

CRUISE THE WATERWAYS AND CANALS OF HOLLAND & BELGIUM

from BRUSSELS TO AMSTERDAM

An Exclusive Educational and Travel Experience



There is no better way to experience the beauty and culture of Holland and Belgium than by cruising their waterways. Travel into the heart of one of Europe's most colorful and fascinating regions with a unique program that

combines learning, recreation, relaxation and fellowship aboard a stylish and modern vessel, the MS Amadeus Silver III. Begin in Belgium, where you can witness the unrivaled charm of Antwerp and the amazing architecture and art of Bruges. Step into The Hague and explore Delft, where the great painter Vermeer was born. Finally, explore the canals and waterways of lovely Amsterdam. Along the way, enjoy a customizable journey with a choice of excursions in select ports of call.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the waterways of Holland and Belgium aboard the **exclusively chartered MS Amadeus Silver III**.
- Enjoy a **series of lectures** by local experts to enhance your experience.
- Witness a rainbow of natural beauty in Holland during its renowned **tulip season**, the perfect time to explore the area.
- Experience the medieval architecture and unique ambience of Belgium with visits to beautiful **Bruges** and **Antwerp**.
- Immerse yourself in the romantic landscape of **Delft** on a walking tour.
- **Personalize your cruise** with a choice of included excursions in select ports of call.

INCLUDED FEATURES

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT FOR SOLO TRAVELERS

Accommodations

- **Seven nights** aboard the first-class **MS Amadeus Silver III**.

Transportation

- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Cruise Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs** presented by **local experts** will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- **Personal listening device** to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- Attend a **Welcome Reception** and **Dinner**.
- Gather for a **Farewell Reception** and **Graduation Ceremony** followed by a **Farewell Dinner**.

Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy seven breakfasts, four lunches and seven dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with lunch and dinner.
- Take advantage of **leisure time** to try the **local cuisine** independently.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart for Brussels, Belgium.†

† Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

DAY 2 ~ BRUSSELS/ANTWERP

Upon arrival, transfer† to Antwerp and embark the MS Amadeus Silver III.

Excursion: Antwerp. Stroll through Antwerp, and admire Gothic and Flemish architecture.

Educational Focus: Contemporary Belgium.

DAY 3 ~ BRUGES/VEERE

Choose from three excursions here:

Excursion: Cultural Bruges. Stroll along winding cobbled lanes and across tiny bridges over Bruges' pretty canals before visiting the Groeninge Museum.

Excursion: Bruges and Beer. Take a guided walk of the city, then attend a beer tasting at a local brewery.

Excursion: Bruges and Belgian Chocolate. Explore the city, then end at the Choco Museum, where you will learn about chocolatiering in Belgium. Enjoy a panoramic drive to Middelburg. Attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner onboard the ship.

DAY 4 ~ VEERE

Independent Exploration: Take time to discover the charms of this exquisite village.

DAY 5 ~ THE HAGUE/DELFT

Educational Focus: The Dutch Masters.

Choose from three excursions here:

Excursion: Historic Cities of The Hague and Delft. In The Hague, visit the Mauritshuis, home to some of Rembrandt and Johannes Vermeer's finest works. In Delft, explore Market Square. Admire the sights of Old Delft.

Excursion: The Hague and the Life and Works of Vermeer. Tour The Hague. In Delft, take a walking tour that focuses on Dutch artist Johannes Vermeer, creator of "Girl with the Pearl Earring." Explore the Vermeer Center and the Old Church, where he is buried.

Excursion: The Hague and Royal Delft. Tour The Hague and Delft, including a special visit to the renowned Royal Delft Porcelain Factory, the last of its kind, to learn about the art and visit a museum.

DAY 6 ~ KAMPEN/GIETHOORN

Excursion: Giethoorn. Enjoy a boat ride through this charming village, located in a nature preserve.

Independent Exploration: Spend the afternoon at leisure in Kampen.

DAY 7 ~ AMSTERDAM

Excursion: Canals of Amsterdam.

Admire Amsterdam and its 1,500 bridges during a cruise through its scenic ring of canals.

Educational Focus: Contemporary Holland (Yesterday and Today).

DAY 8 ~ AMSTERDAM

Choose from three excursions here:

Excursion: Keukenhof Gardens.

Journey to Keukenhof Gardens, a 70-acre paradise of tulips and other flowers, plus Europe's largest fountain.

Excursion: Waterland Ride. Take a guided bike tour of stunning Waterland, which is composed of nine villages.

Excursion: Dutch Art. Go inside the Rijksmuseum, home to Rembrandt's "Night Watch" and other treasures.

Join a Graduation Ceremony, Farewell Reception and Farewell Dinner.

DAY 9 ~ IN TRANSIT

Transfer to the Amsterdam airport for the return to your gateway city.†

NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Some events on this program involve an element of walking.

ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Available at an additional cost

Brussels. Before your cruise, extend your journey with a two-night stay in Brussels, Belgium, at the Hilton Grand Place Brussels.

Holland's Battle against the Sea.

On Day 4 of your cruise, travel along the Zeeland coast to the artificial island of Neeltje Jans and learn about the Delta Works, a series of impressive storm barriers. These 65 gates are closed when powerful storms strike, protecting the third of Holland's landmass that sits below sea level.

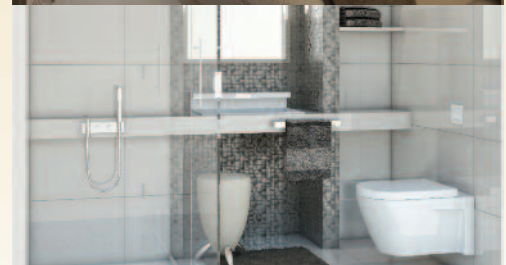
Amsterdam. After your cruise, extend your journey with a two-night stay in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Amsterdam Centraal Station.

ACCOMMODATIONS



MS AMADEUS SILVER III

New in 2016, the MS Amadeus Silver III and its crew provide the highest levels of service and comfort. Specially built for cruising Europe's rivers, this elegant vessel is the sister ship to the award-winning Silver and Silver II of the Lüftner Cruises fleet. Designed in a contemporary style, the elegance of its public rooms is carried through into passenger cabins and suites. Bars and lounges have large windows that offer remarkable panoramic views. The elegant Panorama Restaurant serves three meals each day that frequently feature local specialties. Local wines are included with lunch and dinner daily. Relax on the Sun Deck that offers lounge chairs and delightful open space. Cabins and suites feature satellite TV and a bathroom with a shower. In some cabins, connecting doors will be available. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available, but access may be limited.



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