



[YOUR GROUP NAME] PRESENTS
TULIP SERENADE
ESCORTED BY GRAND AMERICAN TOURS!
(ROUNTRIP AMSTERDAM)
WITH AMADEUS RIVER CRUISES ON THE MS AMADEUS STAR
8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS ~ APRIL 15 – 22, 2023

Air departs US on April 14th in order to arrive in Amsterdam on April 15th.

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

Your Dutch adventure begins in Amsterdam, where you will embark in the afternoon. After a Welcome Cocktail and a celebratory Welcome Dinner, you will get to enjoy a performance on board by a traditional shanty choir, setting the mood for the days to come.

DAY 2 | ARNHEM 8:00am – 6:30pm

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.

Included Excursions: Arnhem and World War II History

DAY 3 | MIDDELBURG 11:00am – 6:00pm

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.

DAY 4 | GHENT 2:00am – 7:30pm

During the night, your vessel will dock in beautiful Ghent, which you can explore in the morning. Thanks to its importance as a medieval city-state in the late middle ages, Ghent boasts a wealth of well-preserved medieval architecture. Your city tour will include a visit to the Gravensteen, or “Castle of the Counts”, which was the residence of the Counts of Flanders until 1353. In the afternoon, you can join the Bruges excursion. Bruges, the capital of the province of West Flanders, is home to one of the most charming city centers in Belgium and is also known as the “Venice of the North” thanks to its many canals. If you prefer to remain in Ghent, you can sample some local delicacies as part of an afternoon beer and chocolate tasting. **Included Excursions: City tour of Ghent with medieval Castle Gravensteen and Belgium Beer and chocolate tasting**

DAY 5 | ANTWERP 5:00am – 8:00pm

Antwerp, the second-largest city in Belgium, welcomes you today. After breakfast, you can join the excursion to the politically and culturally significant city of Brussels, which is situated nearby. Amongst other things, you will visit the iconic Atomium, which was created for the 1958 Brussels World’s Fair and, thanks to its popularity, was not torn down as originally planned. You will also pay a visit to the Cinquantenaire Park with its triumphal arch, built to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Belgium’s independence. In the afternoon, explore Antwerp in a comfortable coach. Famous for its diamond trade, the city also boasts many cultural highlights such as the Cathedral of Our Lady with paintings by the famous Baroque artist Peter Paul Rubens. In the evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow guests, while your vessel returns to the Netherlands. **Included Excursions: City tour of Brussels with visit to Atomium & Cinquantenaire Park**



DAY 6 | ANTWERP > ROTTERDAM

Stay Kinderdijk 9:00am – 11:00am

Stay Rotterdam 1:00pm – 9:00pm

On today's return to the Netherlands, we arrive at the small city of Kinderdijk. The historic windmills of Kinderdijk are a good example of the rich history of the Netherlands. In the afternoon we arrive in a major port city - Rotterdam. This vibrant city has a strong maritime history as well as bold, modern, architecture. This afternoon, explore this dynamic city, join us for a visit to the nearby city of Delft, famous for its tin-glazed pottery, 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. This evening, the festive Captain's Gala Dinner will provide a fitting finish to the day.

Included Excursions: Kinderdijk tour with visit of the famous windmills

DAY 7 | AMSTERDAM Arrival 5:00am

After a restful night on board, your ship arrives in Amsterdam early in the morning. 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. In the afternoon you can visit the old fishing village of Volendam for some typical Holland experience or explore the city of Haarlem.

Included Excursions: City tour of Amsterdam including canal boat tour and flower market

DAY 8 | AMSTERDAM

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

Inclusions:

- Large, outside river-view staterooms, most with French balconies or walk-out balconies
- Free-flowing red & white wines from Europe's famous wine regions, beer & soft drinks with every lunch and dinner onboard
- Gourmet dining with all meals included (buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner, and midnight snack) in the elegant Panorama- Restaurant, which accommodates all guests in one sitting
- Onboard Gratuities
- Cocktail Reception, Welcome Dinner and Captain's Gala Dinner
- Services of an experienced English-speaking onboard Cruise Director
- 24 hour coffee and tea station
- All onboard entertainment including talks, cooking demonstrations, musical performances and nightly piano music

SIX EXCURSIONS INCLUDED!

- Arnhem & World War II History
- Ghent city tour with Castle Gravensteen
- Beer and chocolate tasting
- Brussels city tour with Atomium and Cinquantenaire park
- Kinderdijk tour and visit to the windmills
- Amsterdam city tour with canal cruise and flower market

Other amenities include: 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, all local taxes & port charges included.

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| Panoramic Oceanview Window Cabin Category | C-1 | [\$based on your price] |
| French Balcony Cabin Category | B-1 | [\$]based on your price] |
| French Balcony Cabin Category | A-1 | [\$based on your price] |

Rates are per person double occupancy.

PASSPORT REQUIRED

DEPOSIT POLICY: An initial, NON-REFUNDABLE 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 December 15, 2022. **These are the best rates around! Those who book early get the best prices and the best cabin locations.**

FOR RESERVATIONS OR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
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