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# Dutch Waterways

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## Inspiring Moments

# A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

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.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Add a truly memorable chapter to your travels on this carefree and engaging river journey. You'll discover Old World cities, picture-perfect towns and centuries of history along Holland and Belgium's waterways!

- ▶ Glide along the lovely **canals of Amsterdam**, past gabled houses of the Dutch Golden Age.
- ▶ Witness **Holland's glorious tulip season** as vibrant flowers burst into bloom.
- ▶ Float under tiny wooden bridges in the **enchanted village of Giethoorn**.
- ▶ Savor the charming ambience of **Bruges** (and world-famous Belgian beer and chocolate!)
- ▶ Stroll through **medieval Delft**, brimming with scenic waterways and remarkable architecture.

**Dear Texas Ex,**

Please join a Flying Longhorns group on this wonderful seven-night, first-class cruise through the waterways of the Netherlands and Belgium! Delight in the incredible charm of historic cities and towns in these countries, as you travel in comfort aboard the intimate MS Amadeus Queen, specifically designed for river cruising. Experience Dutch and Belgian life and culture in vibrant Amsterdam, Bruges and Antwerp, as well as in quaint Giethoorn and seaside Veere. And you'll unpack only once, giving you added time to savor each day's adventures!

In planning this exciting program, our travel experts have thoughtfully combined the area's best attractions with your desire for enrichment. You'll enjoy engaging educational lectures by local experts that expand your knowledge, plus select from included cultural and active excursion choices, such as cycling, chocolate tasting, exploring gardens and more.

In addition, this exceptional cruise offers you the security, ease and value of group travel with plentiful opportunities for independent exploration. You'll appreciate the camaraderie on board the ship and on excursions and also make your own discoveries during free time.

This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world.

The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience rich history and culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and/or take your reservation. Capacity is limited on this popular program and it may sell out quickly. Please contact Ms. Janice Garcia at 512/840-5626, 800/594-3900 or [janice@texas-exes.org](mailto:janice@texas-exes.org) with questions or to make a reservation. Or you may fax the reservation form to her at 512/672-6134.

Best regards,

Shelley Norton  
Director of Travel

Janice Garcia  
Travel Coordinator

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Giethoorn





The Hague

Day 1

**In Transit**

Depart your gateway city for Amsterdam, Netherlands. †

Day 2

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**Amsterdam, Netherlands**

Upon arrival, transfer † to the pier and embark the MS Amadeus Queen.

**Discovery: Canals of Amsterdam.** Glide on a canal cruiser and admire some of the city's 1,500 bridges, dozens of islands and gabled houses.

Day 3

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**Amsterdam**

**Enrichment: Contemporary Holland.** Delve into current affairs in the Netherlands, one of the founding members of the European Union.



Waterland bike ride

**🌐 PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

•**Keukenhof Gardens.** Walk amid this 80-acre paradise of brilliant tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and other gorgeous blooms with a guide.

•**Waterland Bicycle Ride.** Pedal through this scenic wetland, surrounded by historic fishing villages and stunning views. *(Active)*

•**Rijksmuseum.** View fabulous art and artifacts representing 800 years of Dutch history, including national treasures by Rembrandt and Vermeer.

As the ship cruises to Kampen tonight, gather for the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner.

**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 CRUISE | PYC | Included**

Choose from a variety of excursions in selected ports based on your interests.



**ELECTIVES | 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.**



Keukenhof Gardens



"Girl with a Pearl Earring," Vermeer



Rijksmuseum

Day 4

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### Kampen | Giethoorn

The ship arrives in Kampen this morning.

**Discovery: Giethoorn.** Be utterly charmed by small-town Dutch life in this picture-perfect village, 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.

**Enrichment: The Dutch Masters.** Learn how these Golden Age artists endeavored for detailed realism in portraits, landscapes and still lifes.

**Free Time:** Make your own plans in Kampen.

Day 5

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### Utrecht | The Hague | Delft

The ship docks in Utrecht early this morning.

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

•**The Hague and the Mauritshuis.** In the center of Dutch politics, see notable landmarks

including the Peace Palace and the Binnenhof, the parliamentary complex, then pass through the chic Waasenaar neighborhood that the Dutch royal family calls home. At the Mauritshuis, study an exceptional art collection by Dutch and Flemish masters that features Vermeer's beloved masterpiece, "Girl with a Pearl Earring."

•**Delft.** Enjoy a pleasant, guided walk through Old Delft that takes you into the grand Market Square and past its historic highlights. Afterward, tour the Royal Delft porcelain factory, founded in 1653. Watch this iconic blue-and-white pottery in production, observe a master artisan painting by hand, and marvel at the factory's splendid porcelain collection.

Return to the ship for lunch. Cruise toward Veere via Willemstad, where the ship moors tonight.

Day 6

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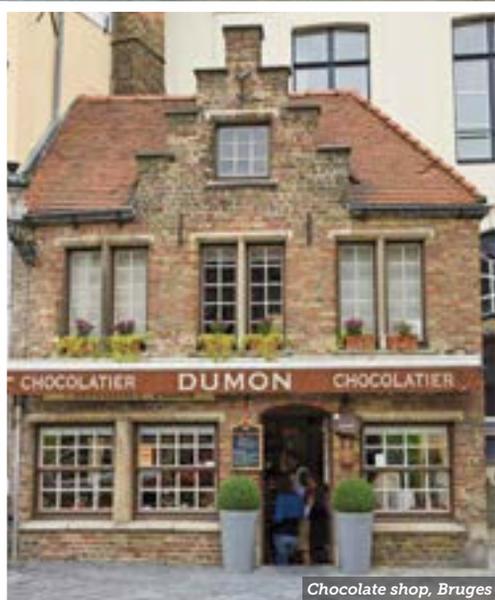
### Veere

The ship arrives in Veere this morning.

**Free Time:** Join the half-day Elective Activity, or spend a relaxing day in this pretty seaside town.



Antwerp Cathedral



Chocolate shop, Bruges



**ELECTIVE | The Zeeland Coast and the Dutch Battle Against the Sea.** Journey 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, which protects the portion of the country that sits below sea level. These 65 huge gates can be slammed shut on the North Sea when powerful storms strike. Grasp the devastating impact of the 1953 flood through a moving, panoramic 3-D exhibit. The ship remains in Veere overnight.

Day 7

B | D

### Bruges, Belgium | Antwerp

This morning, sail to Middelburg, where you'll embark on a scenic drive to Bruges. The city's tranquil canals, winding lanes and stone bridges imbue it with a romantic, dreamy ambience, and its beautiful, well-preserved historic center is designated a UNESCO World Heritage site.

### **PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

All of today's excursions include a guided walk through Bruges' Old Town to admire its medieval architectural gems, including Market Square, the guild hall buildings, the 12th-century Basilica of the Holy Blood and the Belfry tower. Continue with your selected tour, followed by free time for lunch in Bruges on your own.

•**Cultural Bruges.** Gaze at outstanding art from the Flemish primitive and expressionist periods at the renowned Groeninge Museum, and linger in front of your favorite pieces.

•**Bruges and Beer.** Tour the family-owned De Halve Maan Brewery and learn about Belgium's enduring brewing traditions. Relish sweeping views of the city from the roof, then relax over a glass of their freshly brewed beer. *(Active)*

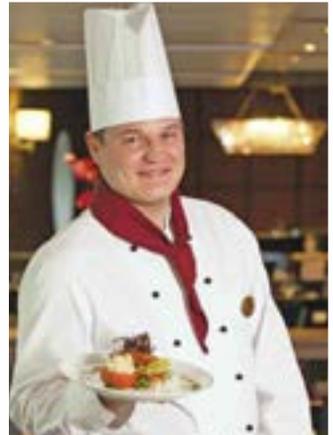
•**Bruges and Belgian Chocolate.** Discover the artistic skill and history behind Belgium's famed chocolate during a visit to a chocolatier's shop, and indulge in a yummy, handmade sample.

Rejoin the ship in Antwerp.



## MS Amadeus Queen

Newly launched in 2018, the MS Amadeus Queen is specially designed for cruising Europe's rivers, and its seasoned crew provides the highest level of service. Its elegant bars and lounges feature large windows that offer you remarkable, broad views of the scenery. When you want to unwind, take a dip in the indoor pool, complete with a retractable roof. Savor international cuisine at the restaurant's breakfast and lunch buffets, 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.



**ELECTIVE | Dinner in Antwerp.** Savor a wonderful, multi-course meal of classic Belgian cuisine at a restaurant in the old harbor area.

Day 8 B | L | D

### Antwerp

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

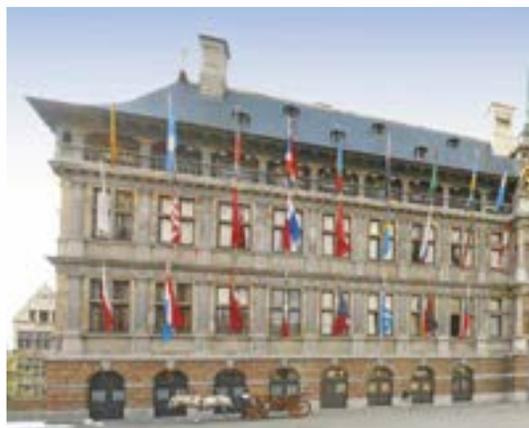
**Discovery: Antwerp.** Located close to the North Sea, Antwerp has long been an important seaport and trading center. More recently, it has emerged as a cultural and fashion design hub. With a guide, meander through quaint squares and down cobblestone streets to view its wealth of medieval architecture. See the Cathedral of Our Lady that soars over the skyline; the stately 16th-century town hall festooned with colorful flags; and the Grote Markt square, a standout with its elegant row of slim guild houses.

**Free Time:** Explore on your own this afternoon. Tonight, celebrate your special journey together at a Farewell Reception and Dinner on the ship.

Day 9 B

### In Transit

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





## | ELECTIVE | PRE-TRIP EXTENSION IN AMSTERDAM

Get to know vibrant Amsterdam more intimately before you embark on your Dutch Waterways river cruise. Your ideally situated hotel is the perfect base for venturing out into its lively, bike-filled neighborhoods and enjoying its celebrated museums and attractions. Plus, discover the history behind one of the most beautiful and fashionable canals, the Herengracht, on a guided walk.

Includes two nights at the first-class DoubleTree by Hilton Amsterdam Centraal Station; daily breakfast; a guided walking tour; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality Desk; guide gratuities; baggage handling between the hotel and ship; and all taxes and service charges.

**Price: \$845 per person, double occupancy; \$1,270 single occupancy**

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on all 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.

 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

**Below: Town Hall, Antwerp | Right: Delta Works, Neeltje Jans**



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Name(s) you would like on your name badge(s):

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## Two-Night Pre-Trip Extension in Amsterdam, Netherlands

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for me/us on the Elective Pre-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

I/we reserve the Cruise Program and request the AHI FlexAir to Amsterdam, Netherlands, with a return from Brussels, Belgium, 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 **January 25, 2019** (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.

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Enclosed is a deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$600 pp required) to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s).

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## PROGRAM DATES

**Air Program dates:** April 10-18, 2019

**Cruise Program dates:** April 11-18, 2019

## CRUISE PROGRAM

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
E-Haydn (Midship)	\$3,105	\$250	<b>\$2,855</b>
D-Haydn (Midship)	\$3,205	\$250	<b>\$2,955</b>
C-Strauss (Aft)	\$3,505	\$250	<b>\$3,255</b>
B-Strauss (Midship)	\$3,605	\$250	<b>\$3,355</b>
A-Mozart	\$3,905	\$250	<b>\$3,655</b>
Suite-Mozart (Midship)	\$4,305	\$250	<b>\$4,055</b>

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

Categories D and E feature an elevated stationary window.

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

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Amsterdam

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



Bruges

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# INCLUDED FEATURES

## Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** aboard the first-class MS Amadeus Queen.

## 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

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  - Cruise the quaint canals of Amsterdam.
  - Wend your way through the fairy-tale village of Giethoorn by boat.
  - Explore colorful, medieval Antwerp along its cobblestone lanes.

## Choose from a selection of **PERSONALIZE YOUR CRUISE | PYC** excursions in these towns:

- Amsterdam** | Keukenhof Gardens | Waterland Bicycle Ride | Rijksmuseum
- The Hague | Delft** | The Hague and the Mauritshuis | Delft
- Bruges** | Cultural Bruges | Bruges and Beer | Bruges and Belgian Chocolate
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- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
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- ▶ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

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