

Holland & Belgium By First Cl. Barge

With host,
Suzanne Bona

May 11-20, 2027



Dear Friends,

I warmly invite you to join me on an unforgettable journey through the timeless beauty of Holland and Belgium.

Aboard our boutique first-class barge, we'll trace picturesque waterways between Amsterdam, Antwerp, The Hague, Ghent, and Bruges. Step into the worlds of Rembrandt, Rubens, Vermeer, and Van Gogh, stroll through lush gardens, and experience an extraordinary performance at Amsterdam's legendary **Royal Concertgebouw**.

Each evening, our floating sanctuary offers exquisite dining and effortless relaxation against ever-changing canal views. Together, we'll discover historic windmills and quiet medieval courtyards while savoring artisanal Dutch cheeses, fresh North Sea mussels, and handcrafted Belgian chocolates.

I hope you'll join me in Amsterdam in May of 2027!

Warmly,

Suzanne (Your Sunday Baroque host)



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Enjoy a performance at Amsterdam's legendary Royal Concertgebouw

TRIP AT A GLANCE

2 Nights – historic Amsterdam

7 Nights – aboard the MS Magnifique II barge



IT'S INCLUDED

- With Sunday Baroque host, Suzanne Bona
- Two pre-cruise nights in the heart of Amsterdam at a hand-selected four-star hotel
- Tickets to the world-renowned Concertgebouw concert hall, plus two concerts while cruising from Amsterdam to Bruges
- All museum entrances as listed in your tailor-made itinerary
- All breakfasts plus 13 additional multicourse meals both aboard and ashore
- Special visits to gardens, farms and historic manor houses
- Cheese, mussel, chocolate, gin and beer tastings
- Private transport throughout
- Time to relax on board with friends

TRIP DETAILS

10 Days / 9 Nights (not including air travel)

Trip begins: May 11, 2027, in Amsterdam at 4:00pm

Trip ends: May 20, 2027, after breakfast in Bruges

SAVE \$300: Reserve by Jan. 15, 2027 and save \$100 ♦ Travel alumni save \$100 ♦
Pay your final balance by check and save \$100



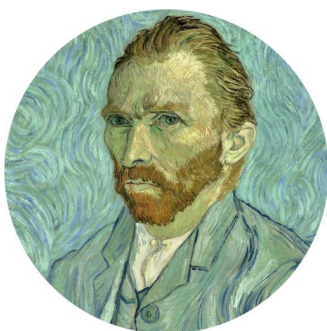
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Springtime in Amsterdam

Welcome to Holland!



DAY 0: Depart the U.S. for Amsterdam

Be sure to depart the U.S. no later than May 10, 2027.

DAY 1: Tuesday, May 11 – Amsterdam – Hidden Canal Gardens

Arrive in historic Amsterdam and check in to your four-star city-center hotel. In the late afternoon, step behind the façades of 17th-century canal houses for a

view of the gardens. In the early evening, meet your host Suzanne Bona, guide and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner.

*Sleep in Amsterdam at the Park Centraal Amsterdam**** (D)*

DAY 2: Wednesday, May 12 – The Dutch Golden Age:

After breakfast, discover the hidden and historic sights of this fascinating city. Enjoy a private tour of the Rijksmuseum and see Rembrandt's famous *Night Watch*. You'll also have tickets to explore the Van Gogh Museum this afternoon independently.

If you wish to visit the Anne Frank House, tickets are very limited and should be reserved well in advance. Enjoy a concert this evening at the world-renowned **Royal Concertgebouw** concert hall. *Sleep in Amsterdam at the Park Centraal Amsterdam*****



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Enjoy a private tour of the renowned Rijksmuseum

DAY 3: Thursday, May 13 – Embarkation and on to Vianen

Enjoy a morning in Amsterdam and a fascinating walking tour of the old town. In the afternoon, board the elegant MS Magnifique II. After our orientation, our cruise begins as we cast off and make our way west. Welcome drinks and dinner will be served on board. *Sleep on board the elegant MS Magnifique II (B, D)*

DAY 4: Friday, May 14 – A Day in Historic Leiden: Birthplace of Rembrandt

This morning we make our way to Leiden. After lunch, enjoy a guided tour of the city center. Leiden is known for its centuries-old architecture and the country's oldest university. The university houses the Hortus Botanicus of Leiden, founded in 1590, where the tulip was introduced to Western Europe. In the late afternoon, we make our way back to Magnifique II in Rotterdam.

Dinner served on board. *Sleep on board the elegant MS Magnifique II (B, D)*

DAY 5: Saturday, May 15 – Rotterdam, Kinderdijk and Dutch Innovation

Cruise through the Dutch countryside to historic Bergen op Zoom. Simply relax on deck or join your guide for a tour of Rotterdam. Discover the city's striking modern architecture and enjoy lunch at your leisure. In the afternoon, visit Kinderdijk, where 18 beautifully preserved windmills showcase centuries of Dutch ingenuity in water management. Return to the ship in Bergen op Zoom for another memorable evening on board. *Sleep on board the elegant MS Magnifique II (B, D)*



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Stroll along the charming canals of Ghent

DAY 6: Sunday, May 16 – 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 renowned mussels, handcrafted chocolates, and world-famous beers. *Sleep on board the elegant MS Magnifique II (B, L, D)*

DAY 7: Monday, May 17 – Antwerp to Sint-Amands

Today our barge departs Antwerp and cruises down one of the prettiest regions of our trip, the Schelde River to Sint-Amands, your home for the night. The magnificent landscape along the Schelde is one of the tour's natural highlights. *Sleep on board the MS Magnifique II (B, L, D)*



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Enjoy Bruges

DAY 8: Tuesday, May 18 – Sint-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 more than 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-tall belfry. Explore before dinner and soak in the charm of this medieval gem! *Sleep on board the elegant MS Magnifique II (B, L)*

DAY 9: Wednesday, May 19 – 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, join Suzanne and your fellow travelers for a memorable farewell dinner.

Sleep on board the elegant MS Magnifique II (B, L, D)

DAY 10: Thursday, May 20 – Homeward Bound

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to either Amsterdam Schiphol Airport or Brussels Airport for your flight home, or continue your European adventure. Paris and London are just a few hours away by high-speed train. **Note:** If flying from Amsterdam, please book an afternoon departure (after 1 p.m.). A private transfer from Bruges will arrive at Schiphol Airport by approximately 11 a.m. (B)



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Your First-Class Barge: MS Magnifique II

Relax and enjoy the intimate elegance of the **MS Magnifique II**, our privately chartered first-class barge. Bright, contemporary cabins are designed for comfort, while inviting public spaces include a stylish salon and restaurant, full bar, comfortable lounge, and spacious wooden sun deck with tables, chairs, and a hot tub.

Land & Barge Package Pricing

Per person, based on double occupancy

Rembrandt Upper Deck: \$7,395

Van Gogh Lower Deck: \$6,795

Note: Van Gogh Lower Deck cabins are comfortably situated above the waterline and offer abundant natural light, air conditioning, private bathrooms, and continuous fresh-air circulation.



Single Supplement: \$2,195 for all cabins, excluding suites. Single cabins are limited.

Special Savings: Reserve by **November 15**, and save **\$100 per person**. Travel alumni receive an additional **\$100 discount**. Save another **\$100 per person** when paying your final balance by check, provided the remaining balance.

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



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MS MAGNIFIQUE II

Photo Album



Meet Your Host: Suzanne Bona



Suzanne Bona is the host and executive producer of Sunday Baroque, a syndicated weekly radio show of Baroque and early music. She originated the program in 1987 on WSHU Public Radio in her hometown of Fairfield, CT. Sunday Baroque has been distributed nationally since 1998, and is currently heard by more than a half million listeners every week on 300+ public radio stations and networks across the U.S., and across the world at www.SundayBaroque.org.

Suzanne is also a classically trained flutist who earned her Bachelor of Music degree from The University of Connecticut. She continues to perform frequently as a soloist and chamber musician and has especially enjoyed collaborating with some of her musically talented public radio colleagues in performances for listeners across the country. When she is not making radio, playing her flute, or traveling the world, Suzanne enjoys reading, running, cooking, and baking. She is also passionate about the cause of literacy, and for decades has volunteered for several non-profit organizations that offer free tutoring and mentoring. Suzanne believes that travel, music, and reading are among life's most transformational experiences.

About Earthbound Expeditions

Founded in 1997 by veteran world travelers and guides, Matthew and Danna Brumley, Earthbound Expeditions lovingly creates tailor-made journeys that inspire curiosity and discovery. Led by expert local guides, travelers explore history, art, food, gardens, and culture in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas. Each trip encourages deep learning and engagement, turning every destination into a classroom of wonder. Guests return not just with memories, but with insights, appreciation, and a renewed sense of curiosity for the world.



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Say Cheese!

Know Before You Go!

Reservations and Deposits: A \$1,000 deposit per person is needed to confirm your space on this journey. You can make a credit card deposit online or by phone. Deposits are refundable, minus a \$250 per person cancellation fee, for 30 days from the processing date or 90 days before departure, whichever comes first. Deposits made within 90 days of departure are nonrefundable. Final payment is also nonrefundable, which is why we strongly urge guests to purchase travel insurance.

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.

Physical Requirements: It is the responsibility of each guest to be aware of his or her physical abilities or limitations and to be in sufficient good health to undertake the trip. [Click here](#) to read “Is an Earthbound trip right for you?” or call the Earthbound office for more details.



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The renowned Concertgebouw orchestra hall

Travel Insurance: Earthbound Expeditions strongly encourages the purchase of travel insurance coverage. We include information on trip insurance in your deposit information.

Events and Hosted Journeys: If a planned event or activity is canceled for any reason, another event will be included in its place. This is not grounds for refund. Events are subject to change. If a host or special guest is unable to attend as planned, Earthbound Expeditions will do its utmost to find another host who has similar interests, talents, and expertise. The inability of a host to participate in a tour is not grounds for a full or partial refund.

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