



Join Famed Plantsman, Dan Hinkley

April 28 – May 7, 2026

Hi friends,



Join me, Dan Hinkley, for an unforgettable adventure through Holland and Belgium! Alongside expert guide Ian Cooke, we'll cruise in style to iconic cities like Amsterdam, Antwerp, and Bruges, exploring hidden gardens, vibrant tulip fields, world-class museums, and charming markets.

Relax on our elegant barge each evening, savoring gourmet meals, great conversation, and stunning views. Highlights include Kinderdijk's windmills, a secret 17th-century garden, Antwerp's green spaces, and Bruges' courtyards with local beer, mussels, and chocolate. Plus, bike rides and strolls will let you soak in the beauty of the countryside.

This is a journey for garden lovers, foodies, and culture seekers alike—spaces are limited, so I hope to see you in Amsterdam in 2026!

Warmly,

Dan



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TRIP AT A GLANCE

2 Nights – Historic Amsterdam

7 Nights – Aboard the *MS Magnifique II* barge

IT'S INCLUDED

- With famed plantsman and host, Dan Hinkley
- With English garden guide, Ian Cooke
- Two pre-cruise nights in the heart of Amsterdam and a hand selected 4-star hotel.
- Private museum and garden tours including a visit to tulip fields of Keukenhof
- All breakfasts plus 13 additional multi-course, meals both aboard and ashore
- Special visits to gardens, farms and historic manor houses.
- Cheese, mussel, chocolate, gin and beer tastings
- Private transport throughout
- Numerous special garden visits
- Time to relax on board with friends
- Opportunities to bike along the canals

TRIP DETAILS

10 Days / 9 Nights (not including air travel)

Trip begins: April 28th, 2026 at in Amsterdam

Trip ends: May 7th, 2026 after breakfast in Bruges



SAVE \$500: Reserve by Jan. 15, 2026 and save \$300 ♦ Travel alumni save \$100
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Enjoy two pre-cruise nights in historic Amsterdam!

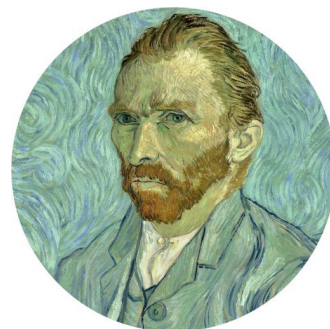
Welcome to Holland!

DAY 0: Depart the US for Amsterdam

Be sure to depart the US no later than April 27.

Day 1: Tuesday, April 28 – Amsterdam – Hidden Canal Gardens

Arrive in historic Amsterdam and check in to your four-star city-center hotel. Late afternoon, step behind the façades of 17th-century canal house gardens. In the early evening, meet your garden host Dan Hinkley and guide, Ian Cooke, and gather with fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. *Sleep in Amsterdam at the Park Centraal Amsterdam **** (D)*



DAY 2: Wednesday, April 29 – The Dutch Golden Age:

Your day with a private tour of the renowned Rijksmuseum, home to masterpieces by Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Frans Hals. Admire the iconic *Night Watch* and landscapes showcasing Dutch life. The museum's grand halls and quiet corners make for a memorable visit. In the afternoon, visit Johannapark's 40-year-old community garden in the heart of Amsterdam. This garden was saved thanks to Arend Jan van der Horst and his forward-thinking vision. If time allows, we will visit another canal mansion and garden. *Sleep in Amsterdam at the Park Centraal Amsterdam **** (B, L)*





Enjoy a private tour of the renowned Rijksmuseum

DAY 3: Thursday, April 30 – Vibrant Tulip Fields, Grand Estates & Embarkation

Step outside Amsterdam for a morning among the vibrant tulip fields and flower farms of Keukenhof. Wander through colorful patchwork fields and visit family-run farms to see tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils cultivated with care. Stroll the landscaped gardens of Keukenhof, where fragrant flowerbeds and elegant water features create a living canvas.

Then, we are off to the Beeckestijn Estate in Velsen-Zuid. This peaceful escape offers a mix of romantic parklands and sleek, geometric gardens. Explore the gardens around the country house, then wander through natural, winding paths with water features and open fields. Key highlights include the flower fan, serpentine walls, Baroque ornamental garden, and chapel. This is perfect spot to unwind amidst nature and history.

Sleep on board (B, D)

DAY 4: Friday, May 1 – Vianen to Schoonhoven to Kinderdijk to Dordrecht

Today we'll travel along a beautiful route to Schoonhoven – nicknamed Zilverstad ("Silver City") – a city renowned for its talented silver smiths since the 17th century. Later in the day as you explore the Alblasserwaard region you will reach Kinderdijk, a village famous for its impressive row of 19 large windmills. All 19 windmills have a UNESCO cultural heritage listing and are a definite highlight – don't forget to bring your camera! *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*





“God created the world, but the Dutch created the Netherlands.”
Old Dutch Saying

Day 5: Saturday, May 2 – Dordrecht to Willemstad to Bergen op Zoom

As you enjoy your breakfast aboard the ship, the ship will sail to Willemstad, a beautiful old fortified town on the Haringvliet waterway before continuing on to Tholen. Once an island in the middle of the large Zeeland streams, where many people fished for their living, Tholen is now connected to the mainland in various ways.

Then you continue to today’s final destination, Bergen op Zoom. Bergen op Zoom is a historic fortified town that once lay on the open waters of the Oosterschelde. After dinner you can take a walk through the old town. The narrow streets, old town, market and church squares and idiosyncratic monumental buildings show the history of a rich and eventful past that goes back more than eight hundred years. *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*





Your comfy charming home away from home

DAY 6: Sunday, May 3 – Bergen op Zoom to Antwerp

Sail to Antwerp today, a vibrant port city on the Schelde River. Known as the world's diamond capital, Antwerp was also home to great artists including Peter Paul Rubens, Anthony van Dyck, and Jacob Jordaens.

You may choose to visit the Red Star Line Museum, which movingly tells the story of the three million emigrants who departed from Antwerp for America between 1873 and 1935. Secret garden tours are also planned, and no visit would be complete without sampling Belgium's mussels, beer, and chocolate! (B, L, D)

DAY 7: Monday, May 4 – Antwerp to St. Amands

This morning you will venture out of Antwerp along a picturesque section of the Schelde River to St. Amands, your home for the night. There is only one way to describe the landscape around the Schelde and that is magnificent. It is without doubt one of the natural highlights of the tour. *Sleep on board* (B, L, D)

DAY 8: Tuesday, May 5 – St. Amands to Dendermonde to Ghent

Today we cruise along the Schelde River to Ghent, a vibrant university city steeped in history. Once a thriving trading port since Roman times, Ghent is home to 18 museums, over 100 churches, and 400+ historic buildings. Key sights include the stunning St. Bavo Cathedral with the famous *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb* by Jan van Eyck, and the 91-meter Belfry Tower. Explore before dinner and soak in the charm of this medieval gem! (B, L)





Discover historic Bruges!

DAY 9: Wednesday, May 6 – Ghent to Bruges

Today you will travel from Ghent through the beautiful Flemish countryside of western Flanders to Bruges, widely described as the ‘Venice of the North’ and arguably the most beautiful of all the Flemish cities. Bruges has managed to maintain its historic fabric as it has evolved over the centuries and today the city’s original Gothic buildings form an integral part of the town’s identity. While in Bruges we will be joining local experts and exploring the architecture, history and secret gardens of the city. In the evening, let’s meet up with our host, guide and fellow travelers for a special farewell feast.

Sleep on board (B, L, D)

DAY 10: Thursday, May 7 – Homeward Bound

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to either Amsterdam or Brussels for flights home or enjoy some more time in Europe. Cities such as Paris and London are just a few hours away by high-speed train. Return home with a lifetime of happy memories! (B)

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	Price	Travel Alumni	Early Bird
	Before discounts	Save an additional \$100	Save \$300
Van Gogh Deck	\$6,995	\$100	\$300
Rembrandt Deck	\$7,395	\$100	\$300

Single Supplement: \$2,195 all cabins (excluding suites). Single availability is limited.

Savings: Discounts apply for all Earthbound travel alumni. If you pay by your final balance by check, you can save an additional \$100 per person. To qualify there must be a remaining balance of \$3100 per person at time of final payment.

Not Included: Gratuities for ship crew, travel insurance and any items not mentioned in your itinerary. Port taxes, charges, and fees are currently \$125 per person and are additional.



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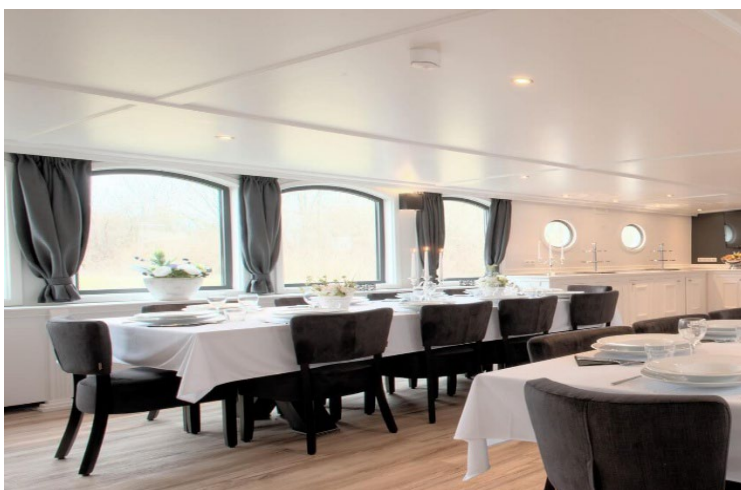


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*Van Gogh deck cabin
(photo left)*



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Meet Your Host and Guide!



Dan Hinkley is a teacher, writer, lecturer, consultant, nurseryman, naturalist, and gardener. Above all, he is committed to solid and sustainable horticultural practices, above average garden plants, landscapes of distinction and raising the collective awareness of the diversity of plant life on Earth as well as the magic and mysteries of our natural world.



A native of England, **Ian Cooke** Initially in the growing industry where he refined his old-fashioned plant knowledge with world leading growers in England and then in the design field where he was exposed to the remarkable opportunities and challenges to be found by exhibiting at the Royal Horticultural Society shows of Chelsea Flower Show and Hampton Court Flower Show. With over 50 countries on his resume Ian has a wide and diverse grasp of world horticulture. His presenting, training and public speaking skills place him as a sought-after educator and presenter.



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Not Included: International airline tickets, alcoholic beverages, room service and gratuities for hotel staff or ship crew, travel insurance, meals not listed in brochure, and any activities or items not listed in your itinerary.

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