

TULIP CRUISE WITH THE NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM

Detailed Itinerary

DAY 1 - Friday, April 18, 2025

Depart the USA for Amsterdam

DAY 2 - Saturday, April 19, 2025 - AMSTERDAM



Welcome to Amsterdam, one of the most beautiful cities in Europe! After departing the airport, we will store our luggage on our coach and proceed to our visit to the charming windmill village of Zaanse Schans on the Zaan River, just 30 minutes outside Amsterdam. You'll experience the oldest windmills, unique crafts, shops, museums, scenic walking trails and see a demonstration of how wooden shoes are carved. You'll also have an opportunity to watch the cheese production process. (Some of the windmills and museums charge an entrance fee which is not included). Enjoy lunch on your own in one of their traditional Dutch restaurants. In the mid-afternoon, embark on a

canal boat ride of the Dutch capital along their winding waterways where you'll have an up-close view of the stately historic homes, 16th century warehouses, and churches with striking bell towers. Then transfer to our ship, the beautiful MS Crucevita, where you will unpack once for the next 8 days. After check-in you'll have time to become acquainted with the ship, then enjoy a welcome cocktail and dinner onboard with your fellow passengers.

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3 - Sunday, April 20, 2025 - KEUKENHOF GARDENS



After breakfast, we depart the ship for the Keukenhof Tulip Gardens, the world's largest and most famous flower garden. Each spring over 7 million tulip bulbs burst into bloom, along with a variety of other flowers. The history of Keukenhof dates to the 15th century. Keukenhof Castle was built in 1641 and the estate grew to encompass an area of over 494 acres. Landscape architects Jan David Zocher and his son Louis Paul Zocher, redesigned the castle gardens in 1857. That park, in the English landscape style, still constitutes the basis of Keukenhof. In 1949 a group of 20 leading flower bulb growers and exporters came up with the plan to use the estate to exhibit spring-flowering bulbs, signaling the birth of Keukenhof as a spring park. The park opened its gates to the public

in 1950 and was an instant success. This year Keukenhof celebrates its 75th anniversary. You'll have lunch on your own at the Keukenhof Gardens before returning to the ship with free time to freshen up and relax a bit before our special Captains Welcome Dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4 - Monday, April 21, 2025 - ROTTERDAM



In the early morning, our cruise ship docks in Schoonhoven. After breakfast onboard, we depart for a fascinating bus and walking tour of Rotterdam, a Dutch city in South Holland. After being almost completely reconstructed following WWII, it is now known for its bold, modern architecture. The city also has a rich cultural diversity with a wide range of museums. After the interesting Rotterdam city tour encompassing some of the major highlights of this fascinating city, the remainder of the day is at leisure. At dinnertime, the ship sets sail for Ghent.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 – Tuesday, April 22, 2025 - BRUGES - GHENT



In the morning, we arrive in Ghent, the former capital of Flanders. The city has the largest number of monuments in Belgium. After breakfast onboard, we disembark the ship and proceed to the fairytale city of Bruges, also known as the "Venice of the North," a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2000. Surrounded by a network of canals, the historic center of Bruges has retained its medieval charm and is home to plenty of architectural and historic gems as well as an abundance of decadent chocolate shops and waffle houses. Upon arrival, take an informative city tour, then enjoy free time for lunch on your own with time explore this stunning town independently before returning to Ghent where you

will have a guided tour of this charming medieval village. During the Middle Ages, Ghent was a prominent city. Today it's a university town and a cultural hub of Belgium. Its pedestrianized city center is known for its medieval architecture such as its 12th-century Gravensteen castle and the Graslei, a row of guildhalls beside the Leie river harbor. Perhaps take one of the classic boat rides to witness some of Ghent's major landmarks before heading back to the ship.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6 – Wednesday, April 23, 2025 - BRUSSELS



After breakfast, we will arrive in the Belgian capital of Brussels. Embark on a guided bus and walking tour that will show you the most emblematic places of this big city with the charm of a small town. This vibrant city is warm, welcoming and quirky! Brussels is the administrative center of the European Union and it hosts a number of EU administrative events. Brussels is known for its cuisine, especially its distinctive chocolates, waffles, French fries and local beers. Due to its long tradition of Belgian comics, it is hailed as the capital of the comic strip. Don't miss the opportunity to taste some of their gastronomic specialties. After returning to the ship for lunch, the remainder of

the afternoon is at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 – Thursday, April 24, 2025 - ANTWERP



After an early morning arrival in the port city of Antwerp, the diamond capital of the world and the largest city in Belgium, enjoy breakfast onboard before embarking on a guided walking tour of the city. In addition to its diamond trade since the 15th century where more than half of the world's diamonds are traded, Antwerp is famous for its fashion, cuisine and the paintings of Rubens, Belgium's most influential painter. Our guided tour will take you to the most important sights of the historical center. Be sure to taste another jewel of Antwerp, the Koninck beer served in a traditional Bolleke glass. Return to the ship for lunch, then enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 – Friday, April 25, 2025 - DORDRECHT



After an early morning arrival in Dordrecht and breakfast onboard, we will have the opportunity to explore the town of Dordrecht, the oldest city in Holland, on your own. Located in the province of Zuid-Holland, its picturesque alleyways, stunning historical city center and more than 1000 monuments give this city a unique appearance and a wonderful ambience. Stroll through its old harbors and charming shops before returning to the ship for lunch. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to relax, pack for our return visit home the next day, and freshen up. In the evening, enjoy a special Captain's Farewell Cocktail Reception and Dinner. In the late evening, arrive back in

Amsterdam.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9 – Saturday, April 26, 2025 - AMSTERDAM

After breakfast, check out and then disembark the ship for our transfer to the airport for your return flight home, taking with you special memories of the Netherlands and Belgium River Cruise. (Airport transfers not included).

Meals: Breakfast

INCLUDED:

- 8 Days/7 nights cruise aboard the MS "CRUCEVITA" 4* Cruise Ship
- Accommodations in outside cabins. Upgrades to Promenade deck are available upon request for \$299 per person for the duration of the cruise.
- Customized tours for our group to Zaanse Schans, Keukenhof Tulip Festival and Bruges
- Customized excursion package at ports along the cruise itinerary
- All meals from dinner on the first day to breakfast on the last day (excluding days 3 & 5 with full day excursions);
- All-inclusive Drink package – draft beer, house red or white house wine, soft drinks, coffee and tea from 9:30 am – 11 pm. Cocktails and other drinks can be purchased from the bar and paid upon check-out.
- Daily drink specials
- Late afternoon tea with sweets or late-night snack
- Coffee and tea station open throughout the day; live music
- Welcome and farewell cocktail (one drink included)
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Dinners
- Porterage service

NOT INCLUDED:

- Drinks not mentioned
- Airport transfer of from the ship to the airport upon disembarkation
- International flight
- Travel insurance
- Crew gratuities (Suggested gratuity of 12 euros/day x 8 days= 96 euros to be paid on the final evening)
- Laundry service is available for an extra charge

MS "CRUCEVITA" 4*

Renovated - 2019



Facilities

Panoramic restaurant - Lounge bar - Reading lounge - Boutique - Sun deck with sun loungers - Lobby with fireplace - Chill-out zone

Accommodations

All cabins are spacious 12m, outside cabins with a desk and desk chair, and a large mirror. All cabins are equipped with individual air conditioning/heating, satellite TV, safe, telephone and hairdryer. The

efficiently designed bathroom is equipped with a shower and washbasin. The cabins on the Main Deck have large windows, while the cabins on the Promenade Deck have a French balcony. Upgrades to Promenade deck are available upon request for \$299 per person for the duration of the cruise.

DAY	PORT	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	Amsterdam	16:00	--
2	Amsterdam	--	23:00
3	Rotterdam	07:00	19:00
4	Ghent	10:00	20:00
5	Brussels	09:00	20:00
6	Antwerp	03:00	19:00
7	Dordrecht	04:00	13:00
	Amsterdam	22:30	--
8	Amsterdam	--	--

Program and timetable are subject to change.



NOTE: ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS AND OTHER FACTORS BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

European river cruising has gained in popularity for very good reason. It's a relaxing and convenient way to experience the Netherlands and Belgium while enjoying the comforts that a river cruise affords. However, before making the decision to reserve your vacation, 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 very rare occasions, other events such as 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 a deluxe motor coach. 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. While it is not possible to recreate the more leisurely comforts of sailings, we will endeavor to provide a comparable itinerary.