

# *Molly Cromwell Presents*

## The Netherlands & Belgium Tour March 20-28, 2012

Including XXSmall Exhibiton: *17th-20th Century Exhibition of Dollshouses, Dolls & Miniatures*

Plus 2 Days at the Internationally Acclaimed Arnhem Dollshouse Show

I am beyond excited! The largest Miniatures Exhibition ever held is going to take place in the Netherlands in 2012 - and you can be there!

The dates are now in place for our March 20-28 trip to The Netherlands & Belgium....including the spectacular XXSmall Exhibition of 17th -20th century Dollshouses, Dolls and Miniatures at the Gemeente Museum in The Hague. Since a miracle like this isn't going to occur again in my lifetime, it's now or never - I wouldn't miss it for anything! The curator has gathered the finest examples of miniatures in these categories from museums and private collections all over Europe and England. It would take months of travel and a huge expense to see all that will be assembled - never ever in my wildest dreams had I ever expected to be able to take you to see them all in one location!

The size of this show is just overwhelming. Their miniature silver alone will have its own dedicated gallery - and publication! A huge collection of antique costumed dolls will delight us - plus more dolls in native costumes or different eras of style will be displayed. Even a German dollshouse from the 1600's - totally furnished, not to mention other important dollhouses and famous Baby Houses.

In addition to this once in a lifetime opportunity, we'll have two days at the terrific Arnhem Dollshouse Show! It's a favorite of our travelers. The dealers are outstanding - we not only see many old friends from the Birmingham and Kensington shows - but many dealers who are new to us as well, since they don't travel to the US or UK. If you haven't been to the Arnhem spring show's new location, you are going to really appreciate its impressive venue and wonderful layout. Loads of room & great light. Collectors love it, as they can go a little crazy and not break the bank!

Our trip also includes a guided tour of 12<sup>th</sup> century Volendam en Marken - quaint fishing villages with charming shops, where locals often dress in the folk costume of the area. Delft - watch how delicately artists work to create the lovely china that bears the same name - and I'll show you where they are making miniature versions! Haarlem -home to the Sara Ploos Van Amstel Baby House at the Frans Hals Museum. Rijkswijk - location of our favorite miniatures shop in Holland - they'll open especially for our group. Brussels - chocolate, lace, and another well stocked miniatures shop full of treasures. Wonderful hotels, a private coach, and breakfast and dinner are included. Airfare is not included as many of our travelers prefer to use their air miles. Deposits are due now. Your \$500 deposit reserves your space as well as our hotels and the coach! Mail to Molly Cromwell Presents Tours, 4701 Duncan Dr., Annandale, VA 22003. I take a limited number on my tours, and accept reservations in the order deposits are received. If you're as excited as I am about this trip, see the brochure on [www.mollycromwell.com](http://www.mollycromwell.com)  
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I must thank Rika, editor of the Netherlands miniatures magazine for letting me know about this incredible Exhibition - she knew you wouldn't want to miss it! You will have a chance to meet her during

out two days at her Arnhem Dollshouse Show. I've also been in touch with XXSmall's curator who looks forward to meeting all of you!

Because you always want to know what's ahead for traveling with kindred spirits....here's some travel to look forward to in 2012 and beyond.....

### **JUNE 28 ~ JULY 13 RUSSIA REVEALED: MOSCOW TO ST. PETERSBURG CRUISE**

I know that many of you have longed to visit Russia - here's your chance to travel with kindred spirits. We're cruising aboard a Grand Circle Travel private river ship from Moscow to St Petersburg June 28-July 13, 2012, with an optional post-cruise extension in the Baltic Capitals of Helsinki, Finland & Tallinn, Estonia. I figure if I found miniature Faberge eggs in Budapest, we're bound to find them in Russia, too...ditto, miniature silver. Remember Vladimir Matusovsky from Canada - now deceased? He had hoped for a career in medicine but after his stint in the Russian army, his profession was chosen for him - silversmith. So he was trained to make silver miniatures for the Russian tourist trade. I'm betting somebody's still making similar pieces...and if they are, we'll find them! I'd like you to view this video and see just how special this adventure is going to be. <https://www.brainshark.com/gct/MC-OZZ>

Unpack once, the ship is our hotel - with four nights docked in both Moscow and St Petersburg, and going out each day to see the Kremlin, Moscow Circus, Red Square, actual Faberge pieces, the Catherine Palace, the Hermitage, Peterhof... and cruising in between, plus stopping for sights along the way. We'll be visited by some WWII vets, whose stories you'll enjoy, plus an optional experience to historic Jewish sites. GCT trips are always well paced for discovery on one's own or exploring quaint shops in charming villages. Pricing on the brochure is shown with and without airfare, as you may wish to book your own. ALL meals are included, designed for the American palate, but lots of local fare to choose from, too! We'll even have a Blini Party and a Vodka tasting!

Cabins for our Grand Circle June 28-July 13 Russia Revealed cruise are reserved for our Group with deposits due now. Please contact me if you plan to join us...I'll send you a brochure, with a detailed itinerary. View the brochure on my web site: [www.mollycromwell.com](http://www.mollycromwell.com) You will need to know my Group Code: G2-20068 when calling Grand Circle Travel as well as departure our June 28 departure date. Call GCT now: 1 800 597-2452, press 2. If you're traveling solo...sign on as a Share Requestor. Note: I already have a Florida traveler looking for someone to share a cabin.

**DECEMBER 2012 CHRISTMAS MARKETS ALONG THE DANUBE.** Neuremberg to Vienna with pre and post optional extensions in Munich and Vienna. Don't miss this one. Let DH and your BFF know now! Get your name on the list so you can hear about it the instant that GCT releases its dates, probably around January.

**MAY 2013**, we'll be headed back to **ENGLAND & SCOTLAND - & THE KENSINGTON DOLLS' HOUSE FESTIVAL** for two days. Plus free time for Portobello Road, Covent Garden, Victoria & Albert Museum - your free time to spend as you choose. Then, while heading north, we'll also take in the Lake District including visiting Beatrix Potter's cottage and Wordsworth's home. Many of you have said you would like to visit Scotland or return there....so we're planning the itinerary accordingly - just giving you a heads up now so you can mark your calendar and start feeding your piggy bank!

Cheers,  
Molly

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