

Tulips & Windmills

AMSTERDAM TO ANTWERP, 10 DAYS

Tulips & Windmills River Cruise Package Includes:

- 9-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the luxurious *River Duchess* or the regal *River Queen*
- All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients
- Complimentary fine wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner; bottled water in your stateroom; and 24-hour specialty coffees and teas
- 8 shore excursions, fully hosted by English-speaking local guides
- State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio headset system on all shore excursions
- Complimentary use of bicycles
- Captivating onboard local entertainment
- Signature lecture: "Life and Art in the Golden Age"
- Captain's Welcome & Farewell Dinners
- An experienced Cruise Manager and attentive, all English-speaking staff
- All transfers on arrival and departure days (please see transfer guidelines on page 128)

NZ\$ **3,075** per person,
From **3,075** cruise only



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Seas of flowers, picturesque windmills, and the balmy days of spring combine for a memorable cruise

All the things that come to mind when you think of the Netherlands and Belgium—countless colorful canals, whimsical windmills, vibrant tulips, the art of Rubens and Rembrandt, rich maritime history—are yours to experience in all their real-life glory.

This perfectly paced springtime cruise takes you to the historic windmills of Kinderdijk, the Belgian treasure of Bruges, the 70-acre Keukenhof Gardens with more than seven million flowers, and museums rich in art by the famed Dutch Masters. While visiting Enkhuizen and Hoorn, you'll discover the impressive maritime history of days gone by. Stroll through cosmopolitan Amsterdam and trendy Antwerp, and learn about Dutch art, WWII history, and the Netherlands' struggle against the sea on three guided museum visits.

All along the way, you'll indulge in the famous treats of the region. Sample delicate, handmade Belgian chocolates that are among the finest in the world. Feast on warm waffles with berries and cream. Taste delicious cheeses along with hearty beer—all while savoring the storybook atmosphere of some of Europe's most charming towns.

Who will enjoy this cruise: Flower lovers can experience the exquisite Keukenhof Gardens, which are only open a few weeks out of the year. Artists can

discover art treasures from the Golden Age in the Rijksmuseum. WWII historians can get a first-hand account of the war during a visit to the Liberation Museum. And those who simply love delicate chocolates and hearty cheeses will certainly enjoy this cruise.



Amsterdam to Antwerp

Day	Port
Days 1–2	Amsterdam (embark)
Day 3	Amsterdam, Hoorn
Day 4	Enkhuizen
Day 5	Nijmegen
Day 6	Kinderdijk, Rotterdam
Day 7	Veere
Day 8	Antwerp
Day 9	Antwerp (Bruges)
Day 10	Antwerp (disembark), transfer to the Brussels Airport

Departure Dates:

March 25, 28, April 12, 15

Antwerp to Amsterdam

Day	Port
Day 1	Arrival at Brussels Airport, transfer to Antwerp (embark)
Day 2	Antwerp
Day 3	Antwerp (Bruges)
Day 4	Veere
Day 5	Kinderdijk, Rotterdam
Day 6	Nijmegen
Day 7	Enkhuizen, Hoorn
Days 8–9	Amsterdam
Day 10	Amsterdam (disembark), transfer to the Airport

Departure Dates:

April 3, 6, 21, 24

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Day 1: Amsterdam

Arrive at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport where you'll be transferred to the ship. (D)

Day 2: Amsterdam

Featured Excursions: Amsterdam city tour, including canal cruise and Rijksmuseum visit

Spend your first full day in the Netherlands' largest city, Amsterdam, which boasts history, art, architecture, bridges, canals, cobblestone streets, museums, bicycles, narrow alleys, and beer. Even the simplest of shops has a distinctive charm here, and every street has a story to tell. See Amsterdam's unique appeal from a different perspective aboard a canal boat. You'll see the Mint Tower, Dam Square, the Royal Palace, and Museum Square. After your canal cruise, it's time to visit one of the most prestigious museums in the world. The Rijksmuseum offers the largest collection of Dutch and Flemish art and artifacts in the world. On display is one of Rembrandt's most famous paintings, *The Night Watch*, and Vermeer's *The Kitchen Maid*. (BB, L, Captain's Welcome Dinner)

Day 3: Amsterdam, Hoorn

Featured Excursion: Keukenhof Gardens

You'll visit the Keukenhof Gardens, one of the most impressive public gardens in the world, with more than seven million bulbs planted on a 70-acre site. There are literally millions of beautiful colourful blooms—narcissi, hyacinths, and tulips, among others—to see and smell. The Netherlands knows its flowers. And, once you visit these incredible gardens, you'll understand why more than 90% of the world's

flower supply comes from here. During the afternoon, you will cruise to the charming shores of Hoorn. From a leading seaport in the 1600s to a welcoming town known today for its delicious cheese and vibrant horticulture, Hoorn has a rich and fascinating history. It was an important home base for the Dutch East India Company and a very prosperous centre of trade. Other notable 17th-century achievements of Hoorn include its lovely gabled houses, which you can still see today. Of particular interest are the markings on the houses; the marks indicate the trade of the family that once occupied the premises. This was important because, in earlier times, few besides the wealthy and privileged knew how to read or write. (BB, L, D)

Day 4: Enkhuisen


Featured Excursion: Enkhuisen walking tour

Cruise from Hoorn to Enkhuisen and learn about life in this quaint, 650-year-old town, a thriving trading centre located on the edge of the Zuider Zee. Your walking tour will highlight its history as you pass the Drommedaris, an old defence tower guarding the harbour entrance, and warehouses formerly used by the Dutch East India Company. (BB, L, D)


Day 5: Nijmegen

Featured Excursion: Liberation Museum

Spend the morning cruising to Nijmegen, considered the oldest city in the Netherlands. From here, you will head to the Liberation Museum situated in nearby Groesbeek. During your guided visit, get a first hand account of WWII by experiencing the occupation, celebrating the liberation, and witnessing the rebuilding of the Netherlands and Europe after the war. (BB, L, D)

 Embark or Disembark

 Motorcoach

 Music Visit

 Captain's Welcome Dinner

BB = Buffet Breakfast

 Music Concert

 Winetasting

 Dining Out

 Captain's Farewell Dinner

L = Lunch **D** = Dinner

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Day 6: Kinderdijk, Rotterdam

Featured Excursion: Kinderdijk windmills
 Arrive in Kinderdijk in the morning where you'll discover 19 astonishingly well-preserved windmills dating back to the 1500s and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your guide will provide a detailed explanation of why windmills are so important to this region, including how they harness the power of the wind. They are also an iconic emblem of the Netherlands. At one point, there were more than 10,000 in the country. Were it not for the mighty windmill, this region would have surrendered to water a long time ago. Later in the day, sail to Rotterdam, and cruise through its harbour, the world's third largest after Shanghai and Singapore. Enjoy leisure time while in Rotterdam. (BB, L, D)

Note: If docking in Kinderdijk is not possible, the excursion will be arranged by coach from Rotterdam.

Day 7: Veere

Featured Excursion: Delta Works
 Enjoy a morning visit to the engineering marvel known as the Delta Works, where you'll learn about the Netherlands' 2,000-year history of fighting back the sea. Learn how technology has evolved over this period, and witness the striking modern methods employed today. Spend the early afternoon at leisure in charming Veere before cruising the picturesque Zeeland area. (BB, L, D)

Day 8: Antwerp

Featured Excursion: Antwerp walking tour and Cathedral of Our Lady visit
 Spend a full day in the exciting diamond capital of the world, Antwerp. You will be guided to the Cathedral of Our Lady, which houses four masterpieces by Peter Paul Rubens, who was born in Antwerp. You'll visit Market Square, where you'll see the Brabo Fountain, and you'll discover charming hidden sidestreets with delectable chocolate shops. (BB, L, Captain's Farewell Dinner)

Day 9: Antwerp (Bruges)

Featured Excursion: Full-day Bruges with canal cruise
 Visit Bruges, one of the best-preserved Medieval cities in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy its intimate cobblestone streets and bucolic public gardens. Perhaps the most distinctive sight is the Belfry Tower (Belfort) with its stunning octagonal tower and the lovely music of a carillon, which consists of 47 bells. Then see the town as its original visitors did—aboard a canal boat—and discover why Bruges is often called the "Venice of the North." (BB, D)

Day 10: Depart Antwerp

Disembark the ship in Antwerp and transfer to the airport in Brussels for your flight home.

Pay-In-Full Discount

PAY-IN-FULL at time of booking on or before **September 30, 2009** to **SAVE NZ\$1,950 per couple** (NZ\$975 per person) off cruise rates on suites, or category 1 and 2 staterooms. **SAVE NZ\$1,300 per couple** (NZ\$650 per person) on category 3, 4, and 5 staterooms.

-OR-

Early Booking Discount

BOOK and DEPOSIT on or before **November 30, 2009** to **SAVE NZ\$650 per couple** (NZ\$325 per person) off cruise rates.

Pricing Details Per Person

Departure Dates	Cruise Only	Ship
Mar 25	NZ\$3,075	<i>River Queen</i>
Mar 28	NZ\$3,225	<i>River Duchess</i>
Apr 3*	NZ\$3,625	<i>River Queen</i>
Apr 6*	NZ\$3,625	<i>River Duchess</i>
Apr 12	NZ\$4,275	<i>River Queen</i>
Apr 15	NZ\$4,675	<i>River Duchess</i>
Apr 21*, 24*	NZ\$4,999	<i>River Queen, Duchess</i>

* On these dates cruise operates from Antwerp to Amsterdam.
 - Port charges: NZ\$204 - Prices shown above include cruise in Cat. 5, Moselle Deck.
 - A limited number of singles are available for an additional supplement.
 - Air fare is not included in these prices. Please contact us for details.

To upgrade to a higher category, add the following per-person price below:

Category 4	NZ\$299	Category 1	NZ\$1,399
Category 3	NZ\$750	Suite	NZ\$2,625
Category 2	NZ\$1,075	See Deck Plans on pages 120, 123	