

# **Dutch Waterways**

ANTWERP TO AMSTERDAM



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# A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Add a truly memorable chapter to your travels on this carefree and engaging river journey. You'll discover Old World cities, picture-perfect towns and centuries of history along Holland and Belgium's waterways!

- ➤ Glide past elegant, gabled houses from the Dutch Golden Age on Amsterdam's lovely canals.
- ➤ Witness Holland's glorious tulip season as vibrant flowers burst into bloom.
- ► Float under tiny wooden bridges in the enchanting village of **Giethoorn.**
- ➤ Stroll through medieval **Delft,** brimming with quaint waterways and remarkable architecture.
- ➤ Delight in Belgium's tastiest treats, beer and chocolate, in **Bruges.**
- ► Experience two UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Above: Market Square, Delft | Cover photo: Amsterdam



# Dear K-State Alumni and Friends,

There's much to discover on this wonderful seven-night, first-class cruise through the waterways of Belgium and the Netherlands! Delight in the incredible charm of historic cities and towns in these countries as you travel in comfort aboard the intimate MS Amadeus Star, specifically designed for river cruising. Experience Belgian and Dutch life and culture in vibrant Antwerp, Bruges and Amsterdam, as well as in quaint Giethoorn and seaside Veere. And you'll unpack only once, giving you added time to savor each day's adventures!

In planning this exciting program, our travel experts have thoughtfully combined the area's best attractions with your desire for enrichment. You'll enjoy engaging educational lectures by local experts that expand your knowledge, plus select from included cultural and active excursion choices, such as cycling, chocolate tasting, exploring gardens and more.

In addition, this exceptional cruise offers you the security, ease and value of group travel with plentiful opportunities for independent exploration. You'll appreciate the camaraderie on board the ship and on excursions and also make your own discoveries during free time.

Guarantee your spot on this ever-popular program by making your reservation today!

Sincerely,

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# Art | Architecture | Culture | Cuisine | History | Natural Beauty



# Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Brussels, Belgium.

# Day 2 | Brussels, Belgium | Antwerp

Transfer to Antwerp and embark the ship.

**Discovery:** Antwerp. Located just 55 miles from the North Sea, Antwerp has a rich legacy as an important seaport and center of trade. More recently, it has emerged as a cultural and fashion design hub. On a guided walk, meander through the city's quaint squares and cobblestone streets to view its wealth of medieval architecture. See the Gothic Cathedral of Our Lady that soars over the skyline; the 16th-century town hall festooned with colorful flags; and the Grote Markt square, a standout with its row of narrow guild halls.

**Enrichment:** Contemporary Belgium. Gain insights about this bilingual country that includes

the Dutch speakers of Flanders and the French speakers of Wallonia.

The ship remains docked in Antwerp tonight.

# Day 3 | Bruges | Middelburg, Netherlands | Veere

This morning, travel by motor coach to Bruges. Romantic, medieval Bruges exudes a dreamy ambience, and its well-preserved historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

All excursions include a guided walk in Bruges'

# YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That's why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.

PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY | PYJ | Included

Choose from a variety of excursions in selected locales based on your interests.

**ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES |** At an additional cost Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Old Town to view the grand Market Square, the medieval guild hall buildings, the 12th-century Basilica of the Holy Blood and the Belfry tower. Afterward, continue with your selected tour, then enjoy free time for lunch on your own.

- Cultural Bruges. Gaze at outstanding art from the Flemish primitive and expressionist periods at the renowned Groeninge Museum, and linger in front of your favorite pieces.
- **Bruges and Beer.** Tour the family-owned De Halve Maan Brewery to learn about Belgian brewing traditions and taste their beer. (Active)
- •Bruges and Belgian Chocolate. Discover the artistic skill and history behind Belgium's famed chocolate during a visit to a chocolatier's shop, and indulge in a yummy, handmade sample.

  Rejoin the ship in Middelburg, Netherlands. Sail to Veere, where the ship docks for the night.

  As the ship cruises this evening, enjoy a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

# Day 4 | Veere | Willemstad

**Free Time:** Join the half-day Elective Activity or spend a relaxing day in pretty, seaside Veere.

Rijksmuseum

ELECTIVE | The Zeeland Coast and the Dutch Battle Against the Sea. Travel along the Zeeland coast to the artificial island of Neeltje Jans and its Delta Expo. Learn about the Delta Works, a series of massive dams and storm surge barriers built after the 1953 North Sea flood that now protects the third of the landmass of the Netherlands that sits below sea level. These 65 gates can be slammed shut on the North Sea when powerful storms strike. Grasp the devastating impact of the 1953 flood through a moving, panoramic 3-D exhibit.

The ship sails to Willemstad, where it overnights.

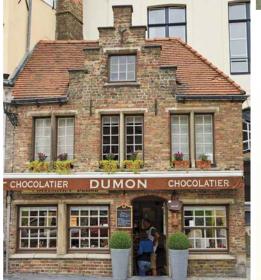
# Day 5 | Schoonhoven | The Hague/Delft

Depart Willemstad for Schoonhoven, where you will disembark for your excursion.

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

• The Hague and the Mauritshuis. In the country's government seat, see the Binnenhof,





home of the Dutch parliament and the Peace **Discovery:** Kampen. This afternoon, join your Palace, site of the United Nations' International Court of Justice. Pass through the Waasenaar Free Time: Spend the remainder of the neighborhood, a beautiful quarter that the Dutch

• Delft. Explore historic Delft and its Market Square on a walking tour before touring the Royal Delft porcelain factory, founded in 1653. Watch a master artisan hand-paint the iconic blue-and-white pottery, and view Royal Delft's splendid porcelain collection.

royal family calls home. Then visit the storied

Mauritshuis, which contains works by Dutch

and Flemish masters, most notably Vermeer's

Return to the ship for lunch as the ship cruises to Kampen.

## Day 6 | Kampen | Giethoorn

"Girl with a Pearl Earring."

The ship arrives in Kampen early this morning. Discovery: Giethoorn. Be utterly charmed by small-town Dutch life in this picture-perfect

village, free of cars and interlaced with footpaths and narrow canals. Wend your way through by boat, then explore on foot at your own pace.

Antwerp

Brussels

Giethoorn Kampen

Travel Director for a brief orientation walk.

afternoon at leisure in Kampen.

Amsterdam • The Hague

Delft

Middelburg Veere

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Utrecht

Schoonhoven

The ship departs Kampen.

Enrichment: The Dutch Masters. Learn how these Golden Age artists strived for detailed realism in portraits, landscapes and still lifes. The ship arrives in Amsterdam late this evening.

### Day 7 | Amsterdam

Discovery: Canals of Amsterdam. Glide on a canal cruiser and admire the city's charming houses, its many bridges and the architectural gems of the harbor on a guided boat ride.

Free Time: Your afternoon is at leisure. Walk along the canals and in some of the unique neighborhoods, such as trendy Jordaan.

Enrichment: Contemporary Holland. Delve into current affairs in the Netherlands.



# **MS Amadeus Star**

Debuting in 2019, the MS Amadeus Star is specially designed for cruising Europe's rivers, and its seasoned crew provides the highest level of service. With its contemporary style, the ship embodies elegance from its public rooms to its passenger cabins and suites. Bars and lounges feature large windows that offer you remarkable, broad views of the scenery. Savor international cuisine at the restaurant's breakfast and lunch buffets, and delight in regional specialties served with wine, beer and soft drinks at lunch and dinner. In the evening, relax in your cabin or suite, and enjoy satellite TV and your private bathroom with shower. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.





The ship stays moored in Amsterdam tonight.

# Day 8 | Amsterdam

# PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Keukenhof Gardens.** Walk amid this 80-acre paradise of bright tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and other gorgeous blooms with a guide.
- Waterland Bicycle Ride. Pedal through this scenic wetland north of the city that extends through nine villages and boasts stunning views. Enjoy a pastry and coffee along the way. (Active)
- Rijksmuseum. View fabulous art and artifacts spanning 800 years of Dutch history, including national treasures by Rembrandt and Vermeer.

**Free Time:** The rest of the day is yours to plan! Tonight, gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner to commemorate your journey.

# Day 9 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer **3** to the airport for the return flight **4** to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

♦ Flights and **\(\)** transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

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# **A Note About Activity Levels**

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

### **Excursions on this program require:**

- ► walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces
- ➤ getting on/off motor coaches, boats and/or trains



# PRE-TRIP EXTENSION IN ANTWERP

Settle into pretty Antwerp for extra days of fun and exploration! This inviting, walkable city offers wonderful diversions, from intriguing museums to simple pleasures like Belgian waffles and crispy frites! Plus, marvel at the medieval splendor of Ghent on a guided excursion. Includes two nights at a first-class hotel; daily breakfast; a guided Ghent tour; deluxe motor coach to/from Ghent; gratuities for guide and driver; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; baggage handling between the hotel and ship; and all taxes and service charges.

Price: \$845 per person, double occupancy; \$1,195 single occupancy



# | ELECTIVE | POST-TRIP EXTENSION IN AMSTERDAM

Delve into Amsterdam's neighborhoods, world-class museums and attractions in greater depth! Plus, stroll through the Old Harbor and learn about Dutch nautical heritage at the National Maritime Museum, featuring a replica of a 17th-century, three-masted ship. Includes two nights at the first-class DoubleTree by Hilton Amsterdam Centraal Station; daily breakfast; museum admission and a guide; guide gratuities; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; baggage handling between the ship and hotel; and all taxes and service charges.

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# PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: April 24 – May 2, 2020 Cruise Program dates: April 25 – May 2, 2020

# **CRUISE PROGRAM**

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# UNESCO World Heritage

- 1.The 17th-century Canal Ring Area of Amsterdam inside the Singelgracht, Netherlands
- 2. **Historic Center of Bruges,** Belgium



# **INCLUDED FEATURES**

### **Accommodations**

(with baggage handling)

• 7 nights aboard the exclusively chartered, first-class MS Amadeus Star.

# **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.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.



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- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  - -Explore colorful, medieval Antwerp along its cobblestone lanes.
  - -Wend your way through the fairy-tale village of Giethoorn by boat.
  - -Cruise the quaint canals of Amsterdam.

# Choose from a selection of PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY | PYJ excursions in these towns:

- -Bruges | Cultural Bruges | Bruges and Beer | Bruges and Belgian Chocolate
- -The Hague/Delft | The Hague and the Mauritshuis | Delft
- -Amsterdam | Keukenhof Gardens | Waterland Bicycle Ride | Rijksmuseum
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