



Dear Club Members and Friends:

"God created the Heavens and the Earth, but the Dutch created Holland," according to an old proverb. Indeed, not only did they wrest a portion of their land from the sea, but they succeeded in building upon it an enchanted realm carpeted by flowers and traced with storied waterways unparalleled by anywhere else in the world.

Come celebrate the beauty of Holland and Belgium in springtime, the best season for this comprehensive itinerary aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. AMADEUS ELEGANT, one of the finest ships to ply the waterways of Europe and cruise the canals of this delightful polder land.

Discover the true essence of river life in the Low Countries with an included excursion in every port and see firsthand this sublime region's breathtaking tulip fields in full bloom. Our expert-guided tours explore two UNESCO World Heritage sites—Belgium's well-preserved, medieval jewel of Bruges, and Amsterdam's distinctive 16th- and 17th-century house-lined canals—the medieval mercantile town of Antwerp, ancient Maastricht, scenic Nijmegen, the quaint village of Giethoorn, the "Golden Age" trading town of Hoorn, and the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens. Discover the rich history and artistic legacy of the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum and enjoy enriching lectures and the exclusive River Life Forum®, which features local residents' perspectives and provides an insider's view of modern life and cultural heritage in Holland.

RIVER LIFE® along the Waterways of Holland and Belgium is a popular travel program and an excellent value—it includes exclusive Cultural Enrichments, specially arranged excursions, meals and all accommodations. In addition, we are co-sponsoring this cruise with like-minded travelers from Duke University, Smith College and The Smithsonian Institute. I encourage you to book now while Early Booking Savings and space are available.

Join us!

Best regards,

Kristina Nemeth Travel Director (415) 597-6720

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The 16th-century Hoofdtoren tower in Hoorn is one of the city's last preserved defenses.

RIVER LIFE®

Waterways of Holland • Belgium during Tulip Season



Experience firsthand the true character and traditions of Holland and Belgium's great waterways during this comprehensive *vaart* (cruise) featuring lively Amsterdam, the medieval cities of Bruges and Antwerp, the charming and historic towns of Nijmegen, Hoorn, and Giethoorn, and the legendary blooming Keukenhof Gardens. Enjoy an enriching travel experience like no other, including a specially designed excursion in every port, deluxe accommodations, and all meals—an excellent value. Interact with local people and experience the rhythm of daily life in the Low Countries and explore the history,

culture, art and language. This popular program immerses you in a comprehensive and intimate travel experience at just the right pace.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS are specially arranged and available on this custom-designed itinerary:

- ◆ Hear it from the Experts! Experienced, English-speaking local guides will accompany you throughout the program and discuss historical, cultural, and contemporary Holland.
- Explore the world-famous artistic heritage of the premier Kröller-Müller Museum.
- Engage Dutch *buurtbewoners* (local residents) as they share their candid perspectives on daily life in Holland.
- Admire the wonders of the famous Keukenhof Gardens and the marvelous medieval architecture of Amsterdam and Bruges.
- Learn key Dutch phrases and pronunciation to make your interactions with local residents all the more enjoyable.
- ◆ Enjoy time on your own—stroll along the charming boulevards of Antwerp, sample authentic Belgian chocolates made by hand in Bruges, and observe the rhythms of life in Amsterdam's Dam Square.



In a traditional Dutch cheese market, cheese porters move sleds of Gouda cheese, named after the city in The Netherlands and one of the oldest cheeses still made today.



In UNESCO-designated Bruges, discover the city's medieval architecture and look for the landmark 13th-century belfry, which houses a 47-bell carillon and employs a full-time carillonneur to play it.

ALL-INCLUSIVE ITINERARY

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- ◆ BRUSSELS[®] Pre-Cruise Option
- 1 Depart the U.S.
- 2 Brussels, Belgium/Ghent Embark M.S. Amadeus Elegant. Cultural Enrichment:
 - Exclusive RIVER LIFE FORUM®. (R,D)
- 3 GHENT FOR BRUGES[™]
 - Walking tour of Ghent.
 - Walking tour of Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage site. (B,L,D)
- 4 GHENT/ANTWERP
 - City tour featuring masterpieces by Peter Paul Rubens. (B,L,D)
- 5 Maastricht, The Netherlands
 - Walking tour of Maastricht.
 - Visit to The Netherlands American Cemetery at Margarten. (B,L,D)
- 6 NIJMEGEN/ARNHEM
 - ◆ Walking tour of Nijmegen. (B,L,D) CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:
 - Guided tour of the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum.
- 7 Kampen for Giethoorn/Hoorn
 - Private boat cruise in Giethoorn.
 - Walking tour of Hoorn. (B,L,D)
- 8 Amsterdam, The Netherlands
 - Visit Keukenhof Gardens.
 - Private cruise of the 17th-century canal district[®]. (B,L,R,D)
- 9 Amsterdam/U.S.

 Disembark ship.

 Transfer to airport for your return to the U.S. (B)
- AMSTERDAM POST-CRUISE OPTION



Ghent, Belgium

The rich history and commercial heritage of Ghent are reflected in the splendid 12th- to 17th-century guildhalls lining the quay. In St. Bavo's Cathedral, see the Van Eyck brothers' magnificent polyptych, the altarpiece of the *Adoration of the Mystical Lamb*.

Bruges

The timeless, fairytale city of Bruges is a UNESCO World Heritage site of treasured architecture, virtually untouched since the 15th century and one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe. It is built around a double ring of picturesque canals connected by charming arched foot bridges and is world-renowned for its delectable, hand-crafted chocolates. Enjoy a walking tour from the Market Square to the extraordinary Gothic Chapel of the Holy Blood, seeing Bruges' magnificent, deftly crafted stone guildhalls and opulent churches dating back to medieval times.

Antwerp

The Old Town of Antwerp preserves its charming Flemish culture in its labyrinth



The River Meuse flows through ancient Maastricht, the southernmost city in The Netherlands, rich in history dating back to the Romans in the first century B.C.



Ghent's medieval harbor, Graslei is known for its beautifully intricate, well-preserved guildhall façades.

of squares and narrow passages that lead into the spectacular Grote Markt, where beautifully preserved guildhalls once bustled with Antwerp's 16th-century merchants and tradesmen. In the Cathedral of Our Lady, the pride of Belgium featuring a remarkable 47-bell carillon and soaring 401-foot, delicately ornamented spire, you will see the 17th-century Baroque masterpieces of the city's native son, Peter Paul Rubens, including paintings of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, The Raising of the Cross, and The Descent from the Cross.

Maastricht, The Netherlands

Founded by the Romans, the fabled city of Maastricht is today an epicenter of history, art, and culture. Enjoy a walking tour of the historic city center—the oldest in the Netherlands—and admire its outstanding monuments—the towering Basilica of Our Lady, resembling a high-walled castle, was built in one of Maastricht's picturesque cobblestone town squares in the year 1000—dignified architecture, and stand on the medieval 13th century city wall looking down across the River Meuse at the scenic city below.

Just outside of Maastricht in Margarten, walk through The Netherlands American Cemetery, one of the largest American military cemeteries in Europe honoring the allied operations during World War II.

Nijmegen

Scenic Nijmegen is widely regarded the oldest city in The Netherlands and was settled in the first century B.C. Downtown, the Valkhof Hill features an impressive ninth-century Carolingian chapel overlooking the River Waal. Among the well-preserved, historic buildings are the 15th-century town hall and Latin school, the 16th-century, Renaissance-style *Waag* (weighing hall), and a series of quaint 17th-century houses.

Kröller-Müller Museum

Located in the picturesque De Hoge Veluwe, The Netherlands' largest national park, the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum is lauded for its chronological collection of Van Gogh's masterpieces. The museum also exhibits works by Pablo Picasso, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, and Édouard Manet, as well as captivating late 19th- to 21st-century sculptures by Auguste Rodin, Henry Moore, and Jean Debuffet displayed in its unique, 60-acre garden.

Giethoorn

With four miles of canals and over 150 bridges, the beautiful town of Giethoorn is affectionately known as the "Venice of The Netherlands." No traditional roads can be found in this village; residents and visitors commute by boat, by bicycle, or on foot. Board a small boat for a private tour along the village's serene waterways.

Hoorn

Once a prominent harbor, Hoorn became one of Holland's most important centers of trade during the Golden Age in the 17th century as the home of the Dutch East India Company, the first multinational corporation in the world. Stroll along the charming, lively harbor and admire the landmark Hoofdtoren tower, one of the city's last preserved defenses dating to the 16th century.

Amsterdam

A private canal cruise offers a unique firsthand look at the integral role waterways have played for centuries in the life of this city. Amsterdam's canal district, a UNESCO World Heritage site ringed by concentric canals and lined with 16th- and 17th-century merchant row houses, charming houseboats, and world-renowned museums, is brimming with history and artistic wealth. What began as a simple fishing village developed into the thriving economic center of the world in the 17th century and produced master artists including Rembrandt and Vincent van Gogh.



The quaint, picturesque town of Giethoorn boasts over four miles of canals and no traditional roads.



m.s. Amadeus Elegant

The elegance and romance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's music was inspiration in the meticulous crafting of the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS ELEGANT, which set new standards in design and technology and features the comforts of a floating Five-Star hotel.

This exclusively chartered ship offers 76 river-view, air-conditioned, stylishly appointed Suites (236 square feet) and



Staterooms (161 square feet), among the most spacious of any European river ship. Most accommodations feature a French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door with iron railing). Each has two twin beds (convertible to one queen-size bed), a private bathroom with shower (Suites have bathtub with shower), individual climate control, satellite telephone and television, writing desk, safe and hair dryer.

Freshly prepared continental meals featuring local ingredients are served in single, unassigned seatings in the delightfully scenic Panorama Restaurant and include early-risers' coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

Public facilities are spacious and include the Panorama Bar, Lido Bar, Amadeus-Club with Internet station, beauty salon, boutique, fitness studio with massage services and early morning exercise classes and Sun Deck. Guests will also appreciate the complimentary use of an audio headset available to all passengers for listening enhancement during shore excursions. Laundry service is available.

The English-speaking, international crew provides warm hospitality. The M.S. AMADEUS ELEGANT meets the highest safety standards and is one of the only European river ships to have been awarded the "Green Certificate" of environmental preservation.

Keukenhof Gardens

A brilliant and breathtaking tapestry of colors and fragrance when in full bloom, the gardens of Keukenhof are affectionately known as the Garden of Europe. Our program has been planned during the height of Holland's spectacular spring flower season, when more than seven million flowers are expected to be in bloom across this 79-acre wooded park in a dazzling display of color.

"Keukenhof" translates to "kitchen garden" and was inspired by the early 15th-century Countess Jacoba of Bavaria, who resided in a nearby castle and tended an herb garden on this site. Today, Keukenhof Gardens is an international showcase for the Dutch floriculture industry with an emphasis on flower bulbs. Exhibitors feature more than 1000 varieties of their tulips, along with daffodils, hyacinths, orchids, roses, carnations, irises and lilies-and new strains of tulips are cultivated every year. This idyllic setting is meticulously planted and landscaped, complete with tranquil ponds, gentle, flowing streams and winding, tree-shaded paths.



Included

- Exclusive lectures and presentations by our study leader team
- ◆ All accommodations (based on double occupancy) including seven-night cruise from Ghent, Belgium (for Bruges), to Amsterdam, The Netherlands, with port calls at Antwerp, Belgium; Maastricht, Nijmegen, Arnhem for Kröller-Müller Museum, Kampen for Giethoorn, Hoorn, and Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- ◆ Seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. AMADEUS ELEGANT
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner
- All sightseeing and visits as noted in the itinerary
- Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions
- Pre-tour information including a reading list
- Gratuities to guides and drivers
- All on-tour transportation unless otherwise noted
- ◆ Exclusive Gohagan & Company
 Program Directors throughout the program
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company

Not Included

- ♦ International airfare
- ◆ Taxes of \$130 per person (subject to change)
- ◆ Gratuities to ship personnel (approximately \$105 per person)
- ♦ Hotel staff gratuities (Pre-/Post-Cruise Options) and gratuities for activities on your own
- Passport and visa fees
- Meals and alcoholic beverages not listed as included
- Transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel on day(s) of arrival and/or departure if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s)
- ◆ Any overnight on land due to flight schedule(s)
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, and Internet access
- Accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance
- Baggage charges on aircraft, airfare, and associated local taxes not listed as included
- Airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed as included
- All other services not specifically mentioned in the "Included" section



Located in the heart of the capital city, Keizersgracht is the widest canal in Amsterdam.

Brussels Pre-Cruise Option

The cosmopolitan capital city of Belgium, Brussels has become a crossroads of modern Europe—both NATO and the European Union have their headquarters here; residents speak variations of French, Flemish and German; and the grand boulevards and parks have a Parisian energy while retaining their Flemish character. In the very heart of the city, see the Royal Palace, home of Belgium's monarchs since the country gained its independence in 1830. Visit historic Waterloo and Napoleon's Last Headquarters museum in Plancenoit. Accommodations for two nights are in the centrally located HILTON BRUSSELS GRAND PLACE HOTEL.

Amsterdam Post-Cruise Option

The historic heart of Amsterdam, lined with tree-shaded canals and stately 16th- and 17th-century merchant houses, is designated a UNESCO World Heritage site and the perfect ending to your cruise. A guided city tour acquaints you with its landmarks and famous monuments. Walk through Jordaan, the most picturesque neighborhood in Amsterdam and a center for art, music and antiques; and visit the historic Anne Frank House museum. Enjoy time at leisure in this city known for its vibrant culture and friendly people. Spend two nights in the Five-Star Renaissance Amsterdam Hotel, ideally located alongside a quiet canal in the heart of the city.

Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Grand Place, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is the bustling central square in Brussels.





LAND/CRUISE TARIFF (per person, based on double occupancy)							
Stateroom Category*	Description- All accommodations are outside with two twin beds that convert to make one queen bed, private bathroom with shower, air conditioning, sitting area, radio, television, safe, writing desk and hair dryer.	Early Booking Price through September 10, 2015	Regular Price after September 10, 2015				
6	Stateroom with small window. Haydn Deck, aft. (limited availability)	\$2995	\$3995				
5	Stateroom with small window. Haydn Deck, forward.	\$3695	\$4695				
4	Stateroom with French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with railing). <i>Strauss Deck, aft.</i>	\$4195	\$5195				
3	Stateroom with French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with railing). <i>Strauss Deck, forward.</i>	\$4495	\$5495				
2	Stateroom with French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with railing). <i>Strauss Deck, midship.</i>	\$4995	\$5995				
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Amsterdam's charming bridges and picturesque canals bring the intimacy of a small town to one of Europe's most celebrated cities.

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