



Western Alumni



RIVER JOURNEY

Dutch Waterways

Amsterdam to Antwerp

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Glide past elegant, gabled houses from the Dutch Golden Age on **Amsterdam's picturesque canals**.
- ▶ Marvel at the **glorious springtime display of tulips** and other cheerful blooms at Keukenhof Gardens.
- ▶ Delight in the romantic, cozy ambience of **canal-lined Bruges**, packed with wonderfully preserved Gothic architecture.
- ▶ Admire **Antwerp's medieval treasures** in the colorful old town.
- ▶ Take in the beautiful façades of charming **Kampen**, a historic Hanseatic city.
- ▶ Enjoy the relaxed pace of life in the Dutch **seaside harbor town of Veere**.
- ▶ Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**.



Keukenhof Gardens

Embark on a carefree, first-class cruise along the intimate waterways of the Netherlands and Belgium, brimming with centuries of history! Witness the iconic canals of Amsterdam, stroll through a sea of brilliant tulips at Keukenhof Gardens and admire the medieval character of Bruges and Antwerp. Other ports of call introduce you to Kampen, rich in Hanseatic heritage, and Veere, a laid-back harbor town. Expert guides and lecturers add context to your daily sightseeing, plus you'll enjoy a choice of included cultural and culinary experiences in selected ports!

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Amsterdam, Netherlands. 🌐

Day 2 | Amsterdam, Netherlands

Transfer 🚶 to the pier and embark the ship.

Enrichment: Contemporary Netherlands.

Canals of Amsterdam. Take a guided cruise to admire the historic canal houses and other architectural gems.

Day 3 | Amsterdam

Keukenhof Gardens. Explore this 80-acre paradise of brightly colored tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and other gorgeous blooms with your guide.

Savor a delicious lunch with your fellow travelers.

Free Time: Head off to explore this vibrant city! Gather for tonight's Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 4 | Kampen / Giethoorn

Arrive in Kampen, which boasts beautiful architecture that reflects its heyday as a prosperous trading town in the medieval Hanseatic League.

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:**

• **Historic Kampen & Hanseatic Ship Tour.** See the 14th-century Church of St. Nicholas, stately merchants' houses, the grand old town hall and more on a guided walk. Then, visit an authentic replica of a 14th-century, Hanseatic *kogge* cargo ship at the riverfront.

• **Kampen Walking Tour & Brewery Visit.** With your guide, see the 14th-century Church of St. Nicholas, stately merchants' houses, the grand old town hall and more. Savor some Dutch beer later on a brewery tour.

• **Giethoorn Cruise.** Travel by boat along the tiny canals of this quaint, car-free village and then explore more on foot at your own pace.

Return to the ship for lunch on board.

Enrichment: The Hanseatic League.

Free Time: Enjoy some leisure time in Kampen.

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EXTEND YOUR STAY

Amsterdam | 2 Nights | PRE-Trip

Antwerp | 2 Nights | POST-Trip

{See website for details.}



Included Features

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- Unpack once and cruise for **7 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Queen.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 7 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **PYJ | Personalize Your Journey**
A choice of excursions in selected locales.
- **Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Day 5 | The Hague / Delft / Gouda

Enrichment: The Dutch Masters.

PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:

• **The Hague and the Mauritshuis.** See the city's highlights including the Binnenhof, the center of Dutch politics, and the Peace Palace. Next, visit the famed Mauritshuis, which houses Vermeer's "Girl with a Pearl Earring" and artwork by Dutch and Flemish masters.

• **Old Delft and the Porcelain Factory.** Explore historic Delft on a guided walk, then enjoy a tour of the Royal Delft Porcelain Factory, founded in 1653. Watch as a master artisan hand-paints their iconic blue-and-white pottery and view a lovely collection of antique porcelain.

• **Gouda – City of Cheese.** See Gouda's lively market square and its 15th-century town hall, then visit Sint Janskerk, the country's longest church, featuring some of Europe's finest, 16th-century painted-glass windows. Afterward, nibble on varieties of fresh Gouda cheese.

Enjoy lunch on the ship and an afternoon of cruising toward Veere via Willemstad, where the ship will dock.

Day 6 | Veere

Free Time: Join the half-day Elective Activity or follow your own agenda in Veere for the entire day.

• **Elective | Neeltje Jans & Delta Expo.** Travel to the artificial island of Neeltje Jans and its Delta Expo along the coast. Learn about the Delta Works, the massive dams and storm surge barriers built to protect the portion of the country below sea level. Grasp the devastating impact of the disastrous 1953 flood through a riveting, 4-D animation.

Day 7 | Bruges, Belgium | Antwerp

PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:

All excursions include a guided walking tour of Bruges. Stroll through Market Square and see the medieval guild hall buildings, the Basilica of the Holy Blood and the Belfry Tower. Then, continue with your selected tour.

• **Cultural Bruges.** Admire the outstanding artwork at the Groeninge Museum, known for its Flemish Primitive paintings and Flemish expressionist pieces. (Active)

• **Bruges and Beer.** Learn about Belgian brewing traditions on a tour of the De Halve Maan Brewery.



Take in the sweeping view of Bruges from the roof and sample a glass of freshly brewed beer. (Active)

• **Bruges and Belgian Chocolate.** At a chocolatier's shop, delve into the art and history behind Belgian chocolate-making, plus enjoy a tasty sample. (Active)

Find a nice spot for lunch on your own in Bruges. Later, rejoin the ship in Antwerp, where it remains overnight.

Day 8 | Antwerp

Enrichment: Contemporary Belgium.

Antwerp Walking Tour. Located near the North Sea on the Scheldt River, Antwerp has long been an important center of trade. In the old town, discover a wealth of medieval architecture on a guided walk. See the Gothic Cathedral of Our Lady, the 16th-century town hall and the Grote Markt's narrow guild buildings.

Free Time: Soak up the local scene from your seat in a café on the Groenplaats, or meander through the Antwerp Zoo, a wonderful oasis in the heart of the city.

Tonight, gather for a festive Farewell Reception and Dinner on the ship to commemorate your journey.

Day 9 | In Transit

Transfer to the airport in Brussels for the return flight to your gateway city.



2024 Departures & Pricing

April 6-14, 2024

Full Price from	\$3,645
Special Savings	\$250
Special Price from	\$3,395*

*See the website for complete category pricing.

*Special price available for a limited time. Call for details.

VAT & port tax supplement are an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

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Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

Electives available at an additional cost.