



(plural tulips | Tulip | choo-luhp | tju:lzp)

The Tulip, or Tulipa, is a spring-blooming perennial grown from bulbs. There are about 150 species and over 3000 varieties of Tulips. They are often large, with bright colours, usually red, pink, yellow or white. The word is thought to have derived from the Persian word for turban (dulband), as the flower was thought to resemble a turban. Tulips did not originate in the Netherlands; they were originally found within central Asia and later imported to the Netherlands around 1560 by the Turkish Ottoman Empire. Since then, the Tulip has had a long history. In 1637, it was believed that the plant caused an economic crash within the Netherlands. The tulips became so costly they would cost as much as a house. **NATIONAL FLOWER:** The Tulip is the national flower of Hungary, Kyrgyzstan, the Netherlands and Turkey

LGBTQIA+ FIRSTS: On April 1st, 2001, a new law that allowed same-sex marriages in the Netherlands came into effect. The change to the law meant that the Netherlands became the first country to recognize same-sex marriage worldwide

