



# Wendinger Travel

Presents Their

## Springtime Tulip River Cruise

Featuring Holland, Belgium and Amsterdam

April 7 - 15, 2025

Reservations  
received after  
December 6, 2024  
are subject to  
availability. Make  
your reservation  
early!

**\$4,675 Per Person, Double Occupancy, Lower Deck Cabin from Minneapolis**  
**\$4,875 Per Person, Double Occupancy, Upper Deck Cabin from Minneapolis**

### ***Tour Highlights:***

- 7-nights touring Holland
- 15 Meals  
7 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 5 Dinners
- 3-nights hotel accommodations in the small-town warmth of Haarlem
- 4-nights cruising aboard CroisiEurope's MS Douce France

### ***Sightseeing includes:***

- Alkmaar & Dutch cheese tasting
- Zaanse Schans, Monnickendam & Marken
- *Optional* Aalsmeer Flower Auction
- Delft & Kinderdijk
- Keukenhof Gardens
- Amsterdam city sightseeing by Canal Cruise





## Day by Day Itinerary

### **Mon., Apr. 7 – MINNEAPOLIS / EN ROUTE**

We depart Minneapolis this afternoon by scheduled airline service to begin the transatlantic overnight flight to The Netherlands. **(I)**

### **Tues., Apr. 8 – AMSTERDAM / HAARLEM (Alkmaar)**

As the sun begins to rise on the city of Amsterdam we arrive at Schiphol Airport where we'll meet our local Tour Guide. Leaving the airport, we're headed to charming Alkmaar where an attractive old town with tree-lined canals awaits. Alkmaar is also one of the few Dutch towns to maintain its traditional cheese market and our visit will introduce us to the Public Weighing House, monumental town hall and hidden gems such as Hof van Sonoy, a place where the town's rich history can still be felt. We'll also enjoy a real Dutch cheese tasting at a local family owned shop. This afternoon we'll travel to Haarlem, the commercial capital of the Noord Holland province and the center of the Dutch bulb-growing industry. **(I,D)**

### **Wed., Apr. 9 – HAARLEM (Zaanse Schans, Monnickendam & Marken)**

Today's adventure will take us to the rural scenes of Zaanse Schans where we'll see windmills of every kind and function gracing a green landscape filled with waterways and meadows. The village community is dedicated to preserving a traditional way of life where the villagers operate the carefully restored windmills, and attractions include the famous wooden shoe farm with live instruction and demonstration of how to make real Dutch clogs, as well as numerous craft workshops. Afterward, we'll return to the days of yesteryear with a visit to the towns of Monnickendam and Marken. Idyllic Monnickendam is off the beaten path and attracts few visitors even though it boasts cobblestone streets, centuries-old architecture, and a scenic waterfront. Next, we'll travel to the fishing community of Marken, little changed over the last 200



years. Like Monnickendam, the local inhabitants of Marken still wear traditional dress, and visitors are drawn by its old-world character where the colored wooden houses are one of the most attractive aspects of this former island. **(B)**

### **Thurs., Apr. 10 – HAARLEM**

Early this morning you have an opportunity to take part in an *optional tour* to Aalsmeer to immerse yourselves in the spectacle of the Aalsmeer Flower Auction – the world's largest! As you'll soon learn, Holland produces more than 9 billion flower bulbs annually and throughout the country more than 23,000 acres of land are dedicated to greenhouse production. Stationed at the visitors' gallery, you'll witness buyers from all over the world making deals at a lightning pace as 19 million fresh flowers are sold during the computerized auction. On your return to Haarlem, the remainder of the day is at leisure. From exploring historic squares and hidden courtyards to immersing yourself in art and nature, Haarlem offers a wealth of free activities that are within easy walking distance of the Grote Markt, a delightful pedestrian area in the historic heart of the city. **(B)**



**Fri., Apr. 11 – HAARLEM / CRUISING  
(Delft & Kinderdijk)**

Today we depart Haarlem and travel to the lovely old-world beauty of 17th century Delft. The name Delft is synonymous with porcelain and we'll begin our tour with a visit to Delftware, famous for the blue-and-white pottery that Italian immigrant potters began making here in the 1600s. Next, we're headed to the small village of Kinderdijk to discover no fewer than 19 astonishingly well-preserved windmills dating back to the 1500s. We'll also learn why windmills are so important to this region; set almost 23 feet below sea level, the incredibly innovative and intricate system helps keeps the ever-rising seawater from flooding the land. Afterward, we'll set our sights on Antwerp, the principal city of Flemish-speaking Belgium, for this afternoon's embarkation aboard CroisiEurope's elegant MS Douce France. **(B,D)**

**Sat., Apr. 12 – CRUISING (Rotterdam)**

The day will be spent cruising aboard the MS Douce France, a superior first class cruise ship with a passenger capacity of only 110 guests. There is no better way to discover the breathtaking panoramas of the Low Countries as we cruise from Belgium to Holland on a vast network of inland waterways and rivers. It's time to sit back and relax in the Lounge Bar, a wonderful place to get to know your fellow travelers, or out on the Sun Deck while enjoying the fresh air, as we cruise to the port city of Rotterdam. Occupying a strategic location where the Rhine River meets the North Sea, we'll learn how Rotterdam was almost completely destroyed during the Second World War. Today, the city is famous for its eye catching skyline and modern architecture. **(B,L,D)**

**Sun., Apr. 13 – CRUISING (Keukenhof Gardens)**

This morning we'll enjoy a tour of the Keukenhof Gardens, a 70-acre showcase for the Dutch flower industry where every spring there is an extraordinary sight as millions of bulbs burst forth in a blaze of color. Set on 28 acres of wooded park, Keukenhof is one of the most remarkable flower gardens in the world, at its most spectacular from the end of March until late May, when great drifts of dazzling colored daffodils, hyacinths or tulips are in bloom. **(B,L,D)**

**Mon., Apr. 14 – CRUISING (Amsterdam)**

As we'll soon find out, the city of Amsterdam has one of the largest historic centers in Europe, with about 7,500 registered historic buildings. The street pattern is largely unchanged since the 19th century, with a center consisting of roughly 90 islands, linked by 400 bridges. This morning we'll enjoy a canal cruise aboard a glass-top motor launch, a wonderful

insight to the city's maze of canals, charming gabled merchant houses, and drawbridges reminiscent of a Golden Age. Following our tour, the afternoon is at leisure, an opportunity to visit the Flower Market, the only floating flower market in the world, and one of the most fragrant places of interest in Amsterdam; to visit any one of the city's many museums, most notably the Anne Frank House or the Rijksmuseum, or to explore the tree-shaded canals that create Amsterdam's uniquely magical ambiance. **(B,L,D)**

**Tues., Apr. 15 – AMSTERDAM / MINNEAPOLIS**

This morning we disembark from CroisiEurope's MS Douce France and travel to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport in preparation for our return journey home. No better time to reflect on memories of our Springtime Tulip River Cruise vacation to last a lifetime and new friendships made along the way! **(B,I)**

**\* \* \* Welcome Home \* \* \***

**I = In-flight B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner**



**The Vacation Price Includes:**

Economy-class airline transportation from Minneapolis – St. Paul International Airport.

Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with accompanying Tour Guide on pre and post-cruise days.

First-class hotel accommodations and choice of stateroom aboard CroisiEurope's MS Douce France.

All meals as shown in the Day by Day Itinerary.

Sightseeing as detailed in the Day by Day Itinerary including applicable entrance fees.

Luggage handling and portorage charges for one suitcase per person at the hotel and piers.

Airline taxes and fuel surcharge, and all taxes for included ground services totaling \$500 per person.

**The Vacation Price Does Not Include:** Items of a personal nature such as passport fees and destination entry requirements; gratuities to the Coach Driver(s), Tour Guide, and shipboard personnel; luggage handling at airports; and Travel Protection.

## TOUR CONDITIONS

**TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT:** Reservations may be made by check or major credit card. Credit cards can be accepted for payment(s); however, the vacation price reflects a 4% cash discount. Please call InterTrav at 630-377-5840 to arrange payment by credit card; 4% of the payment amount will be assessed on credit card payments. You will be invoiced for the balance of payment due on or before **Friday, December 6, 2024**. Reservation requests received after **Friday, December 6, 2024**, are subject to tour availability.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** The tour price is based on a minimum participation of 30 persons and includes planning, and operational charges and is quoted on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and airfares in effect as of July 1, 2024. In the event of a marked increase in foreign currency or in tariff rates, the cost is subject to revision.

**TOUR PRICING:** This is a package tour in which group airfares and land tour costs have been combined in the most advantageous way. Should you wish to deviate from the package tour by changing your departure and/or return dates of travel, this will eliminate the advantages of the package tour price. There will be a service charge of \$100 per person for altering the airline itinerary, plus any additional charges assessed by the airlines.

**CANCELLATION:** If after making your initial deposit you find it necessary to cancel from the tour for any reason, there is a cancellation charge equal to the per person deposit up to 120 days prior to departure. For cancellation between 119 and 90 days prior to departure, there is a cancellation charge equal to 50% of the tour cost. For cancellation within 89 days of departure, the cancellation charge is 100% of the tour cost. **IMPORTANT:** Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone and must be sent in writing to: Wendinger Travel, P.O. Box 386, New Ulm, MN 56073, or emailed to [info@wendingertravel.com](mailto:info@wendingertravel.com).

**TRAVEL PROTECTION:** You will be given the option of purchasing Travel Protection at the time you sign-up for the tour. Plans help protect you and your travel investment and help provide coverage for unexpected circumstances. The plan cost is non-refundable after the 14 day free look period and rates are based on trip cost. For a complete description of coverage and to see all the covered reasons for cancellation, please call 507-359-3111 or e-mail [info@wendingertravel.com](mailto:info@wendingertravel.com).

**PASSPORTS AND VISAS:** Your tour requires a passport valid for at least three months beyond the period of stay. If you do not already have your passport, or it will expire before your return date, we suggest you apply for it immediately. No visas are required for your tour. However, if you are a citizen of a country other than the United States, you must advise us in writing with your Reservation Application, as other travel documents may be required.

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