

# ***TULIP TIME RIVER CRUISE & AMSTERDAM***



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## Tulip Time River Cruise with Amsterdam

Duration: 10 days

Departs: March & April

Stay: 7 nights outside cabin, 2 nights hotel

Travel style: Escorted river cruise with sightseeing

Booking code: ERTTG10M

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# 10-Day European River Cruise with Amsterdam City Stay

## About the holiday

Discover the magic of Europe on this Tulip Time river cruise through Belgium and the Netherlands, with extended city stay in Amsterdam!

River cruising offers the unique opportunity to visit Europe's historic cities and charming villages as you sail the world's most beautiful waterways. Cruise aboard a sleek, modern floating hotel, equipped with features and amenities to make your voyage comfortable and carefree.

Marvel at the opulent homes of Antwerp and explore historic Flanders port. Visit an iconic windmill park in the village of Kinderdijk or choose to join the optional excursion to the Delta Works. Step back to the Dutch Golden Age in the charming city of Enkhuzen and spend time in Keukenhof Gardens, the largest and most spectacular flower gardens in the world. Plus, enjoy a panoramic tour of Amsterdam and glass-top boat canal cruise.

## Why you'll love this trip...

It's an ideal way to explore Europe & see places that coach tours can't include. Enjoy the comfort of the river ship facilities & a room with an ever-changing view. Includes shore excursions, meals, drinks with dinner & expert guides. In Amsterdam, board a glass-top boat and cruise the winding canals. Dock in the historic Flanders port of Ghent, a showcase of Flemish wealth. Visit the windmill park in Kinderdijk built in the 1700s and still in use today. Explore the magnificent flower displays at Keukenhof Gardens. It's a top-value river cruise at a glorious time of the year!

## Travel dates

Select dates in March & April, see our website for departures

*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date and please ask us for rates on other cruise itineraries.*

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## Escorted River Cruise includes:

- 9 nights accommodations
  - 2 nights Amsterdam in a 4-star hotel
  - 7 nights outside cabin aboard Monarch Queen or Monarch Princess
- River port charges of \$190 per person
- Cruise & hotel portage
- 22 meals: 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- Cruise director & activities host throughout cruise
- Local host in Amsterdam
- Services of local guides in all major cities
- Shore excursions per itinerary
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring during excursions

## Package excludes:

International flights - please request airfare quotes for latest travel deals

Airport & cruise port transfers - can be pre-purchased on request

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for tour manager, guides & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

***Subject to confirmation by river cruise company & local operators.  
Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***

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## River cruise features & amenities:

- Welcome Dinner and Farewell Dinner
- Wine and beer with dinners
- Locally inspired recipes
- Early riser breakfast in addition to buffet breakfast
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access in public areas
- Self-serve coffee and tea station
- Lounge serving premium spirits
- Fitness centre
- Non-smoking ship interior
- Shore excursions conducted exclusively in English by licensed guides

## Itinerary:

### **DAY 1, Friday - Arrive in Amsterdam**

Welcome to Amsterdam, Holland's sophisticated and modern capital; make your way to the hotel. The remainder of the day is free to discover the many cultural sites this delightful city has to offer. Tonight, attend an orientation meeting with your local host at the hotel at approximately 6 PM. We recommend that you select flights which arrive no later than 2 PM

**Overnight:** Amsterdam

### **DAY 2, Saturday - Amsterdam City Tour**

Today's panoramic tour of 700-year-old Amsterdam introduces you to both the old and the new sections of this city. View Amsterdam's port, one of the main harbors of Dutch East India Company during the Golden Age. Continue to the former Jewish quarter with its 17th century Portuguese Synagogue, and National Holocaust Names Memorial. Pass by the 19th century neighbourhood with its classic architecture, museums, and lively squares. Then, board a glass-top boat, and cruise the winding canals for an up-close view of the stately historic homes, 16th century warehouses, and charming churches with striking bell towers. The rest of the day is on your own. Perhaps, visit the world-renowned Van Gogh Museum and explore the largest collection of his works in the world

**Overnight:** Amsterdam

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 3, Sunday - Rijksmuseum Tour & Cruise Embarkation**

This morning, visit the world-famous Rijksmuseum. On your guided tour you will explore the vast collection of works from some of the world's greatest artists including the Dutch masters Vermeer and Rembrandt.

This afternoon transfer to the port for embarkation. After arrival formalities, rest and relax on board. This evening, meet your Cruise Director and enjoy a Welcome Dinner as it sets the mood for your delightful river cruise

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

#### **DAY 4, Monday - Morning in Amsterdam**

Spend the morning at leisure to further discover Amsterdam on your own. Perhaps experience a taste of real Dutch life by renting a bike to discover the little alleyways, hidden courtyards and canal-side treasures. In the early afternoon set sail for Antwerp

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 5, Tuesday- Antwerp City Tour**

Today arrive in Antwerp, one of Europe's largest and most historic port cities, where more than half of the world's diamonds are traded. Evidence of the wealth produced from trade during the 16th century can be seen in the opulent homes that line the city streets. During the walking tour, view the unique market place, surrounded by the mighty Renaissance Town hall and numerous guild halls. Visit the Cathedral of our Lady, the highest Gothic building in the Low Countries. Rest of the day is at leisure in Antwerp, or return to the ship for a relaxing afternoon on board

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 6, Wednesday - Tour Ghent, the Historic Flanders Port**

Discover the historic Flanders port of Ghent today, a showcase of Flemish wealth. Your tour of this medieval city includes views of the 7th century St. Bavo's Cathedral and the imposing Gravensteen Castle. At the town centre, view the gigantic Belfry, a symbol of the city's independence and the Gothic-style Cloth Hall, glorifying the city's major industry. Alternatively, take the *optional* full day tour to Bruges, also known as the "Venice of the North" and home to some of Europe's best preserved medieval buildings. Here, view the Lake of Love (Minnewater), the Beguinage Convent and walk along the picturesque winding cobbled alleys and romantic canals

**Optional:** Full Day Bruges City Tour (AM)

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 7, Thursday - Willemstad, Afternoon Windmill Tour in Kinderdijk**

Begin your exploration of charming Willemstad, located on Holland's Diep River. The town, named after King Willem of Orange, is best-known for its well-preserved fortifications.

View some of the town's architectural landmarks; the Mauritshuis, De Koepelkerk Church, the first church built in the Netherlands specifically for Protestant worship, d'Orangemolen, a stately white windmill, and Old Town Hall. Alternatively, join the fascinating *optional* excursion to the Delta Works. After the 1953 flood in the Netherlands, the Delta Plan was created to prevent a disaster from ever happening again. Taking 30 years to complete, the storm flood barrier, almost six miles long, is considered a technical miracle. Afterward, re-join the ship and continue cruising to Dordrecht. This afternoon, visit a windmill park in the small village of Kinderdijk on the north bank of the River Noord. During this excursion, visit a windmill and learn more about the modern technology that is now replacing their existence

**Optional:** Half Day Delta Works Tour (AM)

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 8, Friday - Morning Tour of Enkhuizen**

Embark on a morning tour of the charming city of Enkhuizen. Discover the city's historic landmarks and step into the Dutch Golden Age of the 17th century when you stroll through Enkhuizen's historic streets. Learn about the city's local culture and hear facts about the time when the Netherlands was a global trading power with Enkhuizen one of its main port cities. Conclude the tour with a visit to Zuiderzee Museum, that focuses in maritime history and cultural heritage of the Zuiderzee. Visit the exhibits and discover how people once lived in this area. Free time to explore on your own before returning to the ship. Set sail in the late afternoon

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 9, Saturday - Morning in Keukenhof Gardens**

Depart this morning for beautiful Keukenhof Gardens, the largest and most spectacular flower gardens in the world, where a sea of multicoloured tulips stretches out over the flat Dutch landscape as far as the eye can see. Return to the ship for lunch. Spend a relaxing afternoon on board. At tonight's dinner, share wonderful memories of your cruise and bid farewell to your Cruise Director

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 10, Sunday - Depart the Netherlands**

This morning, disembarkation will end at 9:30 AM

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, river levels, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.**

## Know before you book - high & low water risks

European river cruising is a relaxing and convenient way to experience Europe while enjoying the comfort of a deluxe ship. However, before making the decision to book your holiday, please be aware of potential conditions which may impact your cruise. While most of the time river cruises operate exactly as planned, weather conditions may result in high or low water levels which impact a ship's itinerary and, on occasion, render a ship unable to sail at all. On rare occasions, other events such as heavy fog, a damaged lock, or an incapacitated vessel blocking the river, may impact a sailing. These events typically occur with little or no notice. In the event that a cruise is partially or completely impacted, the itinerary will be operated by deluxe motor coach, accompanied by a Tour Manager, with overnights in hotels. When the option exists, the operator will "swap ships" with another vessel sailing in the opposite direction, retaining the sailing experience. Crew, ship and cabin configuration may differ. The itinerary will include as many of the originally scheduled sightseeing features as possible, considering the travel time and distances required, as well as meals. Whilst it is not possible to recreate the more leisurely comforts of sailings, we will endeavor to provide a comparable itinerary. These alternative services will be provided at no additional charge.

### Optional tours:

**Book your Optional Tours before you travel. See more, save time, save money.**

- Tours purchased while travelling may cost an extra 10% or more
- Tours often sell out. Avoid disappointment
- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally
- Travel insurance may only cover services purchased prior to departure
- Call our office to book these tours up to 1 week before your departure

#### **Full Day Bruges City Tour**

Enjoy a delightful excursion to the historic town of Bruges with its charming squares and historic buildings. The tour takes you first to view the Lake of Love (Minnewater) and the Beguinage convent, and continues for a walking tour of the city's medieval districts, where you will visit Our Lady's Church, which houses the famous Madonna statue by Michelangelo, the Market Square and Belfry, and the Town Hall Square with its Chapel of the Holy Blood. Time to explore the myriad of handicraft shops and cafes before returning to Brussels. Approximate duration is 7 hours

#### **Half Day Delta Works**

After the 1953 flood in the Netherlands, where more than 1800 people drowned in one night, the Delta Plan was created to prevent a disaster of this magnitude from ever happening again. Taking 30 years to complete, the storm flood barrier, almost six miles long, is considered a technical miracle. Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

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