

TULIP TIME CRUISE

8 Day River Cruise Amsterdam to Amsterdam

CRUISE: WAA



This springtime river cruise gets underway in Holland’s colorful capital of Amsterdam. This 700-year-old city offers an abundance of classic architecture, cafés, and restaurants to explore before you embark on your river cruise through Holland and Belgium. Sail through Rotterdam’s harbor, said to be the world’s busiest port. Garden enthusiasts will delight in a visit to see the breathtaking colors of Keukenhof, also known as the “Garden of Europe.” With 70 acres of parkland and lakes, it’s one of the world’s largest flower gardens with nearly 7 million flowering bulbs bursting with color. Next, sail to Antwerp, Belgium’s second-largest city, known for its centuries-old history in diamond trading amid ancient buildings and monuments combined with modern architecture. In Ghent, Belgium, join a local expert for a guided tour of the city, including a visit to St. Baaf’s Cathedral.

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Your cruise traverses back into Holland where you’ll explore Middelburg, formerly an important trading city. You’ll still get a sense of its

historic wealth today with its impressive structures like the Gothic Town Hall, Abbey Tower, and bustling Market Square. This beautiful and historic springtime river cruise concludes with more time to explore the wonderful city of Amsterdam. See the most fascinating views of the city on a canal cruise along the elegant grachten lined with homes dating back to the city's "Golden Age." [P]

CRUISE OVERVIEW

COUNTRIES

Netherlands

Belgium

8

DAYS

2

COUNTRIES

DAY-BY-DAY

ITINERARY

1 **AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND (EMBARKATION)**

Welcome to Holland. Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding.

Flights into Amsterdam must arrive by 3:30 pm.

Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

Your day in Amsterdam is free to explore at your leisure.

You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to beautiful Zaanse Schans where you'll see a wonderful collection of well-preserved historic windmills and Dutch houses.

Enjoy dinner and explore the ship on your first night on board.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ROTTERDAM

 Dinner

While we include your choice of many excursions on your trip, you may wish to explore other options to enhance your free time. Below is a selection of excursions that may be available for purchase on your cruise.

Zaanse Schans & the Symbols of Holland

Tour a working windmill, watch wooden clogs being made, and visit a cheese farm on this exciting half-day guided excursion to Zaanse Schans!

4h 0m

Price Range: \$\$

2 **ROTTERDAM**

Dutch Treats and Flowers Sweet

Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Experience Rotterdam by foot with your Adventure Host, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a full- or half-day Guided Tour of breathtaking Keukenhof—known as the “Garden of Europe”—for its 70 acres of lush parkland, lakes, and the world’s largest flower gardens—with more than seven million tulips, daffodils and hyacinths as well as other bulbs, planted each year.

Take some free time to relax on the harbor-side in Rotterdam with an artisan beer, a slice of appeltaart (Dutch apple pie), and a koffie verkeerd, a typical Dutch drink with equal parts coffee and milk. Take a bike from your ship to explore Rotterdam and the surrounding area.

Before dinner, enjoy a cruise through Rotterdam harbor.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ANTWERP

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

3 ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Cathedrals, Carats and Crêpes



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Explore Antwerp by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided Tour of this sophisticated city to visit the central Grote Markt, lined with 16th-century guildhall houses. You’ll also see the beautiful city hall, the Cathedral of Our Lady with its stunning altarpiece paintings by Rubens.

Alternatively, you may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to the nearby capital, Brussels—considered home to the European Union, and admire its magnificent palaces and cathedrals.

You might prefer to take time on your own to indulge in Antwerp’s signature Belgian waffles and crêpes—or explore this bike-friendly city from its old wharfs to its legendary diamond district.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO GHENT

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

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Brussels: Europe’s Secret Capital

Discover Brussels, the “Unofficial Capital of Europe”, on this guided sightseeing tour featuring Grand’Place, one of Europe’s most dramatic medieval squares; the impressive guild houses; 15th-century Hôtel de Ville; and the tiny yet world-famous stat...

8h 0m

Price Range: \$\$

4 GHENT

Medieval Masterpieces and Flemish Finery



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Explore a different side of Ghent by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Explore Ghent—"The Diamond of Flanders"—with a Guided Sightseeing Tour of this showcase of medieval Flemish wealth. You'll visit St. Bavo's Cathedral—with its remarkable Flemish artwork.

Alternatively, you may choose to join a full-day Guided Optional Excursion of Bruges to explore its canals, cobbled streets, and medieval buildings. You'll see its crisscrossed canals, the 13th-century belfry of Market Square, and charming patrician houses. You won't miss the opportunity to explore Ghent since this Optional Excursion ends with an orientation walk of the "Diamond of Flanders."

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO MIDDELBURG

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

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Bruges, Venice of the North with Ghent orientation walk - Full day

Discover medieval Bruges, one of Belgium's true crown jewels, on this captivating full-day guided walking tour and canal cruise. Conclude the experience with an orientation walk of Ghent, the "Diamond of Flanders".

8h 30m

Price Range: \$\$

Sights, Bites & Delights of Ghent

The treasures of Ghent await on this exciting excursion featuring a canal cruise through the Old Town, and tastings of authentic Belgian beer and delectable chocolate at a family-run chocolaterie!

3h 30m

Price Range: \$\$

5 MIDDELBURG, HOLLAND - VEERE

A Spicy History in Middelburg's Dutch Harbor Town

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Walking Tour through the winding cobblestones and canals of Middelburg. See the 15th-century Gothic Town Hall and learn about its important role in the spice trade and Dutch East India trading.

Spend some free time biking or walking through Middelburg to sample Babbelaar cookies, fries, or beer before cruising to Veere.

During lunchtime enjoy a short sailing from Middelburg to Veere.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Alternatively bike from Middelburg to Veere with your Adventure Host.

VEERE

History and Scottish Houses



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Walking Tour of Veere—a delightful historic town full of interesting sights dating back to the 15th and 16th centuries. Immerse yourself in its rich heritage, explore charming streets, and uncover hidden gems.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO WILLEMSTAD

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

6 WILLEMSTAD

Willemstad's Windmills and Historic Harbor



ACTIVE EXCURSION

See Willemstad by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Walking Tour of Willemstad and discover its many beautifully restored buildings from the 17th and 18th Century.



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Later, enjoy a Cheese Tasting on board as you prepare to sail to Amsterdam.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO AMSTERDAM

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

7 AMSTERDAM

Canals of Colorful Amsterdam



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Start your day joining your Adventure Host on an early morning walk in Amsterdam, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Discover Aalsmeer Flower Auction—the largest in the world, where around 20 million flowers are sold every day. Later enjoy a typical Dutch breakfast, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Discover the true beauty of Amsterdam with an off-the-beaten-path Guided Walking Tour through its cobblestone streets for a captivating look at this legendary city, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age."

This afternoon choose among the many Guided Optional Excursions available.

Take some free time to explore Amsterdam's colorful streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM

Breakfast Lunch Dinner

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Medieval Muiderslot Castle

From Golden Age paintings to 13th-century arms and armor, discover the wonders of Muiderslot Castle, one of Holland's most beautiful medieval castle fortresses, on this captivating half-day guided tour.

4h 0m

Price Range: \$\$

Bites & Highlights of Amsterdam

Discover Amsterdam's charming Jordaan district, and taste the authentic foods the locals know and love on this enjoyable guided foodie walking tour.

3h 30m

Price Range: \$\$

8 AMSTERDAM (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

NOTES

- In the event of technical or water level issues, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or alter the program, including hotel overnight when necessary.
- Guided Tours, Optional Excursions, activities, sailing and docking schedules may be contingent on weather conditions or other issues outside of our control and could therefore be subject to change at any time.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.
- Departures 329 & 330 will operate the itinerary in a revised order: Day 1 Amsterdam, Day 2 Amsterdam, Day 3 Rotterdam, Day 4 Antwerp, Day 5 Ghent, Day 6 Middelburg and Veere, Day 7 Willemstadt, Day 8 Amsterdam

HAND-PICKED

HOTELS

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

Amsterdam

1 Westcord Jakarta Javakade 766

 WiFi

 SuperiorFirst-Class Hotel as shown or similar

A unique sustainable hotel in Amsterdam, where two worlds connect. At the former location where ships left for Jakarta, lies a green oasis in the centre of the city. Hotel offers 200 luxurious rooms with a Indonesian influenced style. Enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner at Café Jakarta or get a drink at the Malabar. Be pampered in luxury and relax in our wellness and swimming pool with views towards the river IJ.

2 Movenpick Amsterdam City Piet Heinkade 11

 WiFi

◆ SuperiorFirst-Class Hotel as shown or similar

A stylish 408-room hotel in the perfect location, this waterfront property offers Free Wi-Fi internet access throughout. The chic restaurant serves creative international cuisine and there is a fabulous bar serving drinks and light snacks which is also a great spot for a nightcap. For relaxation there is a Lifestyle Studio featuring a gym, Finnish sauna, bio sauna & ice fountain.