

EUROTOUR HOLLAND 2026

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A Word of Thanks & Important Information

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

We express our deepest gratitude to the key organisers: Patrick Vermazen, Wilfried Gorgon, Aldrin van Zanten, and Erik Rijpstra.

Sincere thanks also go to:

- **Mick Langeberg** (Chairman) and **Cees Bol** (Treasurer) of GCCC.
- Management and staff of **Hotel Ter Duin**.
- **Bart Wondergem** for his help with the Middelburg square.



Finally, a big thank you to all participants who took the effort to join Eurotour 2026!

Traffic Rules & Safety

The Eurotour is **not** a competition. Speed limits:

- Built-up areas: 30 or 50 km/h.
- Outside built-up areas: 60, 80, or 100 km/h.

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For general questions, breakdown support, or updates, you can reach the organisation:

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Please do not call Wilfried or Patrick for life-threatening emergencies. You can also request general assistance via the Eurotour WhatsApp group.

Disclaimer: The GCCC and the Eurotour organisation are not liable for any damage or injury arising from accidents or other circumstances involving participants or third parties.

Enjoy a wonderful Eurotour!

Saturday info:

Sunday info:



EUROTOUR HOLLAND 2026

A Warm Welcome to the Eurotour — Welcome to Zeeland!

I am delighted to see that you have all arrived safe and sound. Behind the scenes, four of our dedicated GCCC members have been working tirelessly to organise this latest edition of Eurotour Holland. The GCCC is immensely grateful for their hard work; it is through their steadfast endeavours that we are all gathered here today for what promises to be a superb event.

Following our 2022 edition in Noord-Holland, this year finds us in the beautiful surroundings of Zeeland—a province steeped in history, which we shall explore together throughout the weekend.

Yet, beyond the heritage, our true aim is to celebrate and create wonderful new memories as a group. The committee will shortly guide you through this year's programme. I have been looking forward to this for months, and I am confident you will find it just as enchanting as I do.

Our club, GCCC Benelux, is rapidly approaching a significant landmark: our 35th anniversary next year. It all began in 1992, when an advertisement in the *Gaykrant* drew over a hundred enthusiasts to our very first tour. It was a clear sign of the need for a club to unite us, and GCCC was duly founded that same day, 17th May 1992.

From the very outset, every member and every car has been held in equal esteem. Whether it is a Citroën 2CV parked alongside a Rolls-Royce, or a pre-war classic next to a beauty from the nineties or noughties, we

intentionally set no boundaries. We treat everyone with equal respect, ensuring that everyone feels comfortable and safe to be themselves.

This philosophy clearly works. For thirty-four years we have gone from strength to strength. Our last Eurotour in Alkmaar marked our 30th anniversary, and now we look toward our 35th. With an average of eight to ten events per year, we continue to meet across the Benelux, cherishing our friendships and our shared passion for motorcars of all types and eras.

Since our earliest days, we have cherished our bond with our brothers and sisters from GCCG UK, Ledorga, Queerlenker, Motorboys, and our many friends across Europe and overseas. The Eurotour is a celebration of our history, our present, and our future together. So, let us celebrate, let us enjoy, and above all —have a wonderful weekend!



Mick Langeberg

A VERY PROUD CHAIRMAN OF THE GAY CLASSIC CAR CLUB BENELUX

Timetable Eurotour Holland 2026

Friday May 29, 2026

- 16:00h** **Hotel Check-In**
Both the hotel and tour check-in are open. The GCCC is stationed near reception to welcome you. Receive your welcome bag with roadbooks, program, tickets, and goodies.
- 19:30h** **Welcome Drink** (alcoholic or non-alcoholic)
- 20:00h** **Walking Diner**
Relax, mingle, and get to know your fellow travelers.

Saturday May 30, 2026

- 07:30h** **Breakfast** at Grand Hotel ter Duin
- 09:00h** **Departure** for the morning drive.
- 10:00h** **Watersnoodmuseum** in Ouwerkerk
Explore the museum and learn about this vital piece of Zeeland's history.
- 12:00h** **Lunch** at the Watersnoodmuseum.
- 15:00h** **RTM Tram Museum**
Explore the collection and enjoy a nostalgic historic tram ride.
- 19:30h** **Aperitif** (alcoholic or non-alcoholic).
- 20:00h** **Captain's Galadiner**
A seated, elegant maritime-style dinner.

Sunday May 31, 2026

- 07:30h** **Breakfast** at Grand Hotel ter Duin.
- 09:00h** **Sharp departure** for the morning drive. (Wear your outfit for tonight's party!).
- 10:00h** **Coffee** with a traditional Zeeland 'Bolos' at the Grevelingen Restaurant.
- 10:30h** **Visit** to the classic car collection at Hoep Classics.
- 12:00h** **Departure** towards Middelburg.
- 13:00h** **Parking** in the city center of Middelburg.
- 13:30h** **Free time** to visit, explore, and enjoy your lunch in the historic town of Middelburg.
- 16:30h** **Departure back** to the hotel via a scenic route along Westkapelle and Domburg.
- 19:00h** **Aperitif** to kick off the theme night.
- 20:00h** **BBQ Diner** followed immediately by the **Nautical Party** with DJ Alfons!
Dressed to impress in full nautical style.

Monday June 1, 2026

- 08:00h** **Farewell Breakfast**
Time to say goodbye. Check-out is available until 11:00h.



MONUMENT OF RESILIENCE: WHY THE WATERSNOODMUSEUM FASCINATES



Photography: Tripadvisor

You may well be fascinated by how humanity constructs machines and structures to defy the elements. In that respect, the Watersnoodmuseum (Flood Museum) in Ouwerkerk is the perfect destination in our Eurotour.

Housed within four gigantic, concrete Phoenix caissons, which were used in 1953 to close the very last breach in the dykes, this location breathes monumental engineering, raw history, and profound human resilience. It is a place that resonates perfectly with us as gay men with a keen eye for historic heritage and multi-layered stories.



Photography: Tripadvisor

ANALOGUE HEROES & THE POWER OF ENGINEERING

CAISSON 1: THE DISASTER NIGHT

In Caisson 1, you step straight into the fateful disaster night of 1 February 1953. Alongside historic news footage, you will discover a story here that captivates everyone, especially tech enthusiasts: that of the amateur radio operators.

When all modern communications failed, men like Peter Hossfeld hand-built transmitters within the disaster area to alert the rest of Europe. This display of analogue ingenuity single-handedly set the national relief effort in motion.

CAISSON 2: EMOTION & HEROICS

In Caisson 2, the focus shifts to emotion and the logistical heroics of the Red Cross, the 'mud girls' (moddermeisjes), and the subsequent reconstruction. It is here that you will also find the moving memorial bearing the names of the 1,836 victims, organized by town and surname.

Here you also find testimonies of survivors who fled the rising tide, as well as the stories of rescue workers confronting overwhelming grief.



Photography: Tripadvisor

We visit the “Watersnoodmuseum” on Saturday morning, but visiting the Watersnoodmuseum is not just a trip through history — it is a quiet encounter with human resilience and loss. As you walk through the exhibits, the stories seem to whisper from the walls: families torn apart, villages swallowed by water, and lives forever changed in a single night. The photographs, letters, and personal belongings make it feel deeply personal, as if you are stepping into someone else’s memories.

CONTEMPORARY ART & GLOBAL RITUALS

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

The museum is anything but static. The current Artist-in-Residence programme, 'Living with Water', connects the past to contemporary climate challenges through leading artists.

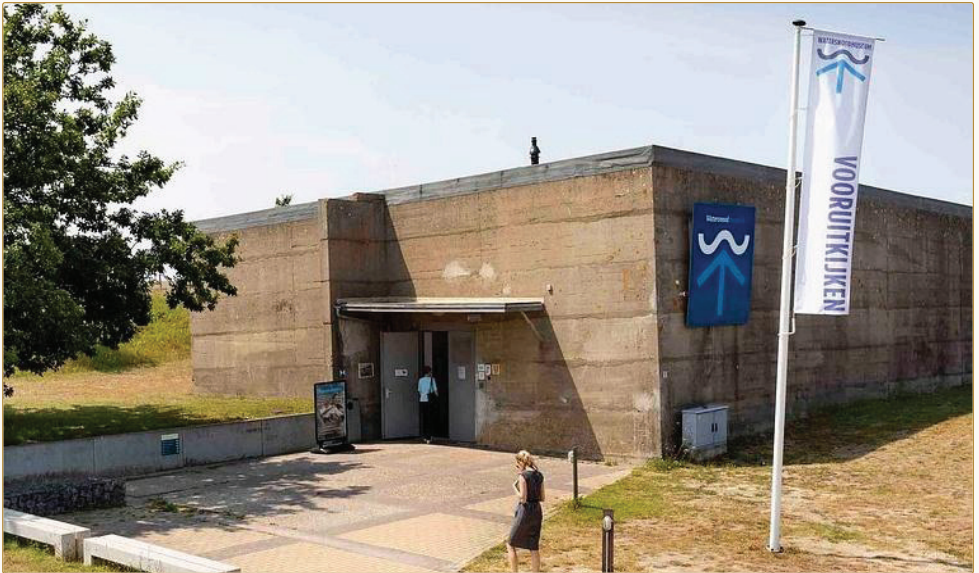
Photographer **Florian Braakman** captures the connection between different generations and memories within the Zeeland landscape through film, sound, and nuanced photography, exploring themes of home, migration, and spaces.

Visual artist **Iris Bouwmeester** uses drawings and sculptures to explore how the sea leaves its mark (from bunkers to washed-up debris) whilst highlighting universal solidarity: the touching relief gifts sent to the Netherlands from all over the world at the time.

FROM DISASTER TO RITUAL

The temporary exhibition *Commemoration: From Disaster to Ritual* extends this theme into the present day. Whereas grief after 1953 remained strictly behind closed doors for decades and only became public in 1993, the museum now investigates how we commemorate today.

It draws fascinating parallels between Dutch traditions and rituals in global disaster zones such as New Orleans, Banda Aceh, and Valencia. A profound and inspiring experience proving that culture, engineering, and community will always be stronger than the water.



Photography: Tripadvisor

RTM MUSEUM – A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY



Photography: RTM Museum

If you love classic cars, you want to hear the stories behind them. The roar of engines, gleaming chrome, the scent of oil, and that wave of nostalgia the moment you hit the road.

But did you know that this exact same passion for historic transport has a counterpart on the rails? During the Eurotour, you will visit the RTM Museum in Ouddorp: a hidden gem on the border of South Holland and Zeeland, where the glory days of the historic 'Rotterdamsche Tramweg Maatschappij' (RTM) come back to life.

For men with a sharp eye for design and a weakness for mobile heritage, this is no static museum, but a true voyage of discovery. It is a mechanical experience that blends seamlessly with the atmosphere of our Eurotour.



THAT ANALOGUE DRIVING SENSATION

Just like a drive in a legendary classic or youngtimer, the RTM is all about character. No computer-controlled systems or silent electric motors here, but pure, raw engineering. In the museum, you can admire beautifully restored steam and diesel locomotives, wooden tram carriages from the early 20th century, and historic lorries.

The level of restoration and craftsmanship displayed by the volunteers here is of the exact same premium standard as the concours condition of the finest classic cars. It is an ode to the aesthetics of yesteryear.

A HISTORIC TRAM RIDE

The absolute highlight is the ride on an authentic steam or diesel tram. The track runs across the Brouwersdam, right alongside the glistening waters of the Grevelingenmeer. As the tram moves forward with its characteristic rhythm, you can enjoy a truly beautiful panoramic view. It makes for a wonderfully relaxing break: for a moment, you can step away from the steering wheel and be transported in style, surrounded by like-minded men!



Photography: Frank de Roo

The RTM Museum offers that rare combination of technical nostalgia, Zeeland's natural beauty, and monumental class. An absolute must-visit that proves the love for historic engineering knows no bounds; whether it rolls on rubber tyres or rides on steel rails.

For more information about the museum, please visit:

rtm-ouddorp.nl

CAPTAIN'S DINNER

SATURDAY MAY 30, 2026



19:30h Lobby / Central Plaza

Join us for a welcome drink
to kick off the evening's highlight:

The Captain's Dinner

A seated, maritime-style dinner
where nautical elegance sets the tone.

Ahoy, gentlemen!



Middelburg: Cosmopolitan Grandeur & Historical Free Spirits

THE SIGHTS

Middelburg is, after Amsterdam, the Dutch city with the richest VOC heritage — and it shows in every street. With more than 1,100 listed monuments, the city radiates pure grandeur. The undisputed showpieces are the spectacular Town Hall on the Markt, the majestic Lange Jan abbey tower, and the atmospheric, centuries-old quays of the Kuiperspoort.

THE ANECDOTE

During the golden age of the VOC, Middelburg was so wealthy and influential that it often made its own rules. One of the most delightful historical anecdotes concerns the introduction of chocolate to the Netherlands. While the rest of the country still regarded chocolate as a "devilish and decadent" medicinal substance, the entrepreneurial citizens of Middelburg opened the very first chocolate factory in the Netherlands in the early 18th century.

Chocolade

Artisanal chocolate craftsmanship in early Middelburg, pioneering luxury and the sweet life in the Netherlands.



The Majestic Lange Jan & Zeeland Pride

THE ABBEY TOWER

Rising proudly to an architectural height of over 90 metres, the Lange Jan tower dominates the skyline of Walcheren. For centuries, it has served as a beacon for weary travelers and an unshakeable symbol of the city's independent mindset. Climbing its monumental steps rewards the connoisseur with an unmatched panoramic view across the historic roofs.

ZEELAND PRIDE

The resilience of Middelburg is legendary. After facing devastating destruction during World War II, the citizens meticulously rebuilt their architectural heritage stone by stone, refusing to replace history with mundane modernity. This fierce pride in one's true identity is a core value shared deeply by the global rainbow community.

Lange Jan

The historic Abbey Tower 'Lange Jan' standing as a soaring monument to freedom, survival, and architectural brilliance.



Unique Ways to Discover & Highlights

UNIQUE WAYS TO DISCOVER

Take a Scenic Canal Cruise: Experience Middelburg from a completely different perspective by embarking on a relaxing boat tour through its canals (rondvaartmiddelburg.nl).

Follow the Guided Walking Tour: Discover the town's hidden gems at your own leisure by taking a stroll using the guide booklet.

PICTURESQUE LANDMARKS

- **De Markt:** The vibrant heart of the town, dominated by the Late Gothic Town Hall.
- **Vismarkt:** A charming, secluded square filled with character.
- **Kuiperspoort:** One of Middelburg's most beautiful and narrow historic alleyways.
- **Spijkerbrug & De Kaaien:** A stunning historic drawbridge overlooking the merchant quays.

Zeeland Pride

Zeeland Pride: A celebration of maritime legacy, open borders, and the sophisticated spirit of Middelburg.



Hoep Classics: Where Timeless Elegance Meets High-Octane Passion

A CELEBRATION OF AESTHETICS

For the true classic enthusiast, the Eurotour is far more than just a route plotted across a map; it represents an immersive celebration of aesthetics, boundless freedom, and the finer things in life. At Hoep Classics in Bruinisse, this profound connection is understood better than anywhere else.

Owner Jeroen Hoep has meticulously engineered a spectacular world of his own—a dedicated sanctuary defined by gleaming polished chrome, the intoxicating scent of historic engines, and the iconic design philosophies that gave each passing decade its own unique lustre.

THE CURATED TEMPLE

The classic car museum in Bruinisse serves as a beautifully curated temple for the absolute aficionado. Visitors can surround themselves completely with a stunning assembly of vehicles where the very soul of the previous century is dynamically brought back to life.

From the raw, unbridled power of a legendary 1927 Bugatti 35B and the timeless, flowing allure of the 1965 Jaguar E-type, to the nostalgic melodies echoing from classic jukeboxes and rare vintage vinyl records, history is palpable in every single corner.



A Parade of Character & Engineering Heritage

AUTOMOTIVE MASTERPIECES

Whether one has a deep-seated penchant for the effortless elegance of a 1955 Ford Thunderbird, the unmistakable sporting flair of a 1975 Porsche 911 Carrera, or the whimsical, avant-garde charm of a 1955 Messerschmitt KR 200, the collection stands as a vibrant parade of pure mechanical character.

For motorcycle enthusiasts, the experience is equally rich. From the imposing stance of the Harley Davidson Road King to the beautifully atmospheric curves of the classic Vespa Faro Basso, there is an extraordinary story to be discovered in every single detail.

IN THE WORDS OF OWNER JEROEN HOEP:

"We firmly believe that true class is best appreciated in good company. Beyond our museum collection, Hoep Classics breathes a pure love for engineering: we trade, we restore, and we regularly ensure our collection shines brilliantly at international events or during exclusive hires. Once a year, we open our doors to everyone without an appointment during the Visserijdagen in Bruinisse. By opening our museum during these days, we also proudly support the Stichting KiKa (Children Cancer-free Foundation) with all our hearts. If you wish to know more or arrange a personal viewing, we are completely at your disposal via +31 (0)6-53484817."

THE EXCLUSIVITY

The museum collection is preserved exclusively for private viewing by appointment only, remaining closed to the general public for most of the year. This ensures that the machinery is maintained in pristine condition, ready for historic rally participation or elite private hire.

The Hoep Classics Collection at a Glance

AUTOMOTIVE ICONS

- **1912** Buick Model 43 2-Seater Racer
- **1927** Bugatti 35B
- **1932** Alvis Giron
- **1934** Alvis Speed 20
- **1936** Austin 7 Speedex "Silverstone"
- **1937** Alvis 12/70 Sport
- **1950** Bentley Special 3/8 Racer
- **1955** Messerschmitt KR 200 Kabrio
- **1955** Ford Thunderbird
- **1965** Jaguar E-type Roadster
- **1966** Ferrari 330 2+2 Serie 2
- **1975** Porsche 911 Carrera 2.7
- **1978** Porsche 911 3.0 SC
- **1978** Corvette C3 Indy 500 Pace Car
- **1978** BMW 323i E21
- **1998** Alfa Romeo 145 2.0 QV Twin Spark
- **2002** Subaru Impreza WRX
- **2005** Aston Martin DB9 Volante

MOTORCYCLE LEGENDS

- **1940** Harley Davidson W40
- **1952** NSU Konsul 1
- **1955** Moto Guzzi Airone Sport 250
- **1957** Piaggio Vespa Faro Basso
- **1964** Honda RC 172 Recreation
- **1964** Ducati 160CC
- **1967** Vespa 50L – Lusso
- **1977** Honda DAX ST50 G
- **1980** Honda CX 500
- **1991** Kawasaki 400CC / 750CC
- **2006** Aprilia RS50
- **2007** Harley Davidson Road King



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The Plompetoren: A Lone Sentinel

THE SIGHT

The last surviving remnant of the drowned village of Koudekerke, which completely vanished into the waves between the 15th and 17th centuries. This striking 23-metre-high monumental guardian stands solitary on the very edge of the Oosterschelde dike, offering breathtaking vistas over the expanding water landscape.

THE ANECDOTE

In the 1930s, the tower was nearly demolished because it was considered a nuisance. It was ultimately saved by a fierce citizen-led preservation campaign heavily supported by the Dutch Royal House. It stands today as a classic example of historic Zeeland determination: choosing to restore rather than surrender to the elements.

THE RAINBOW STORY

The Plompetoren forms an exceptional metaphor for queer history: an identity that stubbornly endures and stands proud even when the entire world radically shifts around it. Visitors describe the surrounding reserve as exceptionally quiet, open, and safe—a serene location where you can fully exist unobserved, yet remain unshakeably present.



The lone Plompetoren on the dike, serving as a powerful monument of historical endurance, peace, and individual strength.

SOURCE: TRIPADVISOR

You can visit the “Plompetoren” on Saturday morning during your ride to the “Watersnoodmuseum”. The tower is located 10 minutes drive from the hotel. It has a nice view over the water and land.

Neeltje Jans: The Working Island

THE SIGHT

An artificial island purposefully created to serve as the main construction and logistics base for the colossal Oosterscheldekering storm surge barrier. What began as a temporary, raw working platform has gracefully evolved into an unique intersection where state-of-the-art engineering, protected nature, and educational maritime parks meet.

THE ANECDOTE

The island was poetically named after 'Nehalennia', the ancient Roman goddess of the North Sea who historically protected Zeeland sailors and merchants. This choice beautifully links a modern industrial achievement to centuries of profound regional maritime mythology. Even during our most complex engineering battles, history was watching over us.

THE RAINBOW STORY

The entire essence of Neeltje Jans is defined by profound transformation: shifting from a site of environmental disaster and raw construction into a triumph of world-class innovation. This journey resonates deeply with queer narratives—the ultimate courage to rebuild, to dynamically redefine oneself, and to live authentically without boundaries under the infinite Zeeland horizon.



Neeltje Jans: A testament to human transformation, bridging industrial heritage with a limitless, free future.

SOURCE: TRIPADVISOR

The Delta Works: Human Ingenuity

THE SIGHT

Widely recognized among the world's most impressive hydraulic engineering achievements, built in the devastating aftermath of the 1953 flood. The Oosterscheldekering is its crowning glory—a dynamic technical system of monumental pillars and moveable steel gates that became a global symbol of national pride.

THE ANECDOTE

The construction progress was followed so passionately by the Dutch public that the temporary information center had to be quickly adapted into a permanent architectural landmark. Collective national unity and technical mastery successfully transformed an unprecedented regional tragedy into one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World.

THE RAINBOW STORY

Standing firm together against overwhelming natural forces directly mirrors the modern history of the queer community. By building sophisticated, protective networks and collaborating closely, a community creates safe harbours. This allows individuals not merely to survive hostile environments, but to truly express themselves and shine.



The magnificent Delta Works: An architectural triumph demonstrating resilience, protection, and collective human spirit.

SOURCE: TRIPADVISOR

Neeltje Jans was the central construction island for the Delta Works' Oosterschelde storm surge barrier—and today it serves as a place where people can learn about and experience this impressive Dutch battle against the water. Definitely worth a visit, though we will not visit this during Eurotour 2026.

EUROTOUR PARTY: SUNDAY MAY 31, 2026

A Nautical Night – From Atlantis to Your Cruise Ship!

19:00h Welcome drink - Lobby / Central Plaza

20:00h BBQ - Central Plaza



We'll kick off the evening with a "Nau(g)t(h)ical hello mermaid, ahoy matey!" welcome drink, followed by a delicious BBQ. Then it's time to party in full nautical style—dressed to impress and ready to celebrate into the night!

Our house DJ Alfons ensures you can dance in the café right next to the main hall, leaving the hotel bar a little quieter for those who prefer not to dance.

