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# Dutch Waterways

AMSTERDAM TO ANTWERP

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## Inspiring Moments

# A World of Discovery

Your next adventure begins along the charming waterways of the Netherlands and Belgium! See Old World cities, picture-perfect towns and centuries of history brilliantly revealed as you unpack once on this carefree and engaging river cruise.

What sets this travel adventure apart from others is AHI's unwavering commitment to connecting you to the world's people, places and cultures. By weaving together discovery, education and authentic local experiences, we deliver new insights and fresh perspectives to enrich your life.

The incomparable value of our journeys is rooted in the personalized care you receive from AHI's Travel Directors. These outstanding professionals create a welcoming atmosphere and handle every last detail so you can focus on the wonder of the world before you. We also partner with the most knowledgeable guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines.

We invite you to turn the page on a remarkable new chapter with this AHI Journey for the curious traveler!

- ▶ Glide past elegant gabled houses on **Amsterdam's picturesque canals**.
- ▶ Enjoy an **extraordinary and rare exhibition of Vermeer paintings** from around the world.
- ▶ Marvel at glorious tulips and other cheerful blooms at **Keukenhof Gardens**.
- ▶ Delight in **canal-lined Bruges** and its beautiful Gothic architecture.
- ▶ Admire **Antwerp's medieval treasures**.
- ▶ Take in lovely **Kampen**, a historic Hanseatic city.
- ▶ Relish the relaxed pace of life in the Dutch **seaside harbor town of Veere**.

**Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Tufts,**

There's much to discover on this wonderful, seven-night cruise through the waterways of the Netherlands and Belgium! Unpack once, then travel in comfort aboard your intimate, first-class ship to cities and towns brimming with centuries of history and Old-World charm! In Amsterdam, revel in its famous canals, the breathtaking tulips of Keukenhof Gardens and a rare retrospective of Vermeer paintings at the Rijksmuseum. See wonderfully preserved medieval architecture in Bruges and Antwerp, plus enjoy a choice of included excursions. Explore The Hague and the famed Mauritshuis, watch artisans at the Royal Delft porcelain factory or sample delectable cheeses in Gouda. In Bruges, visit a chocolaterie, discover the beer culture or admire fine Belgian art. Other ports of call introduce you to Kampen, steeped in Hanseatic history, and Veere, an appealing harbor town.

Our Dutch Waterways cruise has always proven to be a crowd-pleaser! This exceptional program has been thoughtfully designed with educational enrichment from expert guides and lecturers. It also offers you the security, ease and value of group travel with plentiful opportunities for independent exploration. You'll appreciate the camaraderie with other curious travelers from our partner institutions and make your own discoveries during free time. Guarantee your spot by making your reservation today!

Please join us again or renew your connection to Tufts. As always, family members and friends are welcome to join as members of the Tufts "family." Share the experience of Travel-Learn!

Cheers,

*Mary Ann R. Hunt*

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On this program, we expect a Tufts faculty host to join you to present lectures and lead discussions. However, if due to low enrollment it is not possible to send a Tufts lecturer along, please be assured that our partners at AHI Travel share our belief that travel should provide an opportunity to learn about the world around us in a deep and meaningful way. We are confident that they will provide you the learning opportunities we know our travelers cherish.

The decision to return to travel is a personal one. Please consider your own comfort level and if you will enjoy yourself while traveling. We look forward to welcoming you back and want you to have the pleasant, rich experience we know traveling the world can be!

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Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Amsterdam, Netherlands. 🌐

Day 2 | Amsterdam, Netherlands

Upon arrival, transfer ➡ and embark the ship.

**Enrichment:** *The Dutch Masters.*

**Discovery:** *Canals of Amsterdam.*

Get a delightful perspective of this romantic city on a guided cruise along its scenic, leafy canals.

Day 3 | Amsterdam

**Discovery:** *Keukenhof Gardens.* Revel in the enchanting beauty of this 80-acre garden brimming with tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and other blooms.

Savor a refreshing lunch on the ship.

**Discovery:** *Rijksmuseum with Special Vermeer Exhibition.* View the superb art of this storied museum, including an extraordinary exhibition of Johannes Vermeer's masterpieces. About 35 of his paintings have survived. In this exceptional retrospective, the Rijksmuseum has gathered the largest collection of these works on loan from around the world, an event unlikely to be repeated due to the fragility of the artwork. Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.



Top: Amsterdam | Above: Detail of "The Love Letter," Special Vermeer Exhibition, Rijksmuseum

Day 4 | Kampen

The ship arrives in Kampen this morning.

**Enrichment:** *The Hanseatic League.*

**Discovery:** *Historic Kampen Walking Tour.* See the stately merchants' houses, the Church

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.**



Left: Windmill, Veere  
Below: The Hague



of St. Nicholas, the 15th-century Gothic House, and the grand town gates that reflect Kampen's heyday as an important member of the medieval Hanseatic network of trading partners.

**Free Time:** Enjoy time at leisure in Kampen.

**Enrichment:** *Contemporary Netherlands.*

#### Day 5 | The Hague | Delft | Gouda



**PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

•**The Hague and the Mauritshuis.** See the city's handsome landmarks like the Binnenhof, which houses the Dutch parliament, and the Peace Palace. Then visit the famed Mauritshuis, home to Vermeer's "Girl with a Pearl Earring." *This painting will not be in the special Vermeer exhibition. To see it, please select this excursion.*

•**Old Delft and the Porcelain Factory.** Take a guided stroll in Delft's old town, then tour the Royal Delft Porcelain Factory, founded in 1653. Watch a master artisan hand-paint their famous blue-and-white pottery and view a splendid collection of antique Delft earthenware.

•**Gouda – City of Cheese.** See Gouda's lively market square and the 15th-century town hall, then admire the exquisite 16th-century painted-glass windows inside impressive Sint Janskerk. Try varieties of fresh Gouda cheese afterward.

Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon of cruising toward the pretty harbor town of Veere.

#### Day 6 | Veere

**Free Time:** Join the half-day Elective Activity or explore on your own in Veere for the entire day.



**Elective | The Zeeland Coast and the Dutch Battle Against the Sea.** At Deltapark Neeltje Jans, learn about the Delta Works, the huge dams and storm surge barriers that protect the third of Netherlands' landmass below sea level. Grasp the impact of the devastating 1953 North Sea flood at a gripping, panoramic exhibit.

#### Day 7 | Bruges, Belgium | Antwerp



**PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

All excursions include a guided walk in Bruges' Old Town. See the medieval guild hall buildings, the 12th-century Basilica of the Holy Blood and the Belfry Tower. Then begin your selected tour.



Historic Kampen





## UNESCO World Heritage

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

•**Cultural Bruges.** Study outstanding art from the Flemish primitive and expressionist periods at the renowned Groeninge Museum. *(Active)*

•**Bruges and Beer.** Tour the family-owned De Halve Maan Brewery and delve into Belgian brewing traditions. Savor a glass of their freshly brewed beer and the rooftop city views. *(Active)*

•**Bruges and Belgian Chocolate.** Explorers returning from South America in the 17th century introduced cocoa beans to Belgium. Discover more about chocolate making at a chocolatier's shop and indulge in a sweet sample. *(Active)*

Enjoy lunch on your own in Bruges, then rejoin the ship in Antwerp, where it will dock overnight.



## Day 8 | Antwerp

**Enrichment: Contemporary Belgium.**

**Discovery: Antwerp.** Located on the Scheldt River near the North Sea, Antwerp boasts a rich legacy as a prominent seaport and center of trade. More recently, it has become a fashion design hub. On a guided walk, appreciate its



Top: Cathedral Square, Antwerp | Above: Old Town, Delft

Belgian chocolate



## MS Amadeus Star

Christened 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 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.



wealth of medieval architecture. See the Gothic Cathedral of Our Lady, the 16th-century town hall festooned with colorful flags and the Grote Markt square with its row of narrow guild halls.

**Free Time:** Spend the afternoon pursuing your own interests in Antwerp.

Tonight, share in a festive Farewell Reception and Dinner to commemorate your journey.

### Day 9 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the Brussels airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

**Note:** *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

✈ Flights and 🔄 transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

🍷 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.



Old Town, Antwerp

### 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 and boats





Amsterdam



| **ELECTIVE** |

## **PRE-TRIP EXTENSION IN AMSTERDAM**

Begin your adventures with two nights in captivating Amsterdam before you embark on your river cruise! Your first-class hotel in the heart of the city provides an ideal base for exploring Amsterdam's iconic canals, lively neighborhoods and world-class museums. Enjoy a guided walking tour along the beautiful, upscale Herengracht canal. This extension includes two nights at the Amsterdam Marriott; daily breakfasts; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; a guided walk; guide gratuities; baggage handling between the hotel and ship; and all taxes and service charges.

**Price: \$895 per person, double occupancy; \$1,345 single occupancy**



Old Town, Ghent



| **ELECTIVE** |

## **POST-TRIP EXTENSION IN ANTWERP**

Settle into dynamic 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, one of Belgium's oldest cities, on a guided excursion. This extension includes two nights at the first-class Hilton Old Town Antwerp; daily breakfasts; 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 ship and hotel; and all taxes and service charges.

**Price: \$895 per person, double occupancy; \$1,245 single occupancy**



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**Please have the information outlined below available to share with our AHI Travel Experts.**

**If you prefer,** you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office. Once this request is received in our office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within one business day to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

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**I/we would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s).** Deposit amount is \$600 per person.

**Cabin Category Desired: 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_**

**I/we would also like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the**

☐ **Amsterdam pre- and/or** ☐ **Antwerp post-extension** (please check all that apply).

**Full Legal Name** (*exactly as it appears on passport*)

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Name (Reservation Request sent separately)

### Single Accommodations

☐ I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

### Flights

☐ Yes, I/we are requesting the AHI FlexAir to Amsterdam, Netherlands, with a return from Brussels, Belgium, to depart from:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

☐ First Class ☐ Business Class ☐ Premium Economy

☐ No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **February 5, 2023** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

**Program-specific terms and conditions are available at**

**<https://tufts.ahitravel.com/destinations/1688A?schooId=300>. You can also request a copy from our travel experts.**

**Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.**

## PROGRAM DATES

**Air Program dates:** April 21-29, 2023

**Cruise Program dates:** April 22-29, 2023

## CRUISE PROGRAM

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
E-Haydn (Mid Aft)	\$3,545	\$250	<b>\$3,295</b>
D-Haydn (Midship)	\$3,645	\$250	<b>\$3,395</b>
C-Strauss (Aft)	\$3,945	\$250	<b>\$3,695</b>
B-Strauss (Midship)	\$4,045	\$250	<b>\$3,795</b>
A-Mozart	\$4,445	\$250	<b>\$4,195</b>
Suite-Mozart (Midship)	\$4,845	\$250	<b>\$4,595</b>

Suites category features a balcony. Categories A, B and C feature a drop-down panoramic window.

Categories D and E feature a panoramic window.

\*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT and Port Tax supplement is 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.

### Let us arrange your flights!

#### AHI FlexAir

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
- ▶ arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates.
- ▶ **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
- ▶ **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays.

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### TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

**To offer you added peace of mind, we've fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:**

- ✓ **Included AHI Travel Assurance** covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- ✓ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ **Home support staff and ground team** communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols.
- ✓ A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
- ✓ **Enhanced sanitization practices** for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.

Gouda





# 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.

## Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  - Cruise along Amsterdam's lovely canals.
  - Soak up the brilliant springtime splendor of the acclaimed Keukenhof Gardens.
  - Take in a remarkable, once-in-a-lifetime exhibition of Vermeer paintings.
  - Admire inviting Kampen's historic charm.
  - See Antwerp's impressive medieval gems.

## ✪ **Personalize Your Journey | PYJ**

A choice of excursions in each locale.

- **The Hague/Delft/Gouda** | The Hague and the Mauritshuis | Old Delft and the Porcelain Factory | Gouda — City of Cheese
- **Bruges** | Cultural Bruges | Bruges and Beer | Bruges and Belgian Chocolate
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:**  
Striving for a positive, purposeful impact on the destinations we visit: preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places we travel.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- 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.

## AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we're here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

### *Before you go:*

- **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- **Passenger Service Representative** | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

### *Once you arrive:*

Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.

- **Travel Director** | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.
- **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



Bruges



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Belfry Tower, Old Town, Bruges

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