgracht (Emperors' Canal) and Prinsengracht (Princes' Canal) were laid out in concentric arcs radiating from the old city moat. The canals are lined with splendid merchants houses, warehouses, banks, and hotels, and specialized shops, restaurants, and brown cafes (Amsterdam traditional dark, wooden-walled cafes) are found in the narrow streets that cross the canals. At the heart of the district lies the Dam, a bustling square overlooked by the former Town Hall (now the Royal Palace) and the Nieuwe Kerk. The main artery is the Damrak, a busy street lined with souvenir shops, cafes and hotels. With its gabled canal houses, houseboats and specialized shops, the city is wonderful to explore on foot. (B)

Accommodation in Amsterdam: Hotel TBA (4-star First Class)

**DAY 6 / WEDNESDAY JUNE 18**                      **AMSTERDAM TO ANTWERP, BELGIUM**

9:00 AM departure from Amsterdam this morning for a leisurely and scenic drive through Holland's countryside. We begin with a drive to the charming and international city The Hague, which is the seat of the Dutch government. You will enjoy a Panorama Sightseeing tour of The Hague. The Hague is an elegant city with tree-lined avenues and extensive parks. You will see the famous Scheveningen beach as well as the North Sea coast which is right on the city's doorsteps. We will also visit the miniature town of Madurodam, featuring hundreds of small-scale replicas of Dutch buildings laid out along canals and cobbled streets. We then continue to Delft, renowned for its blue-on-white Delft porcelain – the "Royal Delft". The beautiful town of Delft was the birthplace of Jan Vermeer, who painted the marvelous View of Delft. It was in Delft, too, that William the Silent, the leader of the Dutch Revolt, was assassinated in 1584. Delft is famed for its blue and white Delftware porcelain, which has been manufactured in the town since the 17<sup>th</sup> century. We will visit the Delft factory and learn more about the china that dates back to the 16th century. After our visit to the Delft factory, we say farewell to the Netherlands and depart for Belgium and enjoy a leisurely drive through the countryside of both Netherlands and Belgium and arrive to Antwerp, Belgium. Balance of the day at leisure. (B)

Accommodation in Antwerp: Hotel TBA (4-star First Class)



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**DAY 7 / THURSDAY JUNE 19                      ANTWERP, SIGHTSEEING IN BELGIUM**

Welcome to Antwerp, Belgium's second largest city. Antwerp's name is based on the legend of a roman soldier, Silvius Brabo, and a giant, Druon Antigon. The giant exacted a toll from boatmen on the river and cut off the hands of those who refused to pay, until Silvius confronted him and cut off the giant's own hand. Silvius then flung it – handwerpen (hand-throwing) in to the lovely River Scheldt. Antwerp was a very prosperous city for centuries and today is one of the fastest growing cities in Europe both economically and culturally. We start our day with a morning Antwerp Panorama City Sightseeing. Antwerp, a busy Flemish port on the River Scheldt, is one of the most fascinating maritime cities in Europe, with a wealth of superb architecture and art. Following the sightseeing, we will continue to Bruges, another charming city. With its quite canals lined with ancient brick houses, the Flemish city of Bruges is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. We enjoy a Panorama City Sightseeing of Bruges and see the medieval Belfort, which dominates the town. Bruges is a pleasant town to explore on foot, with its meandering cobbled lanes and hidden medieval almshouses. Free time for lunch on own in Bruges. After Bruges, we continue to the historic Flemish city of Ghent, which was one of the greatest cities of medieval Europe. It is famous for its magnificent Gothic cathedral, built from 1290 to 1569, Saint Bavo's Cathedral (St. Baafskathedraal), which houses the stunning altarpiece, Adoration of the Mystic Lamb, by Jan and Hubert van Eyck. Ghent is also a wonderful city to explore on foot, with its cobbled streets and meandering medieval canals. Free time in Ghent before we late afternoon return to Antwerp and our hotel. Evening free in Antwerp. (B)

Accommodation in Antwerp: Hotel TBA (4-star First Class)

**DAY 8 / FRIDAY JUNE 20                      ANTWERP, AT LEISURE AND TENNIS**

Today we enjoy time at leisure until we depart at 4:00 PM for our friendship tennis exchange with a local tennis club in the Antwerp area, followed by a social get-together hosted by ASD Cultural Exchange and your local host club. Late evening return to our hotel. (B, D)

Accommodation in Antwerp: Hotel TBA (4-star First Class)

**DAY 9 / SATURDAY JUNE 21                      ANTWERP TO BRUSSELS, SIGHTSEEING**

Morning at leisure. We depart Antwerp at 10 AM and continue to explore Belgium. Today we will first be visiting Waterloo and the battle of Waterloo grounds. Waterloo is where Napoleon's army was defeated. After Waterloo we continue to Brussels, the capital of Belgium. Brussels is a major international city, where both NATO and the European Union are based. Upon arrival to Brussels we immediately begin our Brussels Panorama City sightseeing. The old quarter of Brussels is centered on famous Grand Place, one of the most spectacular city squares in the world, surrounded by ornate baroque guild houses, many now occupied by bustling cafes and restaurants. Free time in Brussels for lunch on own. The narrow cobbled streets off Grand Place are lined with traditional Belgian restaurants offering local specialties such as pots of steaming mussels, steak and frites. We will also see the symbol of Brussels, the statue of Manneken-Pis and the Atomium, a steel structure modeled on the atomic structure of iron as well as the Royal Palace and the Palace of Justice. After our interesting sightseeing in Brussels, we continue to our hotel for check-in. Balance of the day at leisure in charming Brussels. (B)

Accommodation in Brussels: Hotel TBA (4-star First Class)



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**DAY 10 / SUNDAY JUNE 22                      BRUSSELS, FRIENDSHIP TENNIS**

Breakfast at our hotel. Morning at leisure in Brussels. 4:00 PM depart for an afternoon and evening of friendly tennis at a local tennis club in the Brussels area, followed by a Farewell Party with dinner and music/dancing hosted by ASD Cultural Exchange and our local host club. (B, D)

Accommodation in Brussels: Hotel TBA (4-star First Class)

**DAY 11 / MONDAY JUNE 23                      BRUSSELS, DAY AT LEISURE**

Enjoy a full day free in charming Brussels. Perhaps visit the daily flower market at Grand Place, or some of the many sights and museums the city offers. Elegant shops are found in the 19<sup>th</sup>-century Galeries St. Hubert arcade, including the Neuhaus chocolate shop where the Belgian praline was invented in 1857. Evening free to get ready for our return home, packing as well as free time for dinner on own. (B)

Accommodation in Brussels: Hotel TBA (4-star First Class)

**DAY 12 / TUESDAY JUNE 24                      BRUSSELS – RETURN TO THE USA**

Bid farewell to the Brussels and Belgium. Morning transfer direct to Brussels airport for your return flight back home to the USA. We depart Brussels at 10:10 AM on Lufthansa to Frankfurt, arrival at 11:55 AM. Upon arrival to Frankfurt airport, we enjoy some free time at the airport to relax or for last minute shopping as well as transfer to our next flight. We continue on Lufthansa from Frankfurt airport at 1:05 PM on our non-stop transatlantic flight to Denver, with an arrival at 3:35 PM. (B and L/D, S on flight)

Transatlantic flight  
**End of tour**

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#### TOUR PRICE, INCLUSIONS & BOOKING CONDITIONS

**ASD TOUR PRICE: \$2,895.00 PER PERSON**

**NOT INCLUDED:** US Departure Tax/Customs Fees: \$125 (subject to change at any time)  
Single room cost is \$500.00

**ASD CULTURAL EXCHANGE SPECIAL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES :**

- Transatlantic air in economy class from Denver to Amsterdam, Netherlands, and return from Brussels, Belgium, on Lufthansa (or other airline) via USA and or European connecting gateways
- Ten nights of accommodations in twin/double rooms in named hotels *or similar*, all with private bath & continental breakfast as follows:
  - 4 nights accommodation in Amsterdam, centrally located First Class hotel (4 Star); Hotel TBA
  - 3 nights accommodation in Antwerp, centrally located First Class hotel (4 Star); Hotel TBA
  - 3 nights accommodation in Brussels, centrally located First Class hotel (4 Star); Hotel TBA

**MORE MEALS - ALWAYS!**

- 18 Meals throughout the tour and in-flight - as follows:
- 11 Breakfasts:
  - Breakfast on flight from USA to Europe
  - Daily breakfast at the hotels - mixed Continental, Cold Buffet, Hot Buffet, dependent on the choice of each hotel (subject to change per each hotels service)
- 3 Lunch/Snacks:
  - Snack on flight from Denver to Amsterdam
  - Lunch on flight from Amsterdam to USA
  - Snack on flight from Amsterdam to USA
- 4 Dinners:
  - Dinner on flight from USA to Europe
  - Dinner/meal at one social get-together in the Netherlands countryside
  - Dinner/meal at one social get-together in the Antwerp area
  - Dinner/meal at one social get-together in the Brussels area

*(please note – Meal Codes: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; S = Snack; D = Dinner; M=Meal other)*

**MORE SIGHTSEEING AND TOURING - ALWAYS !**

- Comprehensive sightseeing per itinerary, including:
  - Half day Amsterdam Panorama City Sightseeing
  - See the Royal Palace in Amsterdam
  - See Rembrandt's House in Amsterdam
  - See Amsterdam's Historic Centre
  - Visit Anne Franks House in Amsterdam
  - Visit famous Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam
  - See Rembrandt's famous The Night Watch at the Rijksmuseum
  - Free time to enjoy Amsterdam on-own
  - Optional visit on-own to famous Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam
  - Enjoy scenic touring through the countryside of Netherlands from Amsterdam to Antwerp
  - Visit The Hague
  - The Hague Panorama City Sightseeing Tour
  - See Scheveningen by The Hague
  - Visit the miniature town of Madurodam
  - Visit the charming town Delft
  - Visit famous Delft porcelain factory in Delft
  - Antwerp Panorama City Sightseeing
  - Belgium country day excursion
  - Visit the charming city of Bruges
  - Bruges Panorama City Sightseeing
  - See the medieval Belfort in Bruges
  - Visit the historic Flemish city of Ghent
  - Ghent Panorama City Sightseeing
  - See Saint Bavo's Cathedral in Ghent
  - Enjoy a scenic motor coach journey through the beautiful countryside of Belgium
  - Visit Waterloo Battle Field in Belgium
  - Visit the Panorama of the Battle
  - See the Lion Mount
  - Visit the Waterloo Visitor Center
  - Brussels Panorama City Sightseeing
  - See Manneken Pis in Brussels
  - See the Atomium in Brussels
  - See and visit Grand Place in Brussels
  - Free time to enjoy Brussels on-own
- (please note that Panorama City Sightseeing tours does not include entrance fees)*

**MORE ENTRANCES TO FAMOUS SIGHTS - ALWAYS !**

- Entrance Fees for included visits per itinerary:
  - The Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam
  - Anne Frank's Museum in Amsterdam
  - Madurodam miniature town in Netherlands
  - Delft Porcelain Factory in Netherlands
  - Waterloo Battlefield in Belgium
  - Waterloo Visitor Center in Belgium



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### **MORE FRIENDLY SPORT EXCHANGES - ALWAYS !**

- 4 Friendly Sport Exchanges per itinerary:
  - 1 x Friendship Tennis Exchange in Amsterdam area
  - 1 x Friendship Tennis Exchange in the Netherlands countryside
  - 1 x Friendship Tennis Exchange in Antwerp area
  - 1 x Friendship Tennis Exchange in Brussels area

*(note that Tennis Exchanges & Inter-Group Play are subject to change)*

### **MORE QUALITY SERVICES - ALWAYS !**

- All transfers per itinerary
- Transfer from Amsterdam/Schiphol airport to Amsterdam hotel
- Transfer from Brussels hotel to Brussels airport
- All land transportation throughout tour (varies: local or long-distance coach): from arrival to Brussels/Amsterdam and departure from Brussels, by private luxury motor coach with air-conditioning, reclining seats and emergency washroom (when applicable).
  - Services of ASD Cultural Exchange local meet and greet transfer assistance upon arrival in Amsterdam and on departure from Brussels (tipping of transfer guides additional)
  - Services of ASD Cultural Exchange local English-speaking step-on guides during sightseeing's and day excursions per itinerary (tipping of tour guides additional)
  - Baggage handling at all hotels (one piece per person) (not offered at airports) (subject to hotels availability of luggage service)
- Local hotel taxes and service charges
- Tips for drivers, local guides and headwaiters are not included
  - **Please note:** Tipping of Local Tour Guides as well as Driver to be paid locally while on tour – recommended tipping is \$ 2.00 per person per tour for local Guides (1/2 day tours) and \$ 1.00-2.00 per person per day for the motor coach Driver (tipping examples: Local Guide – 35 persons x \$ 2.00, \$70.00 per tour; and, Driver – 10 days on tour x \$ 2.00, for tipping of the driver \$ 20.00 per person)
- Exclusive ASD Cultural Exchange™ Amsterdam and The Netherlands, Brussels and Belgium Travel Information Kit
- Embroidered ASD Sweat Shirt, Special Tour Tee-Shirt, ASD Travel Bag or Ball Cap

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## APPLICATION FOR ASD CULTURAL EXCHANGE NETHERLANDS & BELGIUM DENVER TENNIS TOUR

**TOUR CODE:** AM1A03  
**TOUR PRICE:** \$2,895.00 plus airline tax  
**TOUR DATE:** JUNE 13 – 24, 2003

**CLIENT CODE:**  
**SEX:** M F  
**TENNIS PLAYER:** YES NO  
**N.T.R.P. Rating:** \_\_\_\_\_

(AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE)

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST LAST

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **BIRTH DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

**SWEAT SHIRT SIZE** M L XL XXL  
**TEE SHIRT SIZE** M L XL XXL

### Tour Deposit & Cancellation Schedule

Application and deposits should be sent to ASD Cultural Exchange or given to your group leader as soon as possible. Because of your group booking, airline and hotel cancellation fees are substantial. Your deposit of \$200.00 is not refundable. Cancellation fees from 90 to 60 days before departure is \$500.00, 59 to 7 days is up to 50% of the tour price plus any airline penalties. Inside 7 days there are no refunds. ASD strongly suggests that you purchase travel insurance.

### Medical Release

I hereby authorize the staff of ASD Cultural exchange to act for me according to their best judgment regarding medical attention and I hereby waive and release ASD Cultural Exchange from any and all liability for any injuries or illnesses incurred while abroad. I have no knowledge of any physical impairment, which would adversely affect the named participant.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date