

Theme year 2019: Delft & The Golden Age.

The 17th century was also a Golden Age for Delft. The economy flourished, as well as the art (Delft Blue) and the science with Hugo de Groot and Antoni van Leeuwenhoek. Delft had an important part in the formation of the VOC in 1602 and was one of the six cities where a chamber of the VOC was located. In the Golden Age, the world-famous Delft Blue was created in Delft. There have lived and/or worked well-known Dutch masters such as Johannes Vermeer, Pieter de Hooch and Carel Fabritius.

For these reasons, Delft will take an active part in the national theme year, Rembrandt and the Golden Age. Also involved, are Hoorn, Enkhuizen, Haarlem, Amsterdam, Leiden, The Hague, Dordrecht and Middelburg. In 2019 Delft will 'embrace the gold theme' with a year of cultural programmes, all with the theme of 'The Golden Age in Delft'.

Below you will find the program for 2019:

29 MAR 2019, 26 APR 2019, 31 MAY 2019

Painting the Golden Age.

Workshop at the Botanical Garden 17th -century still life painting with flora from the botanical garden by artist Gonny Stuut.

18 JAN until 30 JUN 2019

Exhibition Glorious Delft Blue.

Exhibition at the Royal Delft Factory on the Delft Blue glory and grandeur of the Golden Age in relation to contemporary.

6/7 APR 2019

Delft Gold weekend: Living Delft Blue window display days.

Weekend with various activities (warm welcome on the market, Golden Age show, guided walks with characters from the Golden Age) and living window displays in more than 100 shops.

19 APR – 21 JUL 2019

Exhibition ' de Melkmeid van Vermeer '

Exhibition at Vermeer Centre Delft with works created by amateurs and artists inspired by one of the most famous works: The Milkmaid.

MAY 2019

It's not just gold that excels

Exhibition in the Maria van Jesse Church, where besides the silver, the poverty side of the Golden Age is also highlighted. From May open every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

11 MAY & 25 MAY 2019

Musical event Delft Masters.

World premiere by the Royal Harmony Chapel in the new church.

25/26 MAY 2019

Delft Gold Weekend: Theme Floral.

Weekend with various activities (warm welcome to the market, Golden Age show, guided walks with characters from Golden Age).

30 MAY until 10 JUN 2019

Pink is the new gold.

Street Theatre Festival: at 21 locations, 51 performing artists playing over 400 performances.

29 JUN until 20 JUL 2019

A heart of gold.

Exhibition with a quirky interpretation of paintings from the past Golden Age.



JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP 2019

Delft Gold Weekend:

Various activities (warm welcome to the market, Golden Age show, walks with characters from the Golden Age as a guide). **Themes: JUN/JUL:** Playing/moving window displays **AUG/SEP:** Welcome to my street.

JUN/JUL 2019

Canal-Art Delft & the Golden Age.

Floating exposition of free art expressions centered around the theme of the Golden Age on the historic canals of Delft.

JUN – DEC 2019

Ancient times.

Exciting cinematic theatre tour about Pieter de Hooch, the Golden Age and in and around the Museum of Prinsenhof.

1 JUL 2019

Delft Mills in the Golden Age.

Exhibition in the Mill de Roos. Mills have been of crucial economic and social importance for the Golden Age. Without the mills the golden age may not have existed in the Netherlands.

25 JUL – 4 AUG 2019

Delft Chamber Music Festival.

With compositions from the Golden Age.

14 SEP 2019

Déjà Vu.

Exhibition in the outer space, in the railway area, with works of different artists who have worked the Golden Age in a contemporary way.

14/15 SEP 2019

Open Monument Day.

Places of pleasure in the Golden Age opening up in buildings from the Golden Age with vocals, music and stories inspired by the theme ' Places of Pleasure ' in the Golden Age.

8 – 15 SEP 2019

Madonnari Festival.

Pieter de Hooch in the picture route, along 12 large 2D and 3D street drawings in the Centre inspired by the theme ' mother and Child ' by Pieter de Hooch. Around the drawings there is/are music, workshops and debates about care, poverty and education.

From the 11th October onwards

Pieter van Hooch in Delft: Out of the shadow of Vermeer.

Exhibition in the Prinsenhof with about 30 original works by Pieter van Hooch, a major contemporary of Vermeer. The exhibition focuses on the paintings of De Hooch in Delft.

19/20 Oct 2019

Delft Gold Weekend: Theme ' Living History '.

Weekend with various activities (warm welcome to the market, Golden Age show, guided walks with characters from the Golden Age).

