Waterways of Holland and Belgium
Including Keukenhof Gardens
Amadeus River Cruises • ms Amadeus Brilliant
April 7 - 15, 2020
9 Days • 20 Meals • Excursions in Every Port
Escorted by Alan and Jenny Ingram

Kinderdijk, Netherlands
Springtime in Holland, the air is clear, the fields are full of new growth and the flowers are ablaze with colour. Revel in colourful gardens, the picturesque countryside and the great cities of the Netherlands and Belgium.

Spread across the delta region of the Rhine, the lowlands of Holland and Belgium are ideally suited to a leisurely waterways cruise. For centuries, this network of river channels, canals, and man-made lakes have been the primary means of transportation throughout the region.

Our home for this special cruise will be the beautiful ms Amadeus Brilliant. Specially designed for river cruising, it is the ideal and most comfortable way to explore these waters.

This unique itinerary provides a leisurely pace with ample time in ports, which range from major cities to picturesque towns and quaint villages. And everything is included, sightseeing, meals, service charges, taxes and all tipping.

This is one of our most popular river cruises with annual departures for more than a decade. Each previous cruise has filled quickly. Our space is limited and we urge you to call today to reserve your place on this delightful itinerary.

**Inclusive Features**

- Return economy group airfare from Canada to Amsterdam with Air Canada
- 7 night deluxe cruise in a comfortable outside cabin with hotel-style beds on the ms Amadeus Brilliant
- Transfers between airport and the ship
- Baggage handling shipside
- All meals during the cruise plus quality European wines with every dinner
- Escorted shore excursions in each port
- Welcome cocktail reception, welcome dinner and Captain’s Gala Dinner
- Onboard entertainment including lectures, cooking demonstration and music performances
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes and fees for included services
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with purchase of group airfare
- Services of your cruise escorts and / or cruise director

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**Our Cruise Ship • ms Amadeus Brilliant**

The elegant ms Amadeus Brilliant fits perfectly with the traditional elegance of the Amadeus cruise line fleet for a delightful cruise through the waters of Holland and Belgium.

With 68 cabins (108 - 161 sq. ft.) and 8 suites (237 sq. ft.), the ms Amadeus Brilliant will carry passengers in spacious comfort. Purpose-built to sail the safe scenic waters of Europe's rivers, she has three decks with cabins and public rooms plus a spacious Sun Deck for viewing the countryside.

All cabins are outside, each featuring either double or twin sized bed, a private bathroom with shower, telephone, TV and air conditioning (the ship operates on 220 volts). Cabins on Haydn Deck (lowest) have a picture window while cabins on Strauss and Mozart Decks have full height glass patio doors that open creating a French Balcony. On the Haydn Deck you will also find a hair salon, massage area and fitness room.

On the Strauss Deck is the Restaurant, Reception, and on board shop. On Mozart Deck you will find a Panorama Bar, Lounge area and the Amadeus Club. The open Sun Deck features deck chairs, a Lido Bar, chessboards and a shuffleboard. The ship is a non-smoking environment, except for some areas on the Sun Deck (subject to change). There is a small elevator on the ship which serves Strauss, Mozart and Haydn Decks.
In the afternoon, we will visit the open air museum that is home to historic houses, farmhouses and mills showcasing the Dutch life from the 18th to the 20th century. This evening we continue cruising to Middelburg. BLD

April 11, Saturday
Middelburg
We sail through the Dutch region of Zeeland this morning arriving around noon in Middelburg, a city noted for its 1,100 large and small monuments. Our walking tour will take us to see the powerful abbey, impressive town hall, and the splendid old warehouses, along with many of the city's great monuments. BLD

April 12, Sunday
Ghent / Bruges, Belgium
This morning we are in Ghent, the real jewel of Flanders, a city which has managed to preserve its medieval heritage while moving into the future. The city centre is a delight to explore with its rich Flemish heritage. Our city tour includes many of the sights of the city where the Emperor Charles 5th was born, such as the St. Bavo’s Cathedral with its world-famous triptych altar depicting the citizens of Ghent by Jan van Eyck and the Belfry bell-tower. This afternoon takes us on a sightseeing tour of beautiful Bruges and a journey back in time to medieval Flanders. We return to Ghent with free time to explore on our own before casting off again. BLD
Note: Due to renovations, some artwork at the Ghent altar may not be accessible to visitors.

April 13, Monday
Antwerp
Our morning will be spent on a tour of Antwerp, one of Europe’s most historic ports. Our city tour allows us to visit the Cathedral of Our Lady, Belgium’s largest Gothic church. Walk through the delightful old city centre and admire the city’s busy pedestrian ways and beautiful architecture. In the afternoon we visit picturesque Brussels, the capital of Belgium, with its lively squares, beautiful boulevards and impressive monuments including the famous ‘Manneken Pis’. This evening’s highlight will be the Captain’s Gala dinner. BLD

April 14, Tuesday
Rotterdam / Kinderdijk, Netherlands
This morning at Kinderdijk, we visit the largest group of
18th century windmills in Holland. Later, enjoy an excursion passing the bulb fields between Haarlem and Leiden to the famous Keukenhof Garden with its spectacular display of flowers in bloom. Keukenhof also offers several ponds, sculpture gardens, greenhouses, a windmill open for inspection and several terraces for relaxing. We rejoin our ship in Rotterdam before cruising back to Amsterdam. BLD

April 15, Wednesday  Amsterdam / Canada
All too soon our journey through the Dutch waterways draws to a close as we say ‘tot ziens’ (good day) to our new found friends and board our return flights to Canada. B