



GRAND AMERICAN TOURS PRESENTS

TULIP SERENADE

(ROUNDRIP AMSTERDAM)

WITH AMADEUS RIVER CRUISES ON THE MS AMADEUS IMPERIAL

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS ~ APRIL 13 – 20, 2021

Air departs US on April 12th in order to arrive in Amsterdam on April 13th.

Experience Holland in the most beautiful way, by cruising along its extensive waterways, which flow through the country like an intricate net, past almost endless tulip fields and many small, picturesque places where you have the opportunity for an abundance of unforgettable excursions. In addition to Amsterdam, the “Venice of the North, other highlights of this trip include Rotterdam, Ghent, Antwerp and Brussels, the capital of the European Union.

DAY 1 | AMSTERDAM

(Overnight)

This afternoon, embark and settle into your cabin. This evening, join us for a Welcome Cocktail, followed by a specially-prepared Welcome Dinner. A Traditional Shanty Choir performance onboard makes a perfect beginning to your journey.

DAY 2 | AMSTERDAM

**Included Excursion: City tour of Amsterdam including canal boat tour
(Ship departs Amsterdam at 10:00pm)**

After a restful night on board, set off to see the sights of one of the most unique cities in Europe. Beautiful bridges connect numerous parts of the city which is divided by hundreds of canals and waterways, lined with 17th century architecture. Be sure to stop by the Oude Kerk (Old Church), the oldest building in the city or perhaps stop by the Anne Frank House - the day is yours to explore. Enjoy a delicious dinner onboard after which the vessel departs Amsterdam.

DAY 3 | ARNHEM (8:00am – 7:30pm)

Included Excursion: "The Bridge of Arnhem" and visit to the Airborne Museum Hartenstein

Breakfast is served as the vessel arrives in the city of Arnhem. Located in the eastern part of the Netherlands, Arnhem is a bustling city with plenty to offer, including a rich heritage including the famous John Frost Bridge - a 'bridge too far' during the Battle of Arnhem, the Airborne Museum of Hartenstein and an open air museum which recounts daily life in Arnhem. You can also visit the Burgers' Zoo, the most-visited zoo in the Netherlands. Back on board, enjoy dinner as we cruise to the Capital of Zeeland.

DAY 4 | MIDDELBURG (12:00pm – 6:00pm)

Included Excursion: Guided tour of the Delta Works and Veere

After a morning spent cruising the waterways, we arrive in the picturesque town of Middelburg. In the Golden Age (17th c), the Dutch East India Company flourished, evidenced by the merchant houses and storefronts that line the canals. For a feat of modern technology, visit the impressive Delta Works. This expansive series of dams was built to protect the area against flooding and high tides. Several original windmills still stand on the outskirts of town, representing another innovative technology of a bygone era.



Included Excursion: City Tour of Ghent

Overnight, cross the border into Belgium and reach the city of Ghent, where your vessel will remain anchored for the day. Ghent is the country's third largest city and one of Belgium's best kept secrets. Home to the beautiful St. Bavo Cathedral and the famous Ghent Altarpiece, Ghent is also home to numerous other museums. There is something for everyone. Another beautiful city worth visiting is nearby Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the Basilica of the Holy Blood with its holy relic – a vial of blood – that is said to be that of Jesus. Or perhaps visit the Groeninge Museum with its collection of artwork that spans several centuries. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner.

DAY 6 | ANTWERP (5:00am – 8:00pm)

Included Excursion: City tour of Antwerp

Wake up in this beautiful Belgian port city, one of the largest ports in the world. Famous for its diamond trade, Antwerp is also home to numerous cultural jewels. Among them, the Cathedral of Our Lady with paintings by the famous Baroque artist Peter Paul Rubens, including the Raising of the Cross and the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, is not to be missed. Spend the afternoon in Antwerp following individual pursuits or venture to the nearby capital city of Brussels, a major center for international politics. This evening enjoy the Captain's Gala Dinner.

DAY 7 | ROTTERDAM (6:00am – 9:00pm)

Included Excursions: City Tour Rotterdam and Visit to the Keukenhof Flower Gardens

On today's return to the Netherlands, we arrive at another major port city - Rotterdam. This vibrant city has a strong maritime history as well as bold, modern, architecture. Nearby, the historic windmills of Kinderdijk are a good example of the rich history of the Netherlands and are in contrast to the modern city.

This afternoon explore this dynamic city or perhaps venture to the Keukenhof Flower Gardens. This beautiful park features more tulips in flower than anywhere else in the world. Over 7 million bulbs are planted here annually, with visitors from around the world coming to explore the 9-and-a-half-mile network of footpaths, including the largest sculpture park in the Netherlands. Later this evening, the vessel sets off for its final port of call - Amsterdam.

DAY 8 | AMSTERDAM (Arrival 5:00am)

After breakfast, we bid you farewell. We hope to welcome you back again soon!

This trip includes:

- 7 Shore Excursions as mentioned in the above itinerary
- Large, outside river-view staterooms, most with French balcony or drop-down panoramic windows
- Free-flowing red & white wines from Europe's famous wine regions, beer & soft drinks with every lunch and dinner onboard
- Gourmet dining onboard
- Cocktail Reception, Welcome Dinner and Captain's Gala Dinner
- Services of an experienced English-speaking onboard Cruise Director
- 24 hour coffee station
- All onboard entertainment including talks, cooking demonstrations, musical performances and nightly piano music
- Bottled water in every stateroom
- In-stateroom infotainment center
- Complimentary Wi-Fi onboard
- Complimentary use of onboard bicycles
- Complimentary state-of-the-art audio headsets for optional excursions

Inside Cabin Category	C1	\$2,547
Panoramic Drop Down Window Cabin Category	B1	\$3,059
Panoramic Drop Down Window Cabin Category	A1	\$3,308

*****1 FREE FOR EVERY 9 PAYING PASSENGERS, 10TH GOES FREE!!!*****

Rates are per person double occupancy and include cruise, port charges, and government fees.
(Airfare and transfers are additional. Please call for rates from your area.)

PASSPORT REQUIRED

DEPOSIT POLICY: An initial deposit of \$500 per person double occupancy or \$1000 per person single occupancy is required in order to secure reservations and assign cabins. Final payment is due by October 13, 2020. *\$100 of your deposit is non-refundable up until time of final payment. Then normal cancellation penalties apply. **Those who book early get the best prices, the best cabin locations, and their preferred dining times.**

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