

Upscale Excursions & Discovery Tours
presents...

A Springtime River Cruise
Plus . . . a 2-night / 3-day
Pre-Cruise Stay in Amsterdam

April 15 – 25, 2024



Amsterdam, The Venice of the North

and enjoy the **Canals & Waterways**
of the Netherlands & Belgium
Aboard The Amadeus Brilliant

HIGHLIGHTS . . . Amsterdam pre-cruise stay,
7-Night River Cruise - Arnhem, Middelburg, Bruges, Antwerp,
Kinderdijk Windmills & Keukenhof Gardens

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 3 Doubletree by Hilton Amsterdam Central Station, Amsterdam

Days 4 - 10 MS Amadeus Brilliant

25 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, 8 Dinners



Day 1: Monday, April 15, 2024
Overnight Flight to Amsterdam

Day 2: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 (D)
Amsterdam, Netherlands – Tour Begins Your journey opens today in Amsterdam, the 800-year-old capital of the Netherlands. Transfer to hotel Doubletree by Hilton for an early check in. Tonight, enjoy dinner with your fellow travelers.

Day 3: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 (B, L)
Amsterdam, Netherlands Enjoy a panoramic ride followed by morning walking tour of Joordan district. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

Day 4: Thursday, April 18, 2024 (B, L, D)
Amsterdam - Board Ship Enjoy a Countryside excursion accompanied by a local guide with lunch. Later, board your ship. Your home for the next 7 nights, this beautifully appointed vessel has all the modern amenities you could need, such as the newest technology, a panoramic deck, panorama bar, outstanding service,

and delicious cuisine and wine with every dinner. Tonight, enjoy a cocktail overlooking the city skyline before you are welcomed aboard with a lovely dinner and an engaging Dutch folklore show.

Day 5: Friday, April 19, 2024 (B, L, D)
Amsterdam See Amsterdam the way it is truly meant to be seen – by canal. On your private boat, cruise under sloping bridges and pass by quintessential Dutch houses. **Then, it is your choice!** Explore the charming fishing town of **Volendam** for a guided stroll of its charming old village. Then head to the countryside to learn how Dutch cheese is made at a local cheese farm before sampling some of the delicious results! **-OR-** visit medieval **Haarlem** for a guided tour where you will learn more about its art, history, and the Dutch lifestyle. A walking tour of the historic center highlights the **Cathedral of St. Bavo** and Christian Muller’s iconic organ. Enjoy dinner back onboard as the ship cruises on.

Day 6: Saturday, April 20, 2024 (B, L, D)
Arnhem Arrive in Arnhem, the favorite summer retreat of the Dutch royal family. With a full day to explore, Choose from several optional tours that will be offered on board such as an optional tour to the **Airborne Museum** that was dedicated to the Battle of Arnhem or you may opt for an afternoon visit to the **Kröller-Müller Museum** that holds the second largest Van Gogh collection in the world. This evening, pass by lovely Dutch scenery as your journey continues.

Day 7: Sunday, April 21, 2024 (B, L, D)
Middelburg Spend time in Middelburg, the capital of the Dutch province of Zeeland. Walk through the twisting lanes and take in the city’s relaxed atmosphere on your own. See how the local trading legacy remains in the architecture, passing by timeless brick houses, a Gothic town hall, and medieval towers. Consider taking an optional excursion to the storm surge barrier and **Flood Museum** to learn about Netherland’s largest flood defense system.

Day 8: Monday, April 22, 2024 (B, L, D)
Bruges, Belgium Say hello to Belgium this morning while you enjoy a scenic sail along Belgium waterways before your arrival in Bruges. Spend the afternoon in this fairytale city. Step back in time during the included **guided walking tour** then board a scenic canal cruise, also included, featuring cozy town squares and medieval dwellings.

Day 9: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 (B, L, D)
Antwerp Join a local expert in Antwerp for a **city tour** that explores its rich history and Gothic and Baroque architecture. Enjoy a free afternoon to prepare for the elegant Captain’s Gala Dinner, immediately followed by an evening of dancing.

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Day 10: Wednesday, April 24, 2024

(B, L, D)

Kinderdijk, Netherlands - Utrecht - Keukenhof Gardens - Amsterdam Stop in Kinderdijk a UNESCO World Heritage Site and village, to experience Holland's iconic 18th-century windmills. Walk along the winding paths and venture inside one of these working windmills, seeing how the country's heritage blends into modern day society. Then, explore the included, world famous, **Keukenhof Gardens**, featuring acres of tranquil ponds, shaded paths, and more than 7 million tulips and other flowers on exhibit. Aboard the ship, toast to the end of your journey at a farewell

Experience It!

Keukenhof – which means "kitchen garden" in Dutch is also called the “Garden of Europe” – is one of the world's largest flower gardens. Situated on what were once 15th-century royal hunting grounds, the current park was envisioned by the local mayor and opened in 1949 as a place for growers to show off their dazzling array of hybrid flowers. Each year, approximately 7 million flower bulbs are planted and grow on the grounds of this 80-acre park. Keukenhof is in South Holland in the small town of Lisse, south of Haarlem and southwest of Amsterdam. Famous for its meandering lanes, canals, sculpted garden rows and seemingly endless array of starbursts of floral colors, a visit to the park is a once-in-a-lifetime attraction that draws more than 30 million visitors each year.

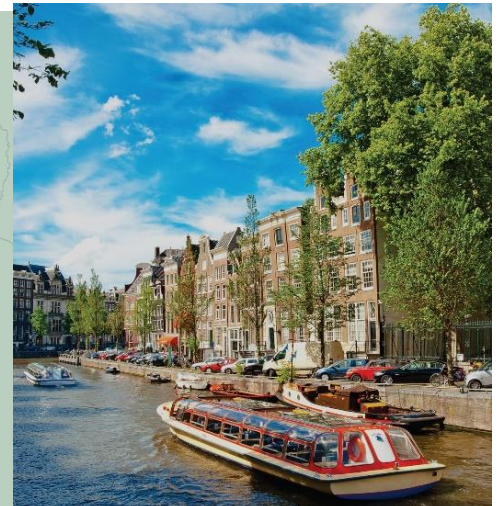
The best time to view the tulips is from the end of March through early May, depending upon the weather.

dinner.

Day 11: Thursday, April 25, 2024

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Amsterdam - Disembark Ship - Your tour comes to a close today, with memories of vibrant flowers and towering windmills.



Included in Price: Round Trip Transfers To / From Cleveland Airport / St. Michaels Parking, Round Trip Economy Class Air from Hopkins Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$599 Per Person, and Gratuities for Cabin Stewards, Bus Boys and Waiters on board the Ship, Tour Guide and or Tour Manager/s with Included Tours, Round Trip Airport / Hotel Transfers

Upper Level Outside Cabin Rates: Double Occupancy: \$ 7,799 per person/double occupancy
Single Occupancy: \$11,339 per person /single occupancy

Deposit to Confirm Space: \$ 250 per person
Second Payment Due by August 11, 2023: \$1,247 per person

Final payment due on or before December 1, 2023

Checks Payable to: **Palmer Vacations,**
5366 Fulton Dr. NW,
Canton, OH 44718

Cancellation Policy

\$ 1,497.00 or any amounts paid towards the total trip cost, are fully refundable if the notice of cancellation received from the participant on or prior to Aug 11, 2023

Any amounts paid toward the total trip cost EXCEPT \$ 599.00 - THE COST OF PROTECTION PLAN is fully refundable , if the notice of cancellation WITH ANY REASON received from the participant on or prior to 24 hours prior to departure date.

Total trip cost less the \$ 599.00 COST OF PROTECTION PLAN is refundable ONLY IF the trip is canceled by the participant with what is known as COVERED REASONS within the 24 hours prior to departure. Covered reason is primarily defined as documented medical reason/s upon approval of the claim by the insurance company involved. Otherwise, total trip cost is nonrefundable if canceled within 24 hours of departure.

Please Note: Identification - Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home.

This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the tour; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible.

Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions.

Coffee or tea is included with all meals. Wine, beer and soft drinks are included with every dinner.

Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waitstaff on board the ship are included

Smart casual wear is recommended throughout the trip. For the welcome and farewell dinners, a dinner dress for the ladies and jacket and tie (tie optional) for the gentlemen is recommended. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended throughout the tour.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 3 to 4 miles over uneven terrain. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities. During the walking tour in Bruges, expect to navigate through cobblestone streets and uneven grounds. You should be prepared to stand for longer periods at a time.

The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance.

Air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions regarding this trip - Mustafa Saraclar at 330-966-2252 / mustafa@palmervacations.com or Pat Schrader at 330-904-1771 / pat.schrader@gmail.com

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