Dutch Waterways
ANTWERP TO AMSTERDAM

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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.

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Dear Tufts Traveler:

The Low Countries are high on savvy travelers’ must-visit lists, for many reasons. The people are wonderful. The scenery is sensational. There’s remarkable art, history, food, and joy at every turn. And there’s no better way to experience it all than by river, aboard a superb ship – the intimate MS Amadeus Silver III, with Tufts companions. Together, we’ll explore fascinating cities, medieval towns, fairytale villages, and a paradise of tulips. Local experts will give us insider perspectives on artistic masterpieces, historic landmarks, architectural gems, culinary pleasures, and everyday life. Best of all, we can independently choose from an array of excursions, enrichment programs, and extensions — so each of us can also create portions of our very own, one-of-a-kind journey. After the cruise, consider a post trip option that allows us to linger awhile in picturesque Amsterdam with two additional nights.

Price includes festive Welcome and Farewell Dinners and most other meals. Plus, there’s no single supplement for solo travelers. **Book your space now to secure the early booking incentive and your preferred cabin category. Call our tour operator at: 877-336-8728.**

Cheers,

Usha Sellers, Ed. D.
Director, Tufts Travel-Learn Program
usha.sellers@tufts.edu

P.S. As the group’s size grows, we expect a Tufts host to join the program and add a uniquely Tufts perspective to the experience. This will be confirmed in due time.

For our updated itineraries, visit our website at: www.tuftstravellearn.org.
Day One

In Transit
Depart your gateway city for Brussels, Belgium.

Day Two

Brussels, Belgium | Antwerp
Upon arrival, transfer to Antwerp and embark the MS Amadeus Silver III.

Discovery: Antwerp. Located just 55 miles from the North Sea, Antwerp has a rich legacy as an important seaport and center of trade. On a guided walking tour, view its wealth of medieval architecture, including the elegant 16th-century town hall, the soaring Gothic Cathedral of Our Lady and the market square.

Enrichment: Contemporary Belgium. Gain insights about this bilingual country that includes the Dutch speakers of Flanders and the French speakers of Wallonia.

Day Three

Bruges | Veere, Netherlands
Travel by motor coach to Bruges. This romantic, medieval city exudes a dreamy ambience that has earned it the nickname, “Venice of the North.”

PYC | Choose one of these excursions:
Today’s excursions all include a guided walking tour of Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE
Free time means something different to every traveler. Some people like to linger in a cozy café, while others prefer to stay on the go. That’s why we have designed an itinerary to allow you to craft your individual travel experience.

Personalize Your Cruise | PYC | Included
Choose from a variety of excursions in selected ports based on your interests.

ELECTIVE Experiences | At an additional cost
Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities and extensions.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We’ve done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.
Stroll through the grand Market Square and see the medieval guild hall buildings, the exquisite 12th-century Basilica of the Holy Blood and the stately Belfry Tower that looms over the square.

**Cultural Bruges.** Enjoy the tour of Bruges. Then admire the outstanding artwork at the Groeninge Museum, known for its Flemish Primitive and expressionist paintings.

**Bruges and Beer.** Enjoy the tour of Bruges and then visit the De Halve Maan Brewery. Learn about this family business and the history of Belgian brewing. Take in the panoramic view of Bruges from the brewery’s rooftop, then enjoy a glass of freshly brewed beer.

**Bruges and Belgian Chocolate.** Enjoy the tour of Bruges and then visit a chocolatier’s shop. Learn about the art and history of Belgian chocolate-making, talk with the chocolate experts and enjoy a sample.

**Free Time:** This afternoon, explore Bruges.

Rejoin the ship in Middelburg and cruise to Veere. Tonight, join the Captain’s Welcome Reception and Dinner.

**Day Four**

**Veere**

**Free Time:** Explore Veere, considered one of the prettiest port towns in the Netherlands.

**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 protect the third of the country’s landmass that sits below sea level. A riveting 3-D exhibit allows you to experience how the North Sea waves wiped out part of the country in 1953. The ship arrives in Willemstad late tonight.

**Day Five**

**The Hague | Delft**

Early this morning, the ship docks in Schoonhoven.
Enrichment: The Dutch Masters. Learn how these Golden Age artists painted their realistic portraits, landscapes and still lifes.

Travel by motor coach to The Hague.

PYC | Choose one of these excursions:
Both of today's excursions include a panoramic tour of The Hague and a guided walking tour of Delft's old town. In The Hague, see the home of the Dutch parliament, the Binnenhof; the Peace Palace; and the Wassenaar neighborhood, where King Willem-Alexander and his family reside. In Delft, see the old town's highlights, including Market Square and the Palace Prinsenhof, once home to William of Orange.

• The Hague, Delft and the Mauritshuis. Enjoy the tours in The Hague and Delft. Then visit the Royal Delft porcelain factory, founded in 1653. See how this iconic blue and white pottery is produced, watch an artisan at work and view Royal Delft’s porcelain collection.

Free Time: Enjoy time on your own in Delft.

This evening, the ship cruises to Kampen.

Day Six  B | L | D
Kampen | Giethoorn
Discovery: Giethoorn. Feel as though you’ve stepped into a fairy tale in the winsome village of Giethoorn, free of cars and interlaced with footpaths and narrow canals covered by tiny wooden bridges. Wend your way through by boat and then explore on foot on your own.

Free Time: Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure in Kampen. The ship departs from Kampen tonight for Amsterdam.

Day Seven  B | L | D
Amsterdam
Discovery: Canal Cruise. Glide through the city’s canals and admire gabled Dutch homes, rustic houseboats and other architectural gems.

Free Time: Explore Amsterdam this afternoon.

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

ELECTIVE | Dinner on the Town. Savor a wonderful multi-course dinner at an authentic Dutch restaurant filled with old-world charm.

Day Eight  B | L | D
Amsterdam
PYC | Choose one of these excursions:

• Keukenhof Gardens. On a guided walk, journey through this 80-acre paradise of vibrant tulips, daffodils and other flowers. Each spring, more than 7 million bulbs burst into bloom!
**Waterland Ride.** Explore Holland like a local and pedal through lush Waterland with its quaint fishing villages and stunning views.

**Dutch Art.** Visit the Rijksmuseum to see its outstanding collection, featuring works by 17th-century Dutch masters Rembrandt, Vermeer and Frans Hals.

**Free Time:** Enjoy the afternoon pursuing your own interests in Amsterdam.

Tonight, gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner to commemorate your journey.

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**Day Nine**

**In Transit**

Disembark the ship in Amsterdam. Transfer to the Amsterdam airport for the return flights to your gateway city.

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**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants.

*B|L|D* denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.
After your Dutch Waterways river cruise, linger awhile longer in picturesque Amsterdam with two additional nights! Your first-class hotel right in the heart of the city is the ideal base for exploring Amsterdam’s lively neighborhood streets and scenic canals, as well as its world-class museums and attractions.

Enjoy a guided walking tour in the old Harbor and a visit to the National Maritime Museum. Get to know Amsterdam more intimately with extra days of exploration.

Includes two nights at the DoubleTree by Hilton Amsterdam Centraal Station; two breakfasts; and the services of an expert guide and an AHI Travel Director.

**Price:** USD $695 per person, double occupancy; USD $1,090 single occupancy
Dear Participant,

Thank you for choosing AHI Travel for your upcoming trip to Amsterdam. Please find below some important details regarding your reservation:

**Trip #: 5-23939W**

**Send to:**

**The Tufts Travel-Learn Program**

c/o AHI Travel

International Tower-Suite 600

8550 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue

Chicago, IL 60631

**Please contact the Tufts representative at AHI Travel at 877-338-8728 (877-EDU-TRAV) with questions regarding this trip or to make a reservation.**

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

1) **Title**

   **First**

   **Middle**

   **Last**

   **Date of Birth**

2) **Title**

   **First**

   **Middle**

   **Last**

   **Date of Birth**

**Email:**

**School & Class Year:**

**City:**

**State:**

**ZIP:**

**Home:**

**Cell:**

**Please note:**

- **I/we reserve the right to decline to accept or reject any person as a member of this trip, in the opinion of AHI Travel's agents for the trip or ourselves. Physical or mental condition may constitute a danger to themselves or to others on the trip.**

- **Please send me information on upgrading my flights.**

- **Departure City**

- **Cabin Category Desired:**

   - 1st choice
   - 2nd choice

- **Sharing with (Form sent separately)**

- **Trip Extension in Amsterdam, Netherlands.**

   - Please make reservations for me/us on the Eclipse Post-Trip Extension in Amsterdam. Single supplement applies.

   - **I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:**

     - **Cabin Category Desired:**

       - 1st choice
       - 2nd choice

   - **Cruise Program and AHI FlexAir**

     - **Please reserve the Cruise Program and request the AHI FlexAir to Brussels, Belgium, with a return from Amsterdam, Netherlands, to depart from:**

     - **Departure City**

     - **Please contact me regarding air options.**

   - **Please send me information on upgrading my flights.**

   - **Cruise Program**

     - **I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.**

   - **Single Accommodations**

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

   - **Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by February 15, 2018 (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by a payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.**

   - **Enclosed is a deposit of**

     - **$600 (60% of required reserve) to place(s).**

     - **Accept my check made payable to AHI Travel.**

   - **Charge my:**

     - **MasterCard**
     - **Visa**
     - **Discover**

   - **For security, do not EMAIL your credit card details. Please directly call, fax or mail your credit card information to our tour operator.**

   - **Card #**

     - **Expires**

     - **(signature as it appears on credit card)**

   - **Please note:** Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out herein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.
**Amsterdam**

**Bruges**

**Single supplement waived for solo travelers!**

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**Let us arrange your flights!**

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- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays
- **flight insurance** worth up to USD 250,000, subject to policy terms

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### CRUISE PROGRAM

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*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 per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

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**UNESCO World Heritage**

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

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**PROGRAM DATES**

Air Program dates: May 1-9, 2018

Cruise Program dates: May 2-9, 2018

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INCLUDED FEATURES

ACCOMMODATIONS
(With baggage handling.)
• Seven nights aboard the first-class MS Amadeus Silver III.

TRANSFERS
• All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Cruise Program itinerary and baggage handling.

EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM
• Enjoy an extensive meal program, including seven breakfasts, four lunches and seven dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
• Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY
• Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.
• Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  – Explore vibrant, colorful Antwerp along its cobblestone lanes.
  – Wend your way through enchanting Giethoorn by boat.
  – Cruise the canals of Amsterdam.
• Free time to pursue your own interests.
• Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
• Clearly hear your English-speaking guide with your own VOX headset.
• Tipping of guides and drivers.
• Complimentary travel mementos.

Choose from a selection of PYC | Personalize Your Cruise excursions in these towns:
  – Bruges | Cultural Bruges | Bruges and Beer | Bruges and Belgian Chocolate
  – Amsterdam | Keukenhof Gardens | Waterland Ride | Dutch Art

AHI TRAVEL EXPERTISE
From your reservation to your return home, we are 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 | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
▶ Travel Information | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

Once you arrive:
On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders’ perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.
▶ Travel Director | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
▶ Expert Guides | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We’ve specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional 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 and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.
Experience the charm of this unique river cruise along scenic waterways!

AHI Travel’s mission is to deliver inspirational educational and cultural travel programs that delight travelers. With AHI you can rely on:

- Experienced Travel Directors who attend to every detail of your journey.
- An exceptional travel value.
- Unique access to local sites.
- Flexibility and customization.
- Safety and security.

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