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## ***The Heart of The Netherlands***

Grand Chapitre Midden-Nederland 2024

Bailliage des Pays-Bas



7-9 June

## Welcome by Siebe Stellingwerff Beintema, Bailli Délégué

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Chères Consœurs et Confrères,



As lovers of gastronomy, good food and fine wines, the Dutch Bailliage invites you to our Grand Chapitre 2024 in the heart of the Netherlands. The Grand Chapitre is a highlight of culinary tradition and fellowship.

The board of the Dutch Bailliage is proud to announce our International Grand Chapitre 2024, 7-9 June.

We have put together a long weekend of fine dining and excursions in the heart of the Netherlands. The theme is "History in the Centre". We will be introduced to a beautiful landscape where hospitality is enjoyed in historical surroundings and good food and drink is in the DNA of the people.

Don't miss the opportunity to get to know or rediscover this area and enjoy the hospitality of our professional members.

Hope to see you in June 2024.

Vive la Chaîne!

**Siebe Stellingwerff Beintema**  
Bailli Délégué

## Welcome by Yves Léon, Induction Officer

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Chères Consœurs et Confrères,

It is my great pleasure, on behalf of Bailli Délégué Siebe Stellingwerff Beintema, to invite you to the Grand Chapitre taking place from 7 to 9 June 2024.

The board of the Dutch Bailliage has worked diligently to put together a unique programme in the central part of the Netherlands, namely North Brabant and Utrecht.

We think it would be great to explore this beautiful area, with many highly regarded restaurants, in the company of our Chaîne friends, and to meet new members of the Chaîne family.

Personally, I am very honoured to have been asked by the board to represent our President Yam Atallah as induction officer, as it has been 27 years since I immigrated to Turkey from the Netherlands, and the Netherlands always remains your homeland, no matter how long you are away from it.

Hence, my wife Nurcan and I are greatly looking forward to enjoying three unforgettable days together.

Vive la Chaîne!

**Yves Léon**

Bailli Délégué de Turquie  
Membre du Conseil Magistral



## Welcome tot he Heart of The Netherlands!

During the two previous Grand Chapitres, we introduced participants to the north and east of our country. In 2018, we visited the provinces of Groningen, Friesland and Drenthe. Then, due to the corona pandemic, another Grand Chapitre could not take place until 2022, with Overijssel and Gelderland showing us their culinary and cultural faces.

Now the choice has been made to visit the centre of the Netherlands. Thus, in successive years, we give extra attention to restaurants of our professional members each time.

The Grand Chapitre 2024 of the Dutch Bailliage will take place from Hotel De Ruwenberg in Sint-Michielsgestel, a historic town under the smoke of 's-Hertogenbosch. From there, we will get to know the area and get to know each other better, reminisce and enjoy fine meals and inspiring visits.



## Hotel

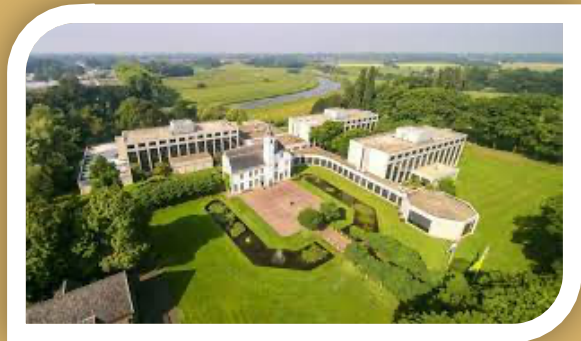


Hotel de Ruwenberg was chosen as the starting point. This is where the intronisation ceremony and gala dinner will take place. The hotel has sufficient, pleasantly priced rooms and other facilities to meet all our needs.



## **History of De Ruwenberg - The precise date**

The castle "De Ruwenberg" dates back to the 14th century and has provided a peaceful haven for knowledge seekers for many centuries. The exact date of origin is unknown, but the dial of the preserved clockwork bears the year 1337.



Twice, the Ruwenberg has escaped disaster. The first time in 1866, a fierce fire raged in the attic, which fortunately could be extinguished in time. In 1911, a large expansion plan was drawn up to demolish the 'old' part of the Ruwenberg entirely. The time had come in 1940, but World War II broke out. After the war, the expansion plans were found to be quite outdated, and in 1968 the municipal council pointed out that the brick tower was listed as a historic building and could therefore not be demolished. Thus, at the last minute, the building was spared after all.

## **An extraordinary castle on the Dommel**

The castle, a noble residence where it is good to stay, has changed hands several times. For instance, the van Thuyt family owned it during the period from 1375 to 1455 and the lords of Ravenschoot from 1527 to 1655.

During the Dutch War, which broke out in 1672, the Ruwenberg chapel was mainly used privately. In 1834, Mrg. den Dubbelen settled on the Ruwenberg acquired by the church. A garden house, ponds and a flower garden were created. The castle then consists downstairs of two rooms, a reception room, a kitchen and a pantry. Upstairs there are six bedrooms and behind the tower a start to the construction of a chapel.

## **From castle to conference centre**

In the year 1852, His Serene Highness Johannes Zwijsen, Bishop of Gerra and Apostolic Vicar of 's-Hertogenbosch, founded the boarding school "Huize Ruwenberg".

The main purpose of this institute was to prepare young people over seven and under twelve years of age for the study of Humanities at the Seminary, through religious education and instruction in Dutch and French. From 6 October 1852, the first pupils arrived. There were 61 of them, four from Gelderland and 57 from North Brabant. One could later observe with satisfaction what a high flight the Institute "Huize Ruwenberg" had taken.

It was known and recognised throughout the country and even far beyond. Its numerous former students could and can be found in all church and state circles. And

all in gratitude to the Venerable Brothers, whose merits as teachers and educators are not lightly overrated.

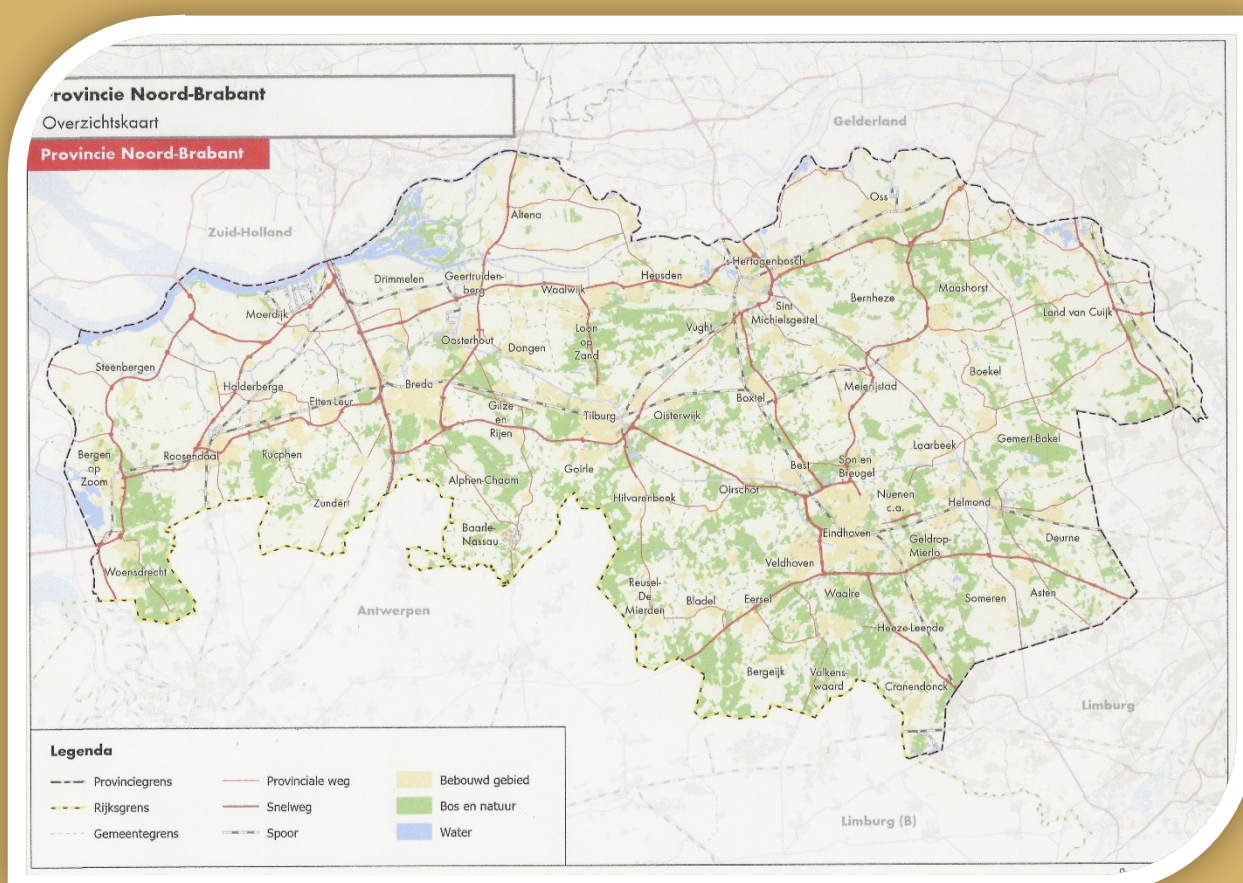
From 1965, no new students were accepted for the boarding school and in 1989, the grounds were sold by the Brothers. The boarding school buildings were demolished and a conference centre was established on the site, of which the remains of the castle form an integral part. To this day, De Ruwenberg is the location for business meetings and events combined with overnight accommodation on an inspiring 14ha estate.

## The Dutch provinces of North Brabant and Utrecht are worth a visit

Central Netherlands, the heart of our country welcomes us!

The Grand Chapitre 2024 offers a unique opportunity to learn about the landscape and culinary highlights of this area.

### North-Brabant

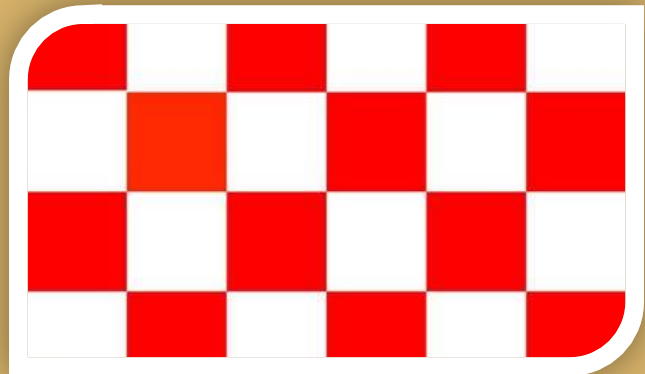


## History of Brabant

Brabant was originally the name of a Carolingian fold county stretching between the Scheldt and the Dijle, now rivers in Belgium. Later, the Duchy of Brabant was formed. Roughly speaking, this covered the present-day provinces of North Brabant, Antwerp (B) and Flemish Brabant (B).

### 1648: State of Brabant

After the signing of the Union of Utrecht in 1579, Brabant became the subject of combat. Contestants were the Protestant Republic of the Seven United Netherlands and Catholic Spain, which occupied the Southern Netherlands. With the Peace of Munster in 1648, the northern part of Brabant became part of the Republic. This was then referred to as State of Brabant.



### 1795: Batavian Brabant



In 1795, the Republic of the Seven United Netherlands became the Batavian Republic. In it, Catholics were recognised as equal citizens and State Brabant became a province named Batavian Brabant.

### 1813: North-Brabant

Batavian Brabant ceased to exist during French rule, when the area was divided into several departments. At the Congress of Vienna, it was decided that a number of territories - including the Austrian Netherlands and the former Batavian Republic - would be merged into the United Kingdom of the Netherlands. The whole area of the former Duchy of Brabant was now reunited into one state and divided into three provinces: North Brabant, Antwerp and South Brabant (with Brussels and Leuven).

**The provincial flag (also called Brabants Bont) is constructed according to a chessboard pattern and has 24 squares alternating in red and white.**

The Brabant flag dates back to the Middle Ages. Since then, mainly ships have hoisted the red and white, especially in Antwerp. For some reason, the chequered pattern fell into disuse in the 18th century, until state archivist Mr J. Smit rescued the flag from oblivion. Thanks in part to him, the flag was inaugurated as the flag of the province of North Brabant in 1959. Provincial Councils thus decided on 21 January of that year. Incidentally, the province of Antwerp also still has a chequered flag. On this, red and white alternate with blue and yellow.

### **The coat of arms**

The Brabant lion was used as early as the 12th century and has been the coat of arms of the Duchy of Brabant for centuries.

After the secession of Belgium, the 'Brabants' on both sides of the border continued to use the lion as their coat of arms. But since 1920, two additional lions flank the North Brabant lion as shield bearers. After this adjustment, the province's coat of arms has not changed again.

### **Utrecht Province**

Utrecht is a province to be proud of. Varied, vibrant and with a rich history. With a wide variety of lifestyles, cultures and personal preferences.

A province with a beautiful landscape, diversity of towns and villages and plenty of cultural heritage.

The province of Utrecht covers about 1560 square kilometres, has 26 municipalities with a combined population of about 1.36 million. The area has a rich history; from Roman settlement via the bishopric of Utrecht to today's young knowledge culture.

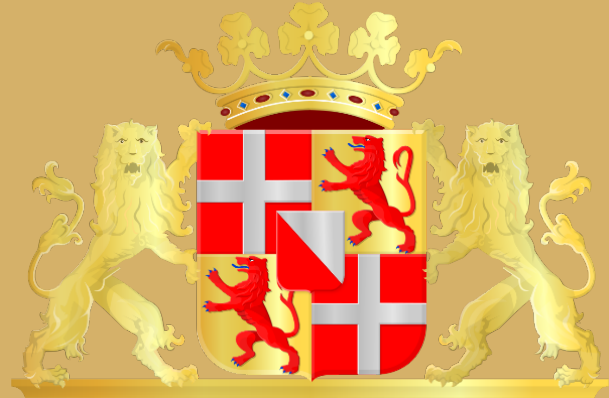
A unique combination of urban living and nature. The province has a unique combination of urban living and nature. Utrecht is a green province, but its road network is the busiest and most used road network in the Netherlands. Utrecht central station handles as many travellers as Schiphol Airport: 57 million a year. This needs policy, and this policy comes from the province, among others. They do this together with involved municipalities, the state and key partners; the province has a pioneering role in this.



## The coat of arms of the province of Utrecht

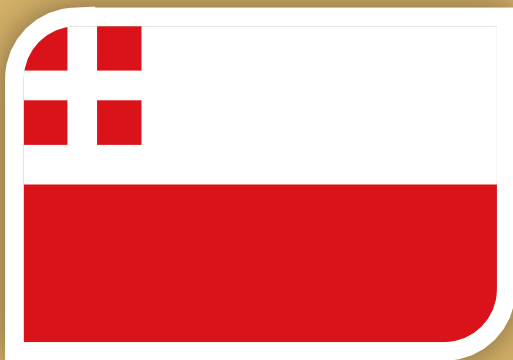
The coat of arms of the province of Utrecht arose gradually. It is a combination of the arms of the Sticht Utrecht (first and fourth quarters), county of Holland (second and third quarters) and, as the heart shield, the coat of arms of the provincial capital Utrecht.

The silver cross on red background as the coat of arms for the Sticht Utrecht first appears in 1291 on the seal of bishop Jan van Sierck. The combination with the Dutch coat of arms is a consequence of the duchy of Burgundy's attempts to bring the Sticht under its influence. In 1528, a new coat of arms was designed for the province of Utrecht. Since power was exercised by Emperor Charles V as count of Holland, the coat of arms of the Sticht was included as a breastplate on the Dutch lion. This remained so until 1578, after which different arms appear, with the three main elements being the Sticht cross, the Dutch lion and the Utrecht city arms



## The flag of the province of Utrecht

The flag is a combination of two other flags: the white-red bicolour of the Archdiocese of Utrecht and a white cross in a red field of the Sticht Utrecht.



In the approximately first 15 years after World War II, the Dutch provinces started adopting their own flags. Earlier, in 1938, a flag was used to symbolise the province; this was in honour of Queen Wilhelmina's 40th anniversary of reign. This flag was a

horizontal red-white-and-yellow tricolour and had no official status. Flags specially designed for the occasion were used for the parade in Amsterdam.

In 1951, the province was advised by the High Council of Nobility to adopt its own flag. The current flag was subsequently adopted on 15 January 1952. The Utrecht provincial flag enjoys little to no popularity.

## Programme

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### Friday 7 JUNE 2024

Arrival at Hotel de Ruwenberg and evening Welcome Dinner

Dresscode: Tenue de Ville with Chaîne ribbon

18:00 Departure by coach from De Ruwenberg to Oosterhout

19:00 – 22:00 **WELCOME DINNER IN RESTAURANT ZOUT & CITROEN\***



Bram and Patricia Helleman welcome us to their Restaurant Zout & Citroen\*.

Maître Rôtisseur Bram Helleman leads the kitchen team. This young chef has walked many paths in the catering industry, including 2 Michelin-starred restaurant Vermeer. His cooking style is characterised by appealing to all the senses.

"The picture has to be right, from the first aromas to the friandises with the coffee".  
"Food is an experience and not just a basic need".

Patricia Helleman heads the black brigade. She has gained experience from a young age in several catering establishments in the region. Guests no longer just want a stiff waiter at the table, the 'black brigade' must be able to connect with their guests beyond correct techniques." "A visit to our restaurant should therefore feel like a warm blanket."

22.00 Departure by bus back to The Ruwenberg

**SATURDAY 8 JUNE 2024**

Dresscode:                      During the day:              Smart Casual

09:30                              Departure by bus to 's-Hertogenbosch

10.00 – 12.30                      **VISIT TO THE HISTORIC CITY OF 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH  
WITH CITY TOUR AND CANAL CRUISE**

Divided into several smaller groups, this morning we will visit some of the highlights of 's-Hertogenbosch and take a cruise through the historic canals.

After arriving in 's-Hertogenbosch, we enjoy the speciality of 's-Hertogenbosch, the Bossche Bol from confectioner Jan de Groot.



### City Walk



Led by a guide, we see the most beautiful spots of the historic city centre.

's-Hertogenbosch is one of the oldest cities in the Netherlands. Here you will find beautiful houses, cosy streets, fortifications, lots of cafés and nice shops. The city guides of 's-Hertogenbosch take you on a walk full

of surprises. You will pass historical buildings such as the Town Hall on Markt, the Zwanenbroedershuis in Hinthamerstraat and the imposing Sint-Jan. But besides these famous highlights, the guides also know the city's most beautiful streets and cosy squares.

### Boat trip through the canals

Our boat tour of Den Bosch takes you past all the highlights Den Bosch has to offer. The city's history is reflected in the beautiful canal houses along the water. We sail along the Dommel, the St Janssingel, the Dieze, the Zuid-Willemsvaart and the Smalle Haven, among others. Some of the highlights during this historic route include:



- The Citadel: Fort Willem Maria
- Old Dwangburg from the 17th century
- The Ertveldplas
- The Oil Mill

## 12:30 LUNCH IN HOTEL CENTRAL

The living room of 's-Hertogenbosch

If you want to know what hospitality feels like, go to Golden Tulip Hotel Central. Delivering a warm welcome may not have been invented here, but it is deeply rooted in their DNA. And we mean that most burgundian form of hospitality. In the best Brabant tradition. Like the hotel family of 's-Hertogenbosch that has been celebrating here for four generations. And like the first inhabitants of this historic place celebrated it more than 600 years ago.

We enjoy a four-course lunch.



Hotel Central on the Market Square

We will have lunch at De Hoofdwacht

15.30 Departure to De Ruwenberg

18.00 – 19.00 **INDUCTION CEREMONY IN RUWENBERG HALL**

Dresscode: Black Tie with Chaîne ribbon





## 19:30 **GALA DINNER AT THE RUWENBERG**

The gala dinner will be hosted by Executive Chef Patrick van den Dungen in collaboration with winners of our national Jeunes Chefs Rôtisseurs competitions. These young chefs have been sent to the international competitions by the Dutch Bailliage.

This will be a special and varied dinner where our young professional members will convince us of their abilities. It is very nice that Chef Patrick is open to this!



A musical interlude during dinner.

## **SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2024**

Dresscode: Smart casual, over lunch with Chaîne ribbons

09:30 Departure by private transport to Amerongen and on to Driebergen

## 10.30 **VISIT CASTLE AMERONGEN AND ITS GARDENS**



Old Amerongen Castle has been inhabited since the 13th century. Now it is a beautiful 'House' from the seventeenth century.

The House, garden and inventory form a unity not often seen in the Netherlands. Amerongen Castle has a rich family history of 700 years. The castle is surrounded by historic gardens and lies at the foot of the picturesque village of Amerongen. Amerongen Castle is an absolute must-see

of Dutch Heritage and is also among the Top Castles of the Netherlands and Flanders.

## Current Collection

Amerongen Castle is still furnished as the residents left it in 1977. After the count's death in 1940, not much has changed in the furnishing of the rooms. The historic interior of Amerongen Castle therefore gives a beautiful picture of the furnishings of a noble family from the early twentieth century. The oldest pieces in the collection date from the period of the Van Reede family from the sixteenth to nineteenth centuries. In the twentieth century, the Van Aldenburg Bentinck family enriched the collection with many pieces of furniture, portraits, musical instruments and other objects.

### 11:30 VISIT TOBACCO GROWING MUSEUM

The Tobacco Growing Museum opened in 1984 as Historical Museum Amerongen with the main theme of 'Tobacco Growing'.



In 2009, after a thorough restoration of the tobacco barn in which it is located, the museum was completely redesigned as a Tobacco Cultivation Museum. The Tobacco Cultivation Museum revives the past of tobacco cultivation in Amerongen and its surroundings.



The museum gives visitors a picture of the growing, drying and processing of tobacco in Amerongen and its surroundings as it was common until 1964.

### 12:30 Departure for Leersum

13:30      **FAREWELL LUNCH AT RESTAURANT VOLTAIRE\* OP LANDGOED  
PARC BROEKHUIZEN**



Culinary Estate Parc Broekhuizen is an oasis in the middle of the Utrechtse Heuvelrug. The estate is the place where heritage, modern design and gastronomy come together.

Restaurant Voltaire is located in the

beautiful monumental Main House. Upon entering, we walk through the kitchen to our tables. From the restaurant we have a breathtaking view of the estate and the terrace, where we can also take a seat in the summer. We are culinarily surprised with a four-course lunch prepared by chef Arturo Dalhuisen.



17.00      **Closing GRAND CHAPITRE Central Netherlands 2024**

## Hotel De Ruwenberg

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Hotel registration (by the participant) of the Grand Chapitre Central-Nederland 2024 must take place directly with the hotel.

We have made a special deal with the hotel for the participants of the Grand Chapitre. The hotel has sufficient rooms at an attractive rate available for our participants.

Address: Ruwenbergstraat 7  
5271 AG Sint-Micheilsgestel

Tel: +31(0)73 55 888 88

E-mail: [receptie@ruwenberg.nl](mailto:receptie@ruwenberg.nl)

Mention code: 'Chaîne 2024' for our group rate:

Superior double room

€ 150.00 per room, per night, including breakfast based on single or double occupancy

Note: Tourist tax of € 2,05 per person per night will be added to the bill

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| Registration Form  |  | Grand Chapitre Central-Nederland<br>June 7-9 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 |                     |                   |   |
|--|--|---|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| Name participant   |  |   |                     |                   | Chaîne Degree   |
| Home address   |  |   |                     |                   |   |
| Phone number   |  | e-mail address  |                     |                   |   |
| Medically Indicated Dietary restrictions   |  |   |                     |                   |   |
| Name participant 2   |  |   |                     |                   |   |
| Home address   |  |   |                     |                   |   |
| Phone number   |  | e-mail address  |                     |                   |   |
| Medically Indicated Dietary restrictions   |  |   |                     |                   |   |
|  |  | Price per person €  | Number participants | Total amount in € |   |
| Registration fee   |  | € 40  |                     |                   |  <p>Association Mondiale de la Gastronomie</p> |
| Friday June 7th  |  |   |                     |                   |   |
| Dinner Amical Zout & Citroen*  |  | € 170   |                     |                   |   |
| Saturday June 8th  |  |   |                     |                   |   |
| Visit 's-Hertogenbosch, including Lunch Hotel Central  |  | € 125   |                     |                   |   |
| Induction ceremony   |  | 0   |                     |                   |   |
| Gala Dinner De Ruwenberg   |  | € 180   |                     |                   |   |
| Sunday June 9th  |  |   |                     |                   |   |
| Visit to castle Amerongen, Tabaksteelt museum in Amerongen and Farewell Lunch Voltaire*, Parc Broekhuizen, Leersum |  | € 180   |                     |                   |   |
| Grand total  |  |   |                     | €                 |   |
| Signature  |  |   |                     |                   |   |

Please send registration form to [info@chaine.nl](mailto:info@chaine.nl).

Upon receipt of the form, you will receive an invoice for the total amount. Total amount to be transferred, not later than May 1st, to:

**Account:** NL11 ABNA 0527 3244 69

**Name of:** Chaîne des Rôtisseurs

**BIC code:** ABNANL2A.

Please mention name of participant with payment.

Cancellation after May 1<sup>st</sup>: Registration fee of EUR 40,-- p.p. will not be refunded.

Cancellation after May 20<sup>th</sup>: 100% charge will be applied.