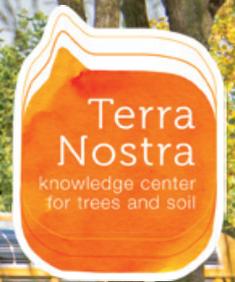




The Arboricultural Association and Terra Nostra presents



Netherlands Study Tour 2023

OPM & Ash Dieback in the Dutch Urban Jungle

28th–30th June 2023

Limited to **36** places*

A special three-day study tour in the Netherlands, with the opportunity to experience first-hand the consequences of oak processionary moth (OPM) in the eastern region of the Netherlands and observe the outcomes of ash dieback (ADB) in the west, as well as sooty bark disease.

A series of field trips will take delegates to hot spots of infestation, providing numerous examples and offering practical information, demonstrating the effects of these diseases on trees, as well as insights into their management and policies.

For this truly unique arboricultural voyage, you won't be confined to an office; instead, you'll be outside or riding in the Safari Bus as you explore the Urban Dutch Jungle!

Throughout the journey, Henry Kuppen will sprinkle in his knowledge of tree diseases and offer insights into the landscape's origins. We'll also be joined by scientist, consultant and OPM expert Wendy Batenburg and Roel Geerts, an expert in Ash Dieback analysis and decision making.

Henry Kuppen. The excursion will be led and prepared by Henry Kuppen. He is Tree Ambassador of Terra Nostra and has a practical background consisting of 40 year experience in Arboriculture and is one of the key composers of the Ash Dieback National Survey Standard and Sooty Bark disease protocol in the Netherlands. Henry is also board member of the National Oak Processionary Moth Knowledge Centre and is considered to be the leading expert on OPM. Henry has been involved with OPM management in the UK as of 2009.



Wendy Batenburg, Arboricultural consultant and scientist at Terra Nostra Research and Development, will provide an insight in relevant OPM management issues. Her main area of expertise includes in-depth analysis of OPM data such as pheromone trap results which can be considered the foundations of effective and realistic disease management and policy. Wendy is also involved with Sooty bark disease diagnostics.



Roel Geerts, Roel Geerts, Arboricultural consultant at Terra Nostra Consultancy, has been leading ADB surveys in the field of ADB as of 2014. Fascinated by ash dieback, he works throughout the year with this disease. Meta-data analysis is used to identify disease developments through the years, identifying specific outcomes in the numerous ash species and varieties that are used in the Netherlands. These outcomes are used to aid and direct ADB management decisions.



Costs:

The cost of the trip will include all land transportation, all host and speaker fees as well as coffee/tea, soft drinks and lunch on both days. Also BBQ including drinks on Wednesday evening at roofgarden is included.

Single room £500 +VAT

Double room £410 +VAT

Price is **per person** from with th UK.

Limited number of single rooms available – allocated on first come, first served basis.

Please note: Attendees will be required to arrange and pay for their own travel to the event, as well as Wednesday dinner and any accommodation requirements beyond the days which are included in the itinerary (*Wednesday and Thursday night accommodation are included. Wednesday pick up and Friday drop off at Almere train station are included.*)

Transportation:

Event organisation Ebben Inspyrium has offered the Safari Bus to be used for exploring the 'Urban Jungle of the Netherlands'.

Facilities/Accommodation:

Accommodation at 'De Barendonk' Beers www.barendonk.nl

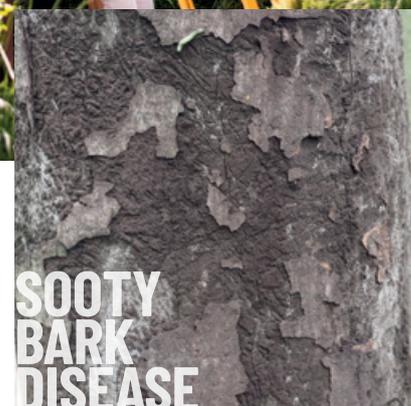
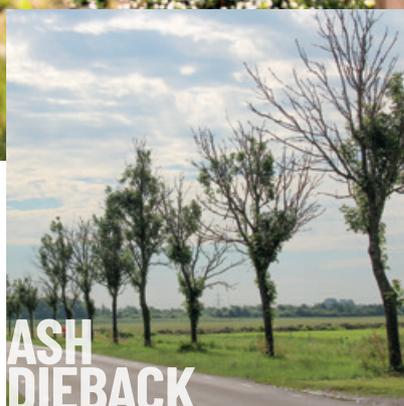
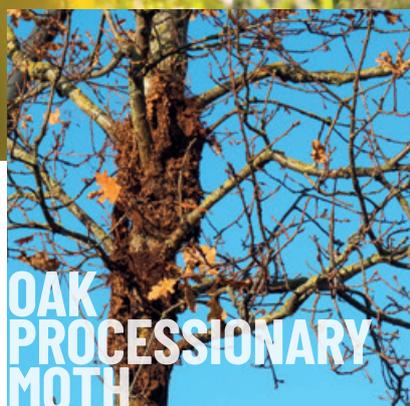
The accommodation De Barendonk is located in Beers near Cuijk, the accommodation is located on an estate and active in recreation and farming.

Barendonk offers:

- Overnight facilities
- Single and shared rooms available
- Including breakfast
- Lunch bags on Thursday and Friday (Filled lunch bag with various spreads, juice, fruit and a savory delicacy)

*Note: Numbers will be strictly limited to a maximum of 36 participants (16 single rooms and 20 double rooms) – and the Association will reserve places on a first-come first-served basis.

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Programme and Itinerary:

Day 1

(Wednesday 28 June)

Pick-up about 1.00 pm at the train station of Almere with Safari Bus

Introduction and transport to ADB area in the western part of the Netherlands

Management of ash dieback at municipality of Utrecht or Almere

Municipality tree manager explains his experience in ADB management

ADB survey challenges and flow chart based management by Roel Geerts

During transport visual explanation of ADB survey results on screen by Roel Geerts

Transport to restaurant and transport to accommodation in Beers (Cuijk)

Overnight in accommodation

Entire excursion is in English

Day 2

(Thursday 29 June)

Breakfast in accommodation

Pick-up at accommodation in the morning with Safari Bus

Introduction and transport to oak processionary moth area in the eastern part of the Netherlands

Witness OPM nest removal procedures in the field

Municipality tree manager explains his experience in OPM management

OPM management strategies based on facts by Wendy Batenburg

Presentations by powerpoint will be given during the trip in the Safari bus

During transport visual explanation on screen of OPM and ADB

Transport to Cuijk

BBQ at roofgarden Cuijk

Transport from roofgarden to accommodation in Beers (Cuijk)

Overnight in accommodation

Day 3

(Friday 30 June)

Breakfast in accommodation

Pick-up in the morning with Safari Bus

Introduction and transport to Sooty bark disease area in the western part of the Netherlands

Showing results of SBD

Forester explains his experience with SBD

Protocol and management strategies based on regulations by Henry Kuppen

During transport visual explanation on screen

Final thoughts by Henry Kuppen

Transport and goodbye at train station Almere 1.00 pm

Book your place

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