

TULIP TIME CRUISE (GARDEN & NATURE THEME)

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Meals

Breakfast: 7 Lunch: 6 Dinner: 7

Transport

State-of-the-art, luxurious river cruise vessels with modern services and amenities

Accommodation

Deluxe outside accommodations with Avalon's exclusive Comfort Collection Beds

HighLights

Keukenhof

The Grote Markt

Ghent

The Delta Works

Amsterdam



DAY 1: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to Holland. Your Suite Ship is Ready for Boarding. Flights into Amsterdam must arrive by 3:30 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm. Your day in Amsterdam is free to explore at your leisure. You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to beautiful Zaanse Schans where you'll see a wonderful collection of well-preserved historic windmills and Dutch houses. Enjoy dinner and explore the ship on your first night on board. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ROTTERDAM (D)

DAY 2: ROTTERDAM

Windmills and Skyscrapers in Holland's Modern Maritime Marvel CLASSIC - Join a full- or half-day Guided Tour of breathtaking Keukenhof-known as the "Garden of Europe"-for its 70 acres of lush parkland, lakes, and the world's largest flower gardens-with more than seven million tulips, daffodils and hyacinths as well as other bulbs, planted each year. Take some free time to relax on the harbor-side in Rotterdam with an artisan beer, a slice of appeltart (Dutch apple pie), and a koffie verkeerd, a typical Dutch drink of half coffee, half milk. Take a bike from your ship to explore Rotterdam and the surrounding area. Before dinner, enjoy a cruise through Rotterdam harbor. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ANTWERP (B,L,D)

DAY 3: ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Gothic Cathedral, Crepes, and Waffles in Artful Antwerp DISCOVERY - Visit the Botanical Garden, where you will admire an amazing variety of plants, tree and flowers. CLASSIC - Take a Guided Tour

of this sophisticated city to visit the central Grote Markt, lined with 16th-century guildhall houses. You'll also see the beautiful city hall, the Cathedral of Our Lady with its stunning altarpiece paintings by Rubens. You might prefer to take time on your own to indulge in Antwerp's signature Belgian waffles and crepes-or explore this bike-friendly city from its old wharfs to its legendary diamond district. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO GHENT (B,L,D)

DAY 4: GHENT

Ghent's Cobblestones, Canals, and Cosmopolitan Charisma You'll have time for an early-morning walk (or jog) to explore the architecture and canals of Ghent-"Belgium's best-kept secret." CLASSIC - Explore Ghent-"The Diamond of Flanders"-with a Guided Sightseeing Tour of this showcase of medieval Flemish wealth. You'll visit St. Bavo's Cathedral-with its remarkable Flemish artwork. You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion of Bruges to explore its canals, cobbled streets and medieval buildings. You'll see its crisscrossed canals, the 13th-century belfry of Market Square, and charming patrician houses. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO MIDDELBURG (B,L,D)

DAY 5: MIDDELBURG, HOLLAND

A Spicy History in Middelburg's Dutch Harbor Town CLASSIC - Join a Guided Walking Tour of the historic merchant city of Middelburg-with its 15th-century gothic Town Hall. You'll learn about the spice trade of this Dutch harbor capital of Zeeland, its prosperity in the Dutch East India Company trading, and origins as a stronghold city. Enjoy its winding cobbled streets and canals that circle Old Town. Spend some free time biking or walking through Middelburg to sample Babbelaar cookies, fries, or beer before cruising to Veere this afternoon. VEERE The Delta Works Stand Strong as a Technical Marvel DISCOVERY - Join a Guided Tour of the Delta Works, the largest flood-protection system in the world, and a miracle of modern technology. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO WILLEMSTAD (B,L,D)

DAY 6: WILLEMSTAD

Willemstad's Windmills and Historic Harbor Enjoy a free morning on your own to explore the well-preserved fortifications of this historic town. ACTIVE - Join your Avalon Adventure Host for Nordic Walking in Willemstad. CLASSIC - Join a Guided Walking Tour of Willemstad and discover its many beautifully restored buildings from the 17th and 18th Century. DISCOVERY - Later, enjoy a Cheese Tasting on board as you prepare to sail to Amsterdam. DISCOVERY - Join a lecture to learn about the importance of botany and nature in the country you are visiting. AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO AMSTERDAM (B,L,D)

DAY 7: AMSTERDAM

Canals of colourful Amsterdam DISCOVERY - Discover Aalsmeer Flower Auction-the largest in the world, where around 20 million flowers are sold every day. Later enjoy a typical Dutch breakfast, OR: CLASSIC - Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age." , OR: DISCOVERY - Access Amsterdam's secret gardens hidden behind the brick facades - a unique opportunity as they are normally closed to public. You may like to join a Guided Optional Excursion to Muider Slot Castle, or a Guided Optional Biking Excursion to the Dutch

countryside. Take some free time to explore Amsterdam's colourful streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM (B,L,D)

DAY 8: AMSTERDAM (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning. (B)