

HOLLAND & BELGIUM

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April 11 – April 20, 2023

Tip Toe Through the Tulips with Michigan Radio!



Join **Michigan Radio News Director Vince Duffy** and like-minded travelers who share your passion for art, gardens, culture, history and food. Tiptoe through the tulips with a spring trip to Holland! Travel back in time to a bygone era: Holland's 17th century Golden Age. This was a time when Dutch ships plied the seven seas, Rembrandt painted endless masterpieces, and merchants moved the nation's bounty inland by canal. Gliding along Holland's many charming waterways, you'll visit open-air markets and picturesque towns. In addition, we will celebrate the lives of the Dutch Masters and delve into Dutch & Belgium history, taste delicious local cuisine and be treated to fields of tulips bursting with color. This tailor-made expedition is aboard the gorgeous MS MAGNIFIQUE II. Space is limited



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IT'S INCLUDED

- Hosted Michigan Radio News Director Vince Duffy
- Seven nights of relaxation and fun aboard the 1st class MS Magnifique II
- Two pre-cruise nights at a centrally located 4-star hotel in central Amsterdam
- Tickets to the Keukenhof Tulip Fest, plus a visit to the world's largest flower auction!
- Local Dutch expert guides will offer educational insights
- Multi-course dining on shore and aboard the MS Magnifique II
- Fascinating excursions to towns, museums, markets, castles and gardens
- A private tour of the Rijksmuseum, highlighting works by Rembrandt, Vermeer & Hals
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers (ship staff not included)
- Activities and entrance fees for all items as listed in itinerary
- Opportunities to bike and walk the many canal paths and lanes

NOT INCLUDED

Gratuities for the ship crew * Trip insurance * International flight * \$100 one week 7-speed bike rental * Port taxes of \$125 * any items not mentioned under It's Included

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Sailing through Holland when thousands of acres of tulips bloom
- Guided museum visits highlighting the works of Dutch masters
- Exploring the famous Keukenhof tulip garden
- The world's largest flower auction of Aalsmeer
- Visiting a Delftware factory where the delicate blue and white pottery is made
- Visiting Kinderdijk, the UNESCO World Heritage site of windmills
- Learning how the Dutch have successfully pushed back the sea
- Enjoying locally crafted beer, mussels and cheese

TRIP DETAILS

10 Days / 9 Nights (not including air travel)

From \$4,995 per person (see the last page for details)

Trip begins: April 11, 2023 at in Amsterdam

Trip ends: April 20, 2023 after breakfast in Amsterdam

SAVE UP TO \$400: Details on the back page.





Enjoy two pre-cruise nights in historic Amsterdam!

Welcome to Holland!



DAY 0: April 10 – Depart the U.S. for Amsterdam

Remember, you must depart the U.S. no later than today.

DAY 1: April 11 - Arrive in Amsterdam

Arrive in Amsterdam and transfer to your centrally located four-star hotel. Enjoy a stroll through the old town or along the historic canals before meeting your Earthbound Expeditions guide and Michigan Radio host for an orientation and welcome dinner. *Sleep in the heart of Amsterdam (D)*

DAY 2: April 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. History and art lovers may wish to visit the Van Gogh Museum, Anne Frank House or the Hermitage Amsterdam independently. There is free time this afternoon to pursue your interests.

Sleep in the heart of Amsterdam (B, D)

DAY 3: April 13 - Flower Auction, Keukenhof Gardens and Embarkation

The Aalsmeer Flower Auction is the largest in the world. Twenty million flowers from all over the world are sold daily here. This morning you'll tour the facilities and see where the auction takes place. Also known as the Garden of Europe, Keukenhof Gardens is the world's second largest flower garden after the Dubai Miracle Garden. After a full day outing, return to Amsterdam just in time to board the MS Magnifique II. Welcome drinks and dinner will be served on board. *Sleep on board (B, D)*





View the Night Watch, by Rembrandt, 1642

“The earth laughs in flowers.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson



DAY 4: April 14 - Historic Haarlem

Sit up on the top deck this morning and enjoy a relaxing cruise through the Dutch countryside.

In 1625, Dutch settlers in the new world named New Amsterdam (later changed to New York) after their own beloved city. Today we'll also visit Haarlem, namesake to the neighborhood in New York. You'll have time for an independent lunch here.

A guided stroll through the delightful old town square of Haarlem is included today. Deepen your understanding of Holland's Golden Age at the Frans Hals Museum, named for one of the Netherlands' most famous painters. If available, you'll also be treated to a concert on the very organ Mozart played while visiting Holland in 1765 - 66. *Sleep on board (B, L)*





Discover the Hague!

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

Old Dutch Saying



Day 5: April 15 – Historic Leiden

After a leisurely breakfast we set out to discover the fascinating Cruquius Museum. The Cruquius Museum explores the age-old Dutch battle against the water. The reclamation of Haarlemmermeer by means of steam power marked the breakthrough of the Industrial Revolution in the Netherlands. The Cruquius houses the worlds’ largest steam engine.

After our visit we make our way to Leiden where we will enjoy an independent lunch. After lunch enjoy a guided tour of the city center. It’s known for its centuries-old architecture and for Leiden University, the country’s oldest, dating from 1575. The university houses the Hortus botanicus of Leiden, founded in 1590, where the tulip was introduced to Western Europe. The Museum de Lakenhal displays works by the Dutch Masters including Rembrandt, who was born in Leiden.

In the late afternoon, we make our way back to the *Magnifique II* and the town of Utrecht. Dinner served on board this evening. *Sleep on board (B, D)*



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DAY 6: April 16 - Historic Cities of The Hague, Delft and

Rotterdam: After a hearty breakfast we depart for The Hague. Enjoy an exclusive tour of the Mauritshuis Museum, where you will view the best of Dutch painting from the Golden Age. The compact, yet world-renowned collection is situated in the heart of The Hague, right next to the government center.

Masterpieces such as Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, *The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp* by Rembrandt, *The Goldfinch* by Fabritius and *The Bull* by Potter are on permanent

display in the intimate rooms of this 17th century monument.

You'll also see the Peace Palace, home of the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial body of the United Nations.

After an independent lunch, we make our way to the charming city of Delft. It is not just the historic city center and rich history of Delft that will amaze you. The city is full of special surprises.

Famous for its blue ceramic pottery, there are still three Delftware factories in operation. There is no standard for the designs used on the pottery, each factory creates its own designs inspired by Chinese porcelain. The main images are floral designs and various birds, including peacocks. *Sleep on board (B, D)*



DAY 7: April 17 - Antwerp, Belgium

Antwerp is a port city on Belgium's River Scheldt, with history dating to the Middle Ages. In its center, the centuries-old Diamond District houses thousands of diamond traders, cutters and polishers. Antwerp's Flemish Renaissance architecture is typified by the Grote Markt, a central square in the old town. At the 17th-century Rubens House, period rooms display works by the Flemish Baroque painter Peter Paul Rubens.

And for Europeans emigrating to Canada or the USA in the 18th and 19th centuries, Antwerp was the main embarkation point for the Red Star Line. Two million passengers funneled through Antwerp to board ships departing for places like New York and Boston.

We return to the *Magnifique II* in the late afternoon. *Sleep on board (B, D)*





"I dream of painting and then I paint my dream." Vincent van Gogh

DAY 8: April 18- Windmills and Cheese Tasting: Rotterdam, Kinderdijk and Gouda:

Tour the lively market of Rotterdam and also learn about the city's tragic past. Now known as the "Manhattan on the Maas," many are unaware that this is Europe's largest harbor.

Later in the day, we visit quaint Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This is where it all happened! It is an amazing experience to witness the resourcefulness and determination of a nation's successful efforts to beat back the sea and reclaim land that was once under water. You can climb up inside the belly of these tremendously powerful, wind powered, pumping stations. This is the largest collection of authentic, working 18th century windmills in the world.



After your tour, meet up with your floating home and enjoy lunch while drifting through the Dutch countryside. The Magnifique II travels next on to Gouda. Your walking tour includes the Gothic city hall, completed in 1450, and Sint Janskerk (St. John's Church), with its world-famous 16th century stained-glass windows. You will also have free time to explore this lovely traditional Dutch city before returning to the barge for dinner. *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*





The 1st class, lovingly restored MS MAGNIFIQUE II

DAY 9: April 19 - Exploring Dutch Edible Specialties

Stroll Gouda's local market and join a visit to the cheese-weighing house, De Waag, where you will sample some of the appealing varieties. Yes, there is more than one kind of Gouda! We'll have lunch on board and continue along the canals toward Gouwsluis, a small Dutch town, renowned for its historic vertical lift bridge and also home to the futuristic Steekterpoort building, the facility which controls all of the 24 moveable bridges in South Holland. You may choose to take a bike ride through the nearby countryside, or just relax and enjoy the scenery. After dinner on board, enjoy a presentation and tasting of locally-crafted Dutch beers. *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*

DAY 10: April 20 - Homeward Bound

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport for your 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)*

RESERVATIONS & QUESTIONS

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~Tour Details Subject to Change ~



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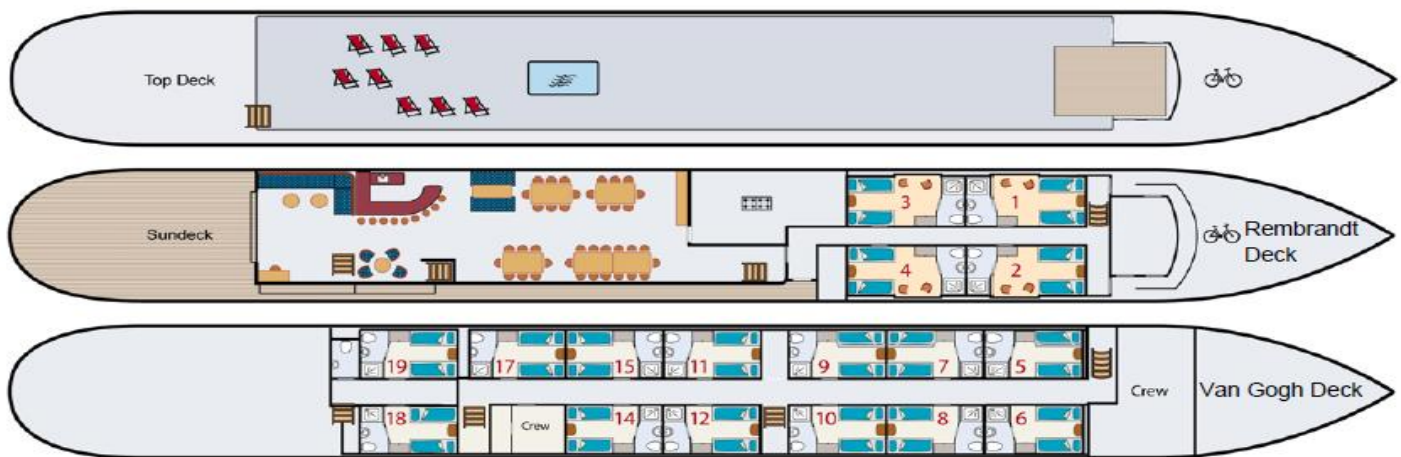
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Exclusive, First-class Historic Barge: The MS Magnifique II

Relax and enjoy! Our First-Class ship boasts bright, modern and cheery cabins with emphasis on superior comfort. A tastefully furnished salon and restaurant, a full bar, a gorgeous lounge and wooden sun deck with chairs and tables and hot tub are available, just for you! Bikes will also be available for those who wish to cycle.



	Price	Early Bird Discount	Travel Alumni
	Before discounts	Reserve by Nov. 15, 2022	Save an additional \$100
Van Gogh Deck	\$4,995	\$200	\$100
Rembrandt Deck	\$5,495	\$200	\$100

Single Supplement: \$2,495 all cabins (excluding suites). Single availability is limited.

Savings: Pay by check and save an additional \$100 per person

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



View photos of the Magnifique II barge at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/boatbiketours/sets/72157685719067514/>



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*Van Gogh deck cabin
(photo left)*



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Health Matters: It is the responsibility of each guest to be aware of their physical abilities or limitations, and to be in sufficient good health to undertake the trip. To make the most of your journey and participate in the various planned group activities, you should be able to be on your feet and walk unassisted for two to three hours (often over uneven cobblestones or pathways) with frequent standing. If you have questions about the physical requirements for your journey, please email or call our travel office. Any preexisting physical, mental, or emotional disability that may require attention must be reported in writing prior to the beginning the journey. Although it is not mandatory to participate in every planned and included group activity, not doing so isn't cause for a refund. For those desiring additional exercise, our trips allow free time to explore at your own pace. On boats, planes, ships and ferries, guests will need to be able to maneuver unassisted up and down gangways, stairs and in between decks. Smokers may smoke outside and downwind of the group.

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