

Vesalius Trust

Holland & Belgium: Art and Anatomy

November 9-20, 2003

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Sunday , November 9 **USA/Amsterdam**
Depart Washington Dulles en route to Amsterdam.

Monday , November 10 **Leiden, Holland**
Upon arrival, we transfer by private motorcoach from the airport to our hotel. Following check-in, we have a walking orientation tour of Amsterdam.

Tuesday, November 11 **Amsterdam**
Stop briefly at the Amsterdams Historisch Museum, a beautifully restored 17th-century building containing an impressive collection of anatomical paintings, including Rembrandt's *The Anatomy Lesson of Doctor Joan Deyman*. Next, we visit the impressive van Gogh Museum, featuring the definitive collection of the artist's work, including the brooding *The Potato Eaters* and *The Yellow House*, as well as the world-renowned *Sunflowers*. The afternoon is at leisure.

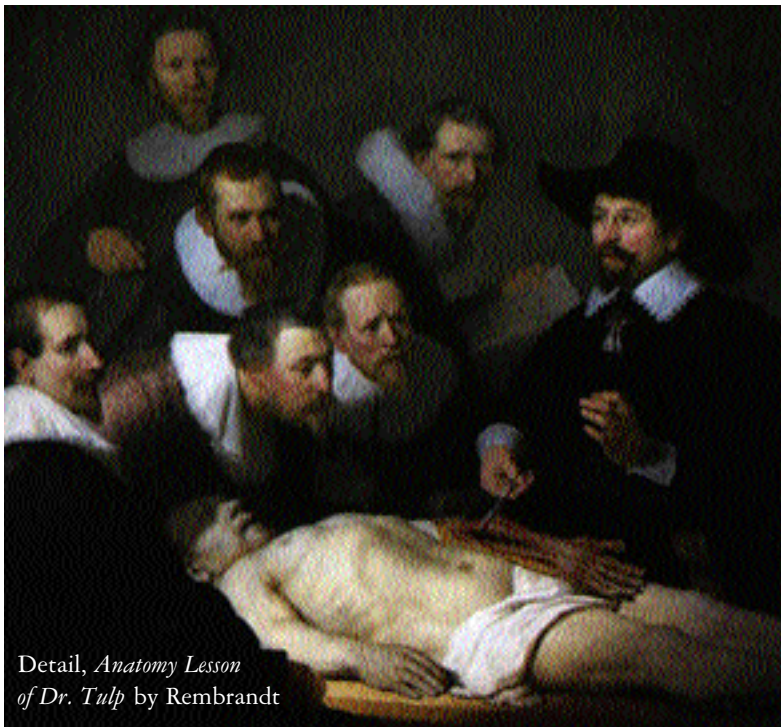
Wednesday, November 12 **Amsterdam**
Today, we have a tour of Rembrandt's House where we gain an intimate sense of the artist through a private tour of his residence from 1639 to 1658. We walk through the newly-restored rooms and view the master's printing press, as well as about 120 of the artist's etchings on the walls, including self-portraits and landscapes. Then, we enjoy a more complete exploration of Rembrandt's works during a guided tour of the famed Rijksmuseum, housing the most significant and permanent collection of Holland's 17th-century Golden Age works of art, including Rembrandt's *Night Watch*. Also, the museum's collection includes outstanding masterpieces by Vermeer, de Hooch, Tiepolo, Goya, Rubens, and Van Dyck, among others. The afternoon is at leisure.

Thursday, November 13 **Amsterdam/Haarlem/Leiden**
Today we drive to Leiden, stopping en route in the beautiful city of Haarlem. We begin at the Hals Museum, featuring an impressive collection of the most famous paintings of the masters of the Haarlem school, which hang in settings that look like the 17th-century homes they were intended to adorn. After lunch, we have a special tour of the Teylers Museum and Library, the oldest public museum in the country, to view its outstanding collection of medical illustrations and sketches., including a rare woodcut by Vesalius. Upon arrival in Leiden, we have a welcome reception in the company of AEIMS congress.

Friday, November 14 **Leiden**
The full day is devoted to the conference activities of the Association Européennes des Illustrateurs Médicaux et Scientifiques(AEIMS)/Vesalius Trust. Topic of Congress is "History of Anatomical and Scientific Illustration in Leiden".

Saturday, November 15 **Leiden**
The full day is devoted to the conference activities of the AEIMS/Vesalius Trust.

Sunday, November 16 **Leiden**
We begin at the Leiden University Library, where we will view the Albinus collection of anatomical illustrations, which includes the original drawings by Jan Wandelaar. In the afternoon, we will tour the Museum Boerhaave, which is located in the center of Leiden, the seat of the oldest Dutch university. Named after Herman Boerhaave, professor of medicine, botany and chemistry (1668-1738), the museum is housed in the former Caecilia Hospital, where Boerhaave gave his famous bedside teaching that attracted medical students to Leiden from all parts of the world. The museum collection includes items from over five centuries of science and medicine. There is also a life-size reconstruction of the old Anatomy Theatre (1596) with a grouping of real human and animal skeletons. We will also visit the renowned Leiden Museum of Anatomy



Detail, *Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Tulp* by Rembrandt

Monday, November 17

Leiden/Brugge

We drive to the perfectly preserved Medieval city of Brugge, considered one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Upon arrival, we will have a guided walking tour, including a stop at Onze-Lieve-Vrouwekerk, a magnificent church with a 400-foot spire, and home to a beautiful *Madonna and Child* by Michelangelo and a painting by Van Dyck. Following lunch, we visit the famed Groeninge Museum, with an incomparable collection that covers painting in the Low Countries from the 15th to the 20th century, including Van Eyck, Bosch, Magritte and Delvaux. The balance of the day is free.

Tuesday, November 18

Brugge/Brussels/The Hague

This morning, we visit Vesalius's birthplace in Brussels, where we will enjoy a special lecture on Vesalius's life. We continue to the former home of Victor Horta, a Belgian architect who was one of the pioneers of the Art Nouveau movement. Following lunch, we have a guided tour of the

Musées Royaux des Beaux-Arts for an overview of Belgian art. This museum houses the top collection of Belgian art, including masterpieces by Brueghel, Rubens, Van Dyck, Bosch, van der Weyden, Ensor, in addition to an outstanding international collection, including van Gogh, Renoir, and Gauguin. Adjacent to the museum is the Modern Art department, featuring works by Dalí and Magritte, among others. In the late afternoon, we continue to Maastricht, the Netherlands' oldest fortified city. A charming mixture of historic buildings and a wealth of incredible monuments, the city is also known for its cultural activities and some of the finest restaurants in Holland. We continue to The Hague in the late afternoon.

Wednesday, November 19

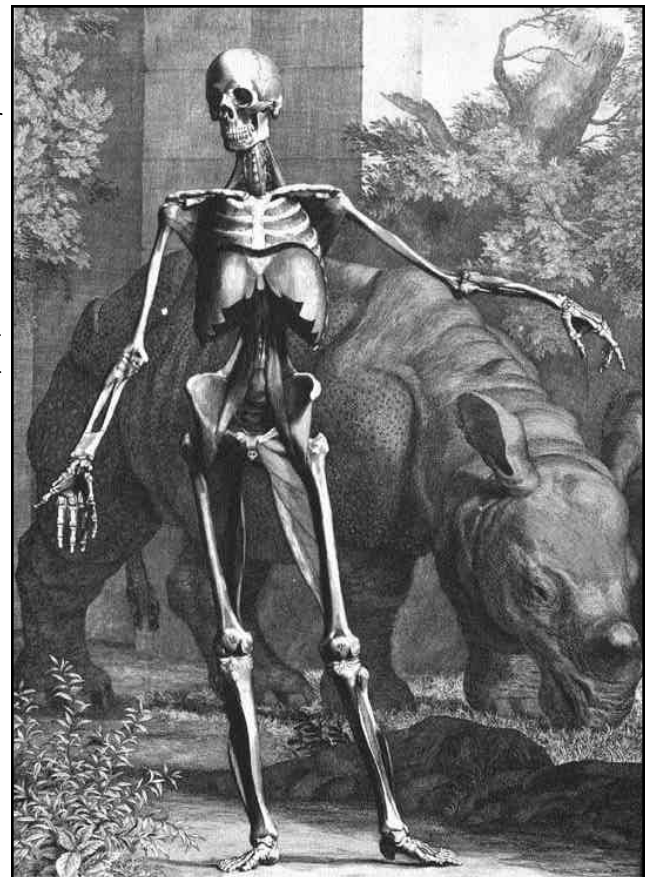
The Hague

Our day is devoted to exploring the The Hague. Following a brief walking tour of the city, we stop at The Mauritshuis Royal Cabinet of Paintings, a delightful 17th-century mansion housing an unsurpassed collection of paintings from Holland's Golden Age, including Rembrandt's famed *Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Tulp*. Following free time, we have a guided tour of the Municipal Museum, renowned for its remarkable collection of 20th-century art, including prints and drawings by Escher, Redon, Lautrec, and an incomparable Mondrian collection, including *New York Boogie Woogie*. This evening, we gather for a farewell dinner in one of The Hague's best restaurants.

Thursday, November 20

The Hague

We transfer to Amsterdam's international airport for return flights back to the United States.



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