

INFORMATION KEUKENHOF 2009

- The most beautiful Spring Garden in the world.
- In the 15th century Countess Jacoba van Beieren was the forester of the estate. This was the grounds where she hunted and in the court next to her fortress "Teylingen", she grew herbs and vegetables for the kitchen. That is where the name Keukenhof comes from: court for the kitchen.
- In 1850 the original design for the park was made by father and son Zocher, landscape architects from Haarlem.
- In 1949 a group of flower bulb growers and exporters came up with the idea of holding an exhibition as showcase for the flower bulb industry.
- This year Keukenhof celebrates its 60th anniversary.
- We have welcomed almost 45 million visitors during that period.
- The total area of the park measures 32 hectares (about 80 acres).
- Every year 7 million flower bulbs are planted in more than 1600 different varieties.
- These bulbs are supplied by 93 exhibitors, our "Court Suppliers".
- Every year the park sows 7000 kilos of annual grass.
- In total there are 15 kilometers of walking paths.
- Along the entire length of these paths strips of turf are laid out.
- In 2009 the theme is: USA, New Amsterdam – New York, 400 years.
- An American themed route, with Names like: Brooklyn, Harlem and Wall Street and the river "Hudson" to be seen in Muscari.
- A flower mosaic of the "Statue of Liberty" in more than 50.000 flower bulbs.
- A "Walk of Fame" with flower bulbs named after famous American personalities and places.
- "the American Dream" an American inspirational garden.
- The animal paddock with a donkey, an American Oehoe and 2 raccoons.
- The beech trees of the Beech Tree Lane are over 160 years old.
- At Keukenhof there are more than 2500 trees in total in 87 different varieties.
- The largest sculpture garden in Holland with an own art collection under the name ART KEUKENHOF.
- Also a collection of 150 art objects have been composed by Mrs. Ansèl Sandberg.
- In the Historical Garden have been planted tulips, dating even from 1595, and also older varieties of daffodils.
- A replica of the Clusius garden after the original design of 1594 in the Hortus Botanicus in Leiden.
- A buste of Carolus Clusius, who brought the first tulips to the Netherlands.
- The total covered area is of 15,000 m² and there are 4 indoor pavilions.
- The Willem Alexander Pavilion has over 80,000 tulips on display, in more than 600 varieties and 120 varieties of daffodils.
- A photo exhibition of "Keukenhof 60 years" is to be seen in the Willem Alexander Pavilion.
- During the last week of opening, from May 14th till May 21 the largest indoor lily exhibition can be seen here with more than 300 different varieties of lilies.
- The Beatrix Pavilion shows orchids, bromeliad and anthuriums during the whole season in cooperation with the Dutch Orchid Organization (KNOP).
- In the Juliana Pavilion is an exhibition of the Dutch painter Ton Schulten.
- "Flower Power" is the theme for a hat exhibition of about 40 hats, composed by Jackie Habets, in the Juliana Pavilion.
- At the Orange Nassau Pavilion weekly changing exhibitions of flowers can be seen, with competitions for the best quality.
- The Flower bulb Information Pavilion provides specialized information about bulb growing.
- 7 Inspirational gardens with the theme: "be-green" with garden ideas for the consumer.
- There are 280 benches, 15 fountains and 32 bridges in the park.
- Every year 12 swans are leased for the duration of the opening period.

- There are 5 restaurants, 6 souvenir shops and 5 flower bulb selling point.
- The windmill from 1892, is at Keukenhof since 1957 and is on the Dutch Monument list.
- Sailing between the flower bulb fields behind Keukenhof in a float boat, driven by electric engines is possible.
- Cycling in the surroundings of Keukenhof along the flower bulb fields.
- The annual Flower Parade will take place on April 25th.
- Keukenhof will open in 2010 from March 18 until May 16.

For more information: www.keukenhof.nl