TULIPS IN HOLLAND
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HISTORY OF THE TULIP

Have you ever wondered where tulips came from and how they made their way to the shores of Lake Michigan? Surprisingly, the Netherlands was not the first place to grow its trademark flower. As early as 1,000 AD, the Turks were cultivating tulips; their source was the mountainous region of central Asia that borders Russia and China. Many believe the flower was named for its resemblance to turbans worn in the Middle East – “turban,” in Latin, becomes “tulipa.”

Dutch tulip history began in 1593 when botanist Carolus Clusius began cultivating tulips in the Netherlands. At first, the tulip was a rarity only the very wealthy could afford. By 1624, the price of one Rembrandt-type tulip reached the equivalent of $1,500. The time between 1634 and 1637, commonly known as “Tulipmania,” is often compared to the Stock Market surge of the 1920s. In 1637, tulip trading crashed, leaving many of the rich instantly impoverished. However, over the following decades, the Dutch maintained a commercial devotion to the tulip.

Today the Netherlands produces three billion tulip bulbs a year. They export two billion, with the U.S. being the top importer.

The first tulip bulbs came to Holland, MI with one of the waves of settlers after Albertus VanRaalte founded the town in 1847. The bulbs were planted and thrived in the area’s sandy loam soil. In 1927, Lida Rodgers, a high school biology teacher, suggested that the city plant tulips along the streets and in city parks as a beautification effort. In 1928, the city purchased 100,000 bulbs; following Rodgers’ recommendation, Holland held its first tulip festival in the spring of 1929!
Each September close to 1,000,000 tulip bulbs arrive in Holland! After being inspected, the “planting of the bulbs” begins in early October and runs through mid-November. (Over 120 varieties of tulips are planted.)

200,000 bulbs are planted by hand, using bulb planters that punch a hole in the soil. The bulb is then dropped in and covered by raking the soil back over the bulb. The “tulip lanes” along the city streets are planted differently. Using a special machine developed by Holland Transplanter, a local company, a trench is dug along the curb’s edge, with the bulbs being hand-thrown into the trench. A machine then covers the bulbs with soil. The fields at both Windmill Island Gardens and Window on the Waterfront Park are planted with a six row modified planter. Planting 113,000 bulbs at both locations takes about two-and-a-half days. Another 30,000 bulbs are planted at Window on the Waterfront by volunteers during “tulip bulb planting day.” The Parks Department and staff at Windmill Island Gardens also plant over 400,000 tulip bulbs along the city streets and in the parks.

When you combine the City Parks Department plantings, Windmill Island Gardens plantings, and the area tulip farm plantings, along with local businesses and residents planting their own bulbs, Holland bursts into bloom with over 5,000,000 tulips each spring!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Many visitors want to take tulip bulbs home to plant in their own gardens. While bulbs are not available in the spring, they can be ordered for fall delivery. Look for the 🌷🌷🌷 to see where bulbs can be ordered.
TULIP (TYPES)

SINGLE LATE
The ‘Single’ classification comes from the unique cup-shaped six-petal flower. Late spring bloomers have an average height of 18 to 30 inches (45-75 cm). Often called “cottage tulips” because of their perfect height to plant along traditional white cottage fencing, you’ll see many of these tulips throughout the U.S. and Europe, since it is what most people think a tulip looks like!

TRIUMPH
The Triumph tulips, (often called mid-season tulips) are slightly smaller with their single cup-shaped flowers up to 2.5 inches (6 cm) wide. They make good cut flowers and work well for forcing to bloom indoors. The cover photo on the Holland Visitors Guide is a triumph tulip.

DARWIN HYBRID
Darwin Hybrid tulips (an early season bloom) are known for their size! Blossoms are an almost perfect pyramid shape when closed, but can measure as much as 6 inches (15 cm) in diameter when fully open. Because of their long stems, lovely pyramid shape, and brilliant colors, Darwin Hybrids are often considered the very best type of tulip to raise for cut flowers.

DOUBLE (EARLY AND LATE)
The blossoms of the Double tulip have so many petals they are nicknamed Peony Tulips. They don’t have a large selection of colors like other types, but are very long lasting. On sunny days, when they are completely open, the blossoms can be as wide as 4 inches in diameter.

MULTI-FLOWERING
These bouquet-flowering tulips produce at least four full-sized flowers per stem. Technically not a class of tulips unto themselves, but part of the single late group, they make for a full garden display as well as lush cut flower arrangements.

FRINGED
Fringed tulips have petals topped with fringes that look like the frayed edge of a piece of satin. Although they tend to be shorter tulips, the blooms are quite long-lasting.

LILY FLOWERING
The late flowering Lily tulips have slender flowers often sporting pointed, recurving petals which are reflexed (bent back) and resemble a lily or urn. From above, the open flower can look like a six-pointed star. In Turkey, this is the tulip of choice.

PARROT
Parrot tulips (mid-season) are flamboyant tulips with curly, twisted, and fringed petals that resemble the colorful feathers of the tropical bird of the same name. However, their beak-shape buds are what earned them their moniker. Nearly all varieties of parrot tulips are vibrantly mutli-colored.

VIRIDIFLORA
The term Viridiflora is derived from two Latin words: viridis meaning green and flos meaning flower. All Viridiflora tulips have a streak of green somewhere on each petal. This contrasts dramatically with the basic flower color (white, pink, gold, etc.). In addition to this spectacular color contrast, Viridiflora tulips are also known for their exceptionally long-flowering capability.
TULIP VARIETY (NAME)

* Windmill Island Gardens only

AKEBONO * - Primrose Yellow w/Red Edges - Darwin Hybrid
ALADDIN - Red w/Yellow Edge - Lily
ALEppo - Red/Yellow - Fringe
AMERICA'S HOLLAND * - Pink - Single Late
ANGEL KISS - Light Pink - Single Late
ANGELIQUE * - Pale Pink - Double
ANNIE SCHILDER - Orange - Triumph
ANTOINETTE * - Pale Yellow to Pink to Salmon - Single Late
APRICOT PARROT - Apricot - Parrot
ARABIAN MYSTERY - Purple w/White Edging - Triumph
ASTA NIELSON - Yellow - Single Late
ATTILA - Purple - Triumph
AVIGNON - Orange - Single Late
BALLADE - Pink w/White Edge - Lily
BALLERINA * - Orange - Lily
BARCELONA - Hot Pink - Triumph
BARONESSE * - Soft Pink - Single Late
BASTOGNE - Red - Triumph
BELLFLOWER - Pink/White - Fringe
BIG BROTHER - Orange - Single Late
BIG SMILE - Yellow - Single Late
BLACK PARROT - Deep Dark Purple - Parrot
BLUSHING BEAUTY - Pale Yellow w/Pink Flames - Single Late
BLUSHING LADY - Yellow w/Salmon Blush - Single Late
BORDEAUX - Wine Red - Single Late
BUDLIGHT * - Yellow w/White Edges - Lily
BURGANDY - Violet - Lily
BURGANDY LACE - Red - Fringe
BURNING HEART * - Pale Yellow w/Red Flames - Darwin Hybrid
CANASTA - Red/White - Fringe
CANDY CLUB - White w/Pink Edge - Mutli-Flowering
CARAVELLE - Deep Purple - Single Late
CARMARQUE - Cream w/Red - Single Late
CAROUSEL * - White and Red - Fringe
CHINA PINK * - Pink - Lily
CITY OF VANCOUVER - Cream to Pale Yellow - Single Late
CRISPY MARY - Yellow - Fringe
CURLY SUE - Deep Purple - Fringe
DILLENBURG - Orange - Single Late
DON QUICHOTTE - Pink - Triumph
DORDOGNE - Orange to Rose Pink - Single Late
DOUGLAS BADER - Pink - Triumph
DREAMLAND - White and Hot Pink - Single Late
EL NINO - Orange w/Pink - Single Late
ELEGANT LADY - Yellow/Red - Lily
FANCY FRILLS - White to Pink - Fringe
FATS DOMINO - Yellow - Triumph
FRANCOISE - White w/Yellow Blush - Single Late
GANDER'S RHAPSODY - Cherry Red w/White Spotting - Triumph
GOERGETTE - Yellow Red - Multi-flowering
GRAND DOUCER - Red - Single Late
GREUZE - Purple - Single Late
HALCRO - Red - Single Late
HAMILTON * - Yellow - Fringe
HOCUS POCUS - Yellow w/Red Base - Single Late
ILE DE FRANCE - Red - Triumph
INZELL * - White - Triumph
JAN REUS - Maroon - Triumph
KINGS ORANGE - Orange - Triumph
KINGSBLOOD - Red - Single Late
LA COURTINE - Yellow w/Red Flames - Single Late
LADY JANE * - Cream and Rosy Red - Clusiana
MAGIC LAVENDER - Lavender - Triumph
MARIETTE - Pink/Rose - Lily
MARILYN - White w/Red Flames - Lily
MATA HARI - White w/Red Edge - Single Late
MAUREEN - White - Single Late
MENTON - Soft Peach - Single Late
MERLOT * - Burgundy - Lily
MODERN STYLE - Lavender w/White - Multi-flowering
MRS. JT SCHEEPERS - Yellow - Single Late
MUSCADET - Yellow - Single Late
NEGrita - Dark Purple - Triumph
NEW DESIGN - Pink - Triumph
OLLIOULES * - Pale Pink w/Rose Flames - Darwin Hybrid
ORANGE BOUQUET - Orange - Multi-Flowering
ORANGE PRINCESS * - Orange - Double Late
PARROT MIX - Mix - Parrot
PASSIONALE - Purple - Triumph
PEER GYNT - Pink - Triumph
PERESTROYKA * - Pink to Apricot - Single Late
PINK DIAMOND * - Pink - Single Late
PITTSBURGH - Dark Maroon/Black - Triumph
PLAYGIRL - Pink w/White - Triumph
PRINCESS IRENE * - Orange w/Purple Flames - Triumph
PURPLE DREAM * - Purple - Lily
QUEEN OF NIGHT - Deep Dark Purple - Single Late
RAJiKA * - Red w/Pink Edges - Triumph
RED GEORGETTE - Yellow w/Red - Multi-flowering
RED PARROT - Red - Parrot
RED SHINE - Red - Lily
RENOwN - Deep Pink - Single Late
ROI DU MIDI - Yellow - Single Late
ROSALIE - Pink - Triumph
SALVO * - White w/Raspberry Edges - Triumph
SAUTERNES - Light Pink to Mauve - Single Late
SCHLEEPERS HYBRID MIX - Mix - Single Late
SHIRLEY - White w/Purple - Triumph
SILVER STREAM * - Pale Yellow w/Red Streaking - Darwin Hybrid
SNOW PARROT - White - Parrot
SORBET - White w/Red Featherings - Single Late
SPRING GREEN * - White w/Green Flames - Viridiflora
SUNCATCHER - Yellow w/Red Tips - Triumph
SWAN WINGS - White - Fringe
TEMPLE OF BEAUTY - Deep Salmon Rose - Single Late
TEMPLES FAVORITE - Orange/Red - Single Late
TOYOTA - Red w/White Edges - Single Late
TEXAS GOLD - Yellow/Red - Parrot
VERSACI - Red - Fringe
VIOLET BEAUTY - Violet - Single Late
WHITE BOUQUET - White - Multi-flowering
WHITE ELEGANCE - White - Lily
WHITE TRIUMPHATOR * - White - Lily
WORLD EXPRESSION * - Pale Yellow to Ivory w/Red Flames - Single Late
WORLD FRIENDSHIP - Pale Yellow - Triumph
YELLOW PRESENT * - Yellow - Triumph
YOSEMITE * - Pink - Single Late
ZUREL * - White w/Purple Flames - Triumph

DID YOU KNOW?

New tulip bulbs are planted downtown and in city parks every year. After the tulips have bloomed and turn brown, residents and visitors are invited to Holland’s annual Tulip Dig, where, for $10, one can dig up enough bulbs to fill a five gallon bucket. This one day event is a fundraiser for Holland in Bloom, a city initiative to promote beautification, environmental awareness, and heritage preservation in our community. www.hollandinbloom.com
TULIP PLANTING MAPS

CENTENNIAL PARK

239 S. River Ave 49423
This Victorian-style park was Holland’s original market square. Featuring a fishpond, fountain, and winding cobblestone pathways, the park is the site of evening Klompen Dance performances. The Artisan Market takes place here on Saturday and Sunday, May 5 & 6, the Wooden Shoe Market (Dutch for Mother’s Day) occurs on Sunday, May 13.
(See corresponding map on page 12)

DOWNTOWN HOLLAND

37400 TULIPS
The downtown shopping district boasts beautiful plantings in beds and planters.
(See corresponding maps on pages 14-17)

WINDOW ON THE WATERFRONT

85,000 TULIPS
110 Columbia Ave 49423
Two short blocks from downtown, Window on the Waterfront offers walking paths through tulip beds and beds. Life-size statues of Dutch Immigrants, Cornelius & Geertje, are surrounded by an array of 9,000 tulips. You can take any of the paths towards the Macatawa Marsh and continue on to Windmill Island Gardens. During Tulip Time, Tulip City bus tickets can be purchased here.
(See corresponding map on page 18-21)

WINDMILL ISLAND GARDENS

120,500 TULIPS
WINDMILL ISLAND GARDENS
Home of DeZwaan, a centuries old imported Dutch windmill, this beautiful park has tulips planted in formal gardens and growing fields. Enjoy Dutch food at Tante Nellie’s, and step back in time during the Historic Dutch Trade Fair on Saturday, May 12. Live music and fireworks take place here on Saturday, May 12.
(See corresponding map on page 18-21)

PADNOS TRANSPORTATION CENTER

240 Kollen Park Dr 49423
Less than a mile from the heart of downtown Holland is picturesque Padnos Park. This city park has a covered picnic shelter and picnicking tables, a playscape for kids, a fountain and statuary. Paved paths connect to the Heinz Waterfront Boardwalk along the Lake Macatawa shore.
(See corresponding map on page 12)

HOPE COLLEGE CAMPUS

3,500 TULIPS
13th Streets and College & Lincoln Avenues.
Five miles of curbside plantings provide a driving route through Holland’s neighborhood park. Some of the earliest blooming tulips & flowering trees grace this petite neighborhood park.
(See corresponding map on page 18-21)

PROSPECT POINT PARK

4,875 TULIPS
506 Central Ave 49423
Some of the earliest blooming tulips and flowering trees grace this neighborhood park.
(See corresponding map on page 18-21)

PADNOS TRANSPORTATION CENTER
3,000 TULIPS
171 Lincoln Ave 49423
The Padnos Transportation Center, Holland’s transportation hub, serves the greater Holland area. In addition to live tulips, a giant metal sculpture of a man holding a bouquet of tulips graces the grounds.
(See corresponding maps on pages 22-25)

TULIP LANES, PLANTINGS & ATTTRACTIONS

CURBSIDE TULIP LANCES
250,000 TULIPS
Six miles of curbside plantings provide a driving route through Holland’s neighborhoods, including the historic district. The most picturesque portion features flowering Kwalwanz, cherry, crab and plum trees along the boulevards of Washington Ave and 12th St. Although the city plants the bulbs, residents who live on tulip lanes are encouraged to maintain them.

KOLLEN PARK
6,900 TULIPS
240 Kollen Park Dr 49423
Less than a mile from the heart of downtown Holland is picturesque Kollen Park. This city park has a covered picnic shelter and picnic tables, a playscape for kids, a fountain and statuary. Paved paths connect to the Heinz Waterfront Boardwalk along the Lake Macatawa shore.

HOPE COLLEGE CAMPUS
3,500 TULIPS
Closest of tulips bloom throughout the campus, which is bounded by 10th & 13th Streets and College & Lincoln Avenues.

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4,875 TULIPS
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TULIP TIME FESTIVAL OFFICE
42 West 8th Street
(616) 399.1900
holland.org
(See corresponding maps on pages 18-21)

TULIP TIMELAPSE OFFICE
42 West 8th Street
(616) 396.4221
800.822.2770
tuliptime.com
Only 15-20% of all tulip varieties are fragrant. Most fragrant tulip varieties are orange or apricot in color.
**7TH STREET TULIPS**

*5500 Tulips • 6 BEDS*

- 7th Street Parking Entrance (corner 7th/Columbia Ave)
  - Schippers Hybrid Mix
  - New Design – pink

- Parking Entrance (corner 7th/River Ave)
  - Caravelle – deep purple
  - Blushing Lady – light yellow w/salmon blush
  - Caravelle – deep purple
  - Dillenburg – orange
  - Dordogne – orange/yellow

- Parking Entrance (between Central Ave and College Ave)
  - Attila – purple
  - Big Brother – orange

**9TH STREET TULIPS**

*5150 Tulips • 3 BEDS*

- Armory/Museum Parking Entrance
  - Toyota – red w/white stripe
  - Maureen – white
  - Menton – soft peach
  - Arabian Mystery – purple w/white edging

- Parking Entrance (between River Ave and Central Ave)
  - Mrs. JT Scheepers – yellow
  - (MIX) Negrita – dark purple

- Park Entrance (between Central Ave and College Ave)
  - Sauternes – light pink to mauve
  - (MIX) Big Brother – orange

- Holland Rescue Mission Parking Entrance
  - Sauternes – light pink to mauve
  - (MIX) Big Brother – orange

**RIVER AVE TULIPS**

*4700 Tulips • 6 BEDS*

- Apothecary Gift Shop - Rear West Parking Entrance
  - Angel Kiss – light pink
  - Caravelle – deep purple

- Harbor Bay Furniture
  - Mata Hari – white w/red edge

- Home and Company
  - Bordeaux – wine red

- Park Theatre
  - Sauternes – light pink to mauve

- Readers World
  - Crispy Mary – yellow

**DID YOU KNOW?**

There are 178,800 tulips in area parks and all are within walking distance of downtown. Depending on tulip bed size, each bed has between 250-1,100 tulips.
DID YOU KNOW?

2/5 of the tulips at Window on the Waterfront are hand-planted by one hundred volunteers over the course of four hours.
Window on the Waterfront is a 30-acre park that includes prairie areas, walking/biking paths, scenic overlooks of the Macatawa Marsh and DeZwaan Windmill. Riverview Park also hosts a vintage baseball game during Tulip Time!

After the tulip season, the City Parks Department plants over 60,000 annuals in the downtown and adjoining parks.
DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to plantings shown, bulbs are also planted in over 200 planters, pots and containers that have been preserved in cold storage. They are displayed throughout Windmill Island Gardens during the festival.
DID YOU KNOW?

"Making a better world... one garden at a time.”
During the summer season, the island hosts a community garden, ‘de Gezellige Tuin’. For a nominal fee, residents can lease a plot to grow their own fruits and vegetables. Plot owners are given seeds and are responsible for weeding, watering, and harvesting.
TOP TEN REASONS TO VISIT HOLLAND

VIBRANT DOWNTOWN
Boutique shopping, summer street performers, waterfront concerts, open-air Farmer's Market

WARM SANDY BEACHES
Holland State Park, Tunnel Park and secluded Laketown Beach

SPECIALTY SHOPPING
Over 100 downtown shops, galleries and eateries, charming neighborhood districts, Dutch import shops

FESTIVALS & EVENTS
Tulip Time, Dutch Winterfest, Tulipanes, Latino Film Festival, Civil War Muster, Art In the Park, Live Mannequin Night, Girlfriend's Weekend

UNIQUE DUTCH ATTRACTIONS

BIG RED LIGHTHOUSE
Michigan's most photographed lighthouse on the shores of Lake Michigan. Big Red is best viewed from across the channel at Holland State Park (2214 Ottawa Beach Rd, 49424). For further information, log onto BigRedLighthouse.org and click on "visitor info."

OUTDOOR FUN
150 miles of paved bike paths, Mt. Pisgah dune climb, nature centers, U-picks & farm markets, golfing, fishing, and cross-country skiing

FAMILY FUN
Clown bowling, laser tag, go-karts, bumper boats, mini golf, paddle wheel cruises, splash pads

HOPS, GRAPES & SPIRITS
Microbreweries, distilleries and wine tasting rooms

AWARD-WINNING COMMUNITY
"America's Prettiest Towns" Forbes Magazine

**TOP TEN HOLLAND AREA HOTELS**

- Baymont Inn & Suites
  - 616.396.8822
- Best Western Plus
  - 616.396.8822
- CityPlaza Hotel
  - 616.994.0400
- Country Inn by Radisson
  - 616.994.1010
- Days Inn
  - 616.994.7001
- DoubleTree by Hilton
  - 616.994.0111
- Farm Inn
  - 616.994.7001
- Holiday Inn Express
  - 616.395.2000
- Hampton Inn & Suites
  - 616.394.2500
- Hampton Inn
  - 616.394.2500
- Hawthorn Inn & Conference Center
  - 616.395.2500
- Microtel Inn & Suites
  - 616.392.2525
- Quality Inn – Holland
  - 616.392.5380
- Quality Inn – Hudsonville
  - 616.662.4000
- Residence Inn
  - 616.395.3300
- Travelodge – Hudsonville
  - 616.896.6710
- Winona Street Inn
  - 616.394.2500
- Woodspring Suites
  - 616.392.3235

For more information, go to www.holland.org