



TULIP TIME ADVENTURE

10 - DAY RIVER CRUISE TOUR ROUND-TRIP AMSTERDAM

APRIL 1 TO 10, 2025

ACCOMPANIED BY EVA D OF ZOOMER RADIO AM740

HOSTED BY CAROLINE GRANT OF CRUISE HOLIDAYS - CLARKSON TRAVEL

Celebrate spring in the Netherlands and Belgium when the Keukenhof Gardens and Floralia come alive. Experience the iconic sites of Amsterdam, the whimsical Kinderdijk windmills and the art of Rubens and Michelangelo. Discover the timeless traditions of Delft porcelain and revel in the medieval architectural treasures of Bruges, Middelburg and Ghent. Throughout your journey indulge in Belgian chocolates, warm waffles and delicious cheeses —all while savoring the storybook atmosphere of the region.



Hi, it's Eva D...

I am so excited to celebrate spring next year in one of the most famous cities in the world - Amsterdam!! Our group will explore its history and culture, amazing buildings, and renowned canals, often referred to as the Venice of the north. One of my personal highlights will be the stunning tulip gardens and yes, I must admit, I can't wait to try all those Dutch delicacies!!!

Hope you'll be part of our group, and together we can enjoy this Tulip Time adventure!!!

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BRIEF ITINERARY

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- DAY 1: ARRIVE IN AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS**
- DAY 2: AMSTERDAM**
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- DAY 5: SCENIC CRUISING - BRUINISSE, NETHERLANDS**
- DAY 6: GHENT, BELGIUM**
- DAY 7: ANTWERP, BELGIUM**
- DAY 8: ROTTERDAM, BELGIUM**
- DAY 9: AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS**
- DAY 10: AMSTERDAM - DISEMBARKATION**





DAY 1, APRIL 1 AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Arrive in Amsterdam and check-in to your hotel.

Accommodations: 5* Sofitel Legend The Grand (or equivalent), breakfast included (2 nights)

DAY 2, APRIL 2 AMSTERDAM

Follow your guide through the charming capital of the Netherlands, with its iconic meandering canals, bridges and distinctive architecture. (B)

DAY 3, APRIL 3 AMSTERDAM - EMBARKATION

Enjoy an enchanting cruise along the canal in Haarlem outside of Amsterdam, passing historic architecture, bridges and even a windmill iconic of the region. Later in the day, transfer to your ship. (B,D)

DAY 4, APRIL 4 AMSTERDAM – KAMPEN, NETHERLANDS

Enjoy a scenic cruise through the IJsselmeer to Kampen. Venture to the charming, canal-laden village of Giethoorn, nicknamed the “Dutch Venice.” Capture wonderful photos of the picturesque thatched-roof farmhouses, which are seemingly lifted straight from the pages of a fairytale. In the afternoon, go for a guided bike ride through the Dutch countryside or visit Flevoland's vibrant tulip fields. (B,L,D)

DAY 5, APRIL 5 BRUINISSE, NETHERLANDS

After enjoying a scenic cruise through the Delta, join a guided tour to the medieval harbor town of Zierikzee, brimming with delights, from its 16th-century stone-built Gravesteen to its lovely harborside shops and cafes. This excursion includes a photo stop at the Oosterschelde Kering, the largest storm surge barrier of the Delta Works. Alternatively, focus your tour on the history of the Delta Works at the Flood Museum. More than half of the Netherlands lies below sea level and the Delta Works were built to prevent a recurrence of the 1953 flood disaster. Prefer discovering Bruinisse on two wheels? Join our guide for an exhilarating bike tour. (B,L,D)

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DAY 6, APRIL 6 GHENT - BRUGES, BELGIUM

Admire Ghent's canal-side architecture and some of its famous sights, including the Castle of the Counts and St. Bavo's Cathedral and its Adoration of the Mystic Lamb. Those with a sweet tooth can visit a chocolate maker's shop. After being greeted with a glass of champagne, a master chocolatier will brief you on the history of chocolate. You will also have the opportunity to taste different types of pralines - and try your hand at making your own. Alternatively, take a full-day tour of Bruges, one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stroll through Grote Markt and Burg Square, visit the centuries-old Church of Our Lady with its prominent spire, and, if you choose, sample some of the local specialties, from Belgian fries to waffles to chocolate, before returning to the ship. (B,L,D)

DAY 7, APRIL 7 ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Explore this trendy city on a walking tour where you'll see Antwerp's Steen Castle, Grote Market and Brabo Fountain, along with the UNESCO-designated Cathedral of Our Lady. For a more active exploration of the area, join a guided bike tour. Later in the afternoon, you have a choice of two excursions. Foodies will want to go on a culinary tour to indulge in chocolate, waffles and beer. Flower lovers and gardeners can roam through the Floralia, an annual spring flower show featuring approximately one million bulbs that are hand-planted each year by the castle staff. (B,L,D)



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DAY 8, APRIL 8 ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS – KINDERDIJK

During the morning, you can go on a walking tour of Rotterdam, nicknamed the "Gateway to Europe," and taste local specialties. Alternatively, go on an excursion to Delft, known as the home of the painter Johannes Vermeer, Delft Blue earthenware and the Royal House. While here, you'll visit the Royal Delft Porcelain Factory and Museum. If you prefer a more active adventure, then go on a bike ride through Rotterdam and past some of its famous landmarks and architecture. In the afternoon, venture to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kinderdijk, a lovely village renowned for having the country's greatest concentration of windmills, all dating from the 18th century. Visit a private windmill via electric boat. You may also pedal past the windmills from the seat of a bike. Or, if you wish to explore the history of US immigration, join us on an excursion that visits Delfshaven, where, on August 1, 1620, the Pilgrim fathers departed on their epic journey aboard the Speedwell, plus tour the FENIX Museum of Migration, a former harbor warehouse currently being transformed into this unique educational experience. (B,L,D)

DAY 9, APRIL 9 AMSTERDAM

Enjoy a morning of scenic cruising before venturing out in the afternoon on a smaller boat specially designed to glide beneath the many bridges of Amsterdam. Admire the city's historic harbor and canals, where you'll see beautiful homes lining the water and the fabled Skinny Bridge. Alternatively, marvel at one of the most impressive public gardens in the world, Keukenhof**, which presents a spectacular display of millions of flowering tulips spread out over 70 acres. Spend time ambling through this legendary garden, open only nine weeks a year and sometimes referred to as the "Garden of Europe." (B,L,D)

DAY 10, APRIL 10 DISEMBARKATION - DEPART AMSTERDAM

Disembark the ship and prepare for your flight home. (B)



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OUR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

5* SOFITEL LEGEND THE GRAND AMSTERDAM



Welcome at Sofitel Legend The Grand Amsterdam! Located between two historical canals in the heart of the city, The Grand boasts a rich history. From a 15th-century convent to royal lodgings to Dutch admiralty headquarters to the city hall of Amsterdam. The Grand offers five-star luxury in a unique ‘Amsterdam’ ambiance, furnished with French elegance and grandeur. Experience exceptional gastronomic quality in the accessible atmosphere of restaurant Bridges and enjoy a delicious five-, six- or seven course Menu du Chef or discover the pure taste of the Mediterranean at Oriole Garden Bistro. The Garden Terrace can be found in the beautiful inner garden of The Grand and it is one of Amsterdam’s best kept secrets; an oasis of peace and tranquillity, situated in the heart of the city. Library ‘Or’ is the ideal place to indulge in The Grand Afternoon Tea. Are you a true whisky lover? Be surprised by the special Glenfiddich whiskies at our bar The Flying Dutchman.



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THE LUXURIOUS AMASERENA



AmaSerena is a regal river ship accommodating both guests who wish to socialize with kindred cruisers and those seeking private rejuvenation. Twin-balcony staterooms maximize scenic views with amenities that include Entertainment-On-Demand, unlimited Wi-Fi, movies, music and more. When it's time to step out, guests can choose a quiet respite in the inviting library or head to the Main Lounge for cocktails and conversation. Both venues are designed with fabrics in rich reds that call to mind full-bodied Merlots. As a member of La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, the exclusive international culinary society, AmaSerena also offers exquisite, locally sourced cuisine in the Main Restaurant or at The Chef's Table.



Note: Elevator reaches the Violin and Cello Deck (does not reach Piano Deck or Sun Deck).

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Staterooms can become adjoining by request.

Stateroom Categories



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STATEROOMS AND FARES

CATEGORIES E & D; FIXED WINDOWS, 160 SQ. FT. LOCATED ON THE PIANO DECK



Category E:
double occupancy: \$5,990 pp
single occupancy: \$8,200

Category D:
double occupancy: \$6,400
pp single occupancy: \$8,600

CATEGORY CB AND CA, FRENCH BALCONIES, 170 SQ. FT. LOCATED ON VIOLIN & CELLO DECK



Category CB (on request)

Category CA:
double occupancy: \$7,600 pp
single occupancy: \$11,000

CATEGORY BB AND BA, TWIN BALCONIES, 210 SQ. FT. LOCATED ON CELLO & VIOLIN DECK



Category BB:
double occupancy: \$8,500 pp
single occupancy: \$12,430

Category BA:
double occupancy: \$8,700pp
single occupancy: \$12,700

CATEGORY AB AND AA, TWIN BALCONIES, 235 SQ. FT. LOCATED ON CELLO & VIOLIN DECK



Category AB :
double occupancy: \$8,900 pp
single occupancy: \$12,850

Category AA:
double occupancy: \$9,100 pp
single occupancy: \$13,500

CATEGORY SUITE, TWIN BALCONIES, 350 SQ. FT. LOCATED ON VIOLIN DECK



Category S-Suite :
double occupancy: \$11,100 pp
single occupancy: NA

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INCLUSIONS

- Transfers from airport to hotel in Amsterdam when travelling on exact tour dates
- 2 nights at 5* Sofitel Legend The Grand Hotel (or equivalent); with breakfast
- Amsterdam guided tours conducted by local professional guides
- Hotel to ship transfer and cruise embarkation
- 7 nights aboard AmaSerena, full board
- Shore excursions guided by knowledgeable local guides
- Meals as per the itinerary
- Transfer from pier to airport in Amsterdam
- Gratuities for cruise crew and staff
- Accompanied by Eva D, ZOOMER Radio AM740
- Hosted by Caroline Grant of Cruise Holidays - Clarkson Travel

PAYMENTS AND TERMS & CONDITIONS

DEPOSIT: \$1,500 pp due at time of booking

FINAL PAYMENT: December 1, 2024

CANCELTION FEES SCHEDULE:

- Up to Nov 30: \$500 pp
- Dec 01 to Jan 31: 50% of tour cost
- Feb 01 to departure: 100% of tour cost

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Travellers must report any disability that would require special attention while on tour at the time the reservation is made. CH Clarkson is not responsible for any denial of services by air carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other suppliers as a result to such disability. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance and must assume full responsibility for their well- being. Travellers accept by virtue of this booking, that Cruise Holidays of Clarkson has the right and authority to accept or reject any tour participant and to remove such participant if in the judgement of CH Clarkson the participant's behaviour interferes with the well - being and enjoyment by the other participants. Cruise Holidays of Clarkson will not refund or cover any cost or expenses incurred for such termination of vacation arrangements. The tour participant agrees that Cruise Holidays of Clarkson shall not be liable for any damage, loss (including personal injury, death, and property loss), or expenses occasioned by any act or omission of any supplier providing services.

Cruise Holidays of Clarkson shall not be responsible for any changes to the itinerary as outlined in the brochure by the tour suppliers. All itineraries, including points of embarkation and debarkation, are at the discretion of the cruise line and may be modified up to and during the voyage. The cruise line or tour operator reserves the right to amend, cancel or make substitutions for any travel component without prior notice to the guest, including hotels, ports of call or other modes of transportation if, in its opinion, the situation requires a change or cancellation of arrangements.

We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance which we can arrange for you through Manulife Financial.

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