

## INFORMATION KEUKENHOF 2011

- The most beautiful Spring Garden in the world.
- In the 15<sup>th</sup> century Countess Jacqueline of Bavaria was the owner of the estate. In these grounds 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: Kitchen Garden
- 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 62nd anniversary.
- We have welcomed more than 51 million visitors since the opening.
- 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 more than 90 exhibitors, our "Court Suppliers".
- Every year most of the grass (especially under the trees) is removed and about 7000 kilos of annual grass is sown. Not to be walked on!
- In total there are 15 kilometers of walking paths.
- Along the entire length of these paths strips of turf are laid out. (= stronger grass)
- In 2011 the theme is: Germany, Land of Poets and Philosophers
- A German theme route goes from one entrance to the other
- Highlight is a flower mosaic of the Brandenburger Gate in Berlin
- 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.
- A large sculpture collection is shown under the name Art Keukenhof
- Additionally, a collection of art objects has been composed by Mrs. Ansèl Sandberg.
- In the Historical Garden tulips dating from 1595 and also old varieties of daffodils are planted. It is a replica of the Clusius garden after the original design of 1594 in the Hortus Botanicus in Leiden. Carolus Clusius, brought the first tulips to the Netherlands in 1592.
- The total covered area is 15,000 m<sup>2</sup> and there are 4 different indoor pavilions.
- The Willem Alexander Pavilion has over 80,000 tulips on display, in more than 600 varieties and 120 varieties of daffodils.
- During the last week of opening, from May 12 till May 20 the largest indoor lily exhibition in the world 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 there is a special theme exhibition: Netherlands – Germany Experience illuminating the many ties that bind both countries.
- 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 information about bulb growing.
- 7 Inspirational gardens give garden ideas and tips for the consumer.
- New this year for our smallest visitors is miffy's garden
- 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 3 flower bulb selling points
- The windmill from 1892, is in Keukenhof since 1957 and is on the Dutch Monument list.
- You can sail between the flower bulb fields behind Keukenhof in a silent boat, driven by electric engines
- It is also possible to cycle in between the flower bulb fields in the surroundings of Keukenhof
- The annual Flower Parade will take place on April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Keukenhof will be open in **2012** from March 22 until May 20.
- For more information: [www.keukenhof.nl](http://www.keukenhof.nl)