Annual Tulip Festival Tour





- Honored as an ABA Top 100 Event!

DAY ONE:

- Arrive with your group at your designated host hotel for a welcome reception, then depart for Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center, located in Quackenbush Square, downtown Albany. Tour the exhibit gallery, and the USS Albany Display; view a 15 minute orientation film, "Albany: A Cultural Crossroads," and take time to explore the gift shop for Albany items and unique gift ideas.
- Board the <u>Dutch Apple</u> for a tour of Albany by sea--this 90 minute cruise down the Hudson will cover the history of Albany while you take in a mariner's view of the City and surrounding area.
- Return to the hotel or go directly to dinner at a group-friendly Albany County restaurant, *request a current listing for selection*.
- Head to an evening show at <u>Times Union Center</u>, <u>The Egg</u>, <u>Capital Repertory</u> <u>Theatre</u>, <u>Palace Performing Arts Center</u>, <u>Troy Music Hall</u>, <u>Cohoes Music Hall</u>, <u>Comedy Works</u>, or <u>Proctors Theatre</u>, to name a few.
- Return to your hotel for an overnight.

DAY TWO:

- Breakfast at hotel before meeting your Albany step-on guide in the lobby of your hotel.
- Arrive at <u>Albany's Tulip Festival</u> in Washington Park at the motorcoach drop-off point in time for the coronation of the Tulip Queen at the Washington Park Lake House. Includes music and dance performances culminating with the crowning of the new Tulip Queen.
- Have a bite to eat at one of the 100 international food vendors or order a box lunch and continuing touring or have lunch at one of our friendly group restaurants. After a bit to eat, visit the juried art vendors at the festival and purchase a gift for yourself or for some one else!
- There are many choices in the afternoon. Here are just a few: <u>New York State</u> <u>Museum</u>; visit one of our historic Dutch homes and their gardens or a Dutch church; learn how to make chocolate at the Chocolate Gecko or do a winetasting at <u>Brookview Station Winery</u>, take a guided tour of the <u>Albany Institute</u> <u>of History & Art</u>; take a boat cruise on the Hudson River or choose from one of many Albany County attractions.
- Have dinner prior to leaving at one of our group friendly restaurants we can suggest eateries that will meet your needs and get you on the road with your group in a timely manner.