

CULINARY DINING TOUR

# Culinary Pleasure on the Water

IN THE HAGUE, AMSTERDAM AND LEIDEN

A one-of-a-kind event! This year, the Culinary Dining Tour will be organized in three cities; The Hague, Amsterdam and Leiden. Last year's event – the first Culinary Dining Tour in The Hague – was such a huge success that the decision was made to go national, rolling it out slowly across the country.







**I**n 2013 in The Hague alone, 650 people attended, and the event has already become a fixture on the Hague Events Calendar.

The aim of the event is to introduce the audience to the culinary highlights of the city's (top) restaurants, while acquainting them with the city's history. The parallel aim is to entice them to come back to the city at some later point in time to get to know it – and its restaurants – better.

The guests will be welcomed for a 90-minute dinner cruise that will take them along the beautiful canals of The Hague, Amsterdam and Leiden. Top chefs will prepare delicious five-course meals which will be served on board. During the cruise, the chefs will tell their guests all about the dishes and the wines.

According to Rogier Bakker and Rein Vrolijk who are organizing the event, there is once again much enthusiasm for the Dining Tour. Many organizations are planning on inviting their relations to the Tour, or to organize the Tour for their employees – so that they can enjoy its great ambiance and excellent wines.

This year, the Culinary Dining Tour will be organized in the following cities:

### **The Hague**

In The Hague, the Tour will take place on Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14. Friday will focus on the participants in, and guests of, the World Hockey Championships (see the Diary of Events on page 36), as well as expats from in and around The Hague. The lingua franca will therefore be English. Participating restaurants are: Restaurant *Niven*, Restaurant *Pearl* (Hilton The Hague), Villa la Ruche, Restaurant *Basaal*, and *Paul van Waarden*. The Dinner Cruise will take place on Friday June 13 from 4 P.M. till 9 P.M. (18 boats). It will take off from the center of The

*The success of the first edition of the Culinary Dining Tour is an excellent reason for bringing together the talents of the Hague's top chefs, and a fun way to allow you to get to know their 'signature dishes' – and the city's top restaurants.*

Edwin van den Heijkant Restaurant Pearl (Hilton The Hague)

Hague (Bierkade). On Saturday June 14, the Cruise will take place on 30 boats.

### **Amsterdam**

In Amsterdam the Culinary Dining Tour will take place on Saturday, August 30. That same weekend, the city will be hosting the Uitmarkt, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors, and likely, Sunday the 31st will be added to the agenda (check the website for the most up-to-date information). Participating restaurants and chefs will be published later on the website.

### **Leiden**

In Leiden, the Tour will take place on Saturday, September 13 and possibly Sunday, September 14. This same weekend, the city will be hosting Open Monumentendag (Monuments Day) – sure to bring tens of thousands of visitors to the center of Leiden. Participating restaurants are: Restaurant *In den Doofpot*, *The Restaurant* (Hilton Garden Inn Leiden), *Brasserie de Poort*, Grand Café restaurant *De Vriend*, and *Mangerie De Jonge Koekop*. ❧

For dates, prices, participating restaurants, chefs and locations please check: [www.culinairedinertocht.nl](http://www.culinairedinertocht.nl)