



**2020 TULIP TIME
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7 NIGHTS • TRAVEL TO AMSTERDAM AND RETURN FROM AMSTERDAM

ENJOY A 7-NIGHT ROUNDTrip AMSTERDAM CRUISE VISITING THE GEMS OF THE NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM

Celebrate spring in the Netherlands and Belgium when the Keukenhof Gardens and Floralia come alive. Experience 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.

DAY	DESTINATION	ACTIVITIES
1	Amsterdam	EMBARKATION
2	Amsterdam Hoorn	The IJsselmeer scenic cruising Tulips and bulb fields OR Hoorn walking tour and Dutch East India Museum OR Dutch countryside bike tour
3	Delta Middelburg	Scenic cruising Middelburg walking tour OR Delta Works visit OR Middelburg bike ride
4	Ghent	Highlights of Ghent and Bruges OR Ghent walking tour and free time OR Belgian chocolate workshop OR Full-day Bruges and Church of Our Lady
5	Antwerp	Walking tour and cathedral visit OR Rubens House OR Antwerp bike tour Belgian chocolate, beer and waffle tasting OR Floralia Flower Show
6	Rotterdam Kinderdijk Schoonhoven	Rotterdam walking tour and Tastes of Rotterdam OR Delfshaven OR Rotterdam architectural bike tour OR “The Best of Delft” excursion Kinderdijk UNESCO Windmills OR Kinderdijk bike tour Free evening
7	Amsterdam	Keukenhof Gardens excursion Amsterdam canal cruise
8	Amsterdam	DISEMBARKATION

Day 1, AMSTERDAM – EMBARKATION. Embark your ship in Amsterdam for your 7-night cruise.

Day 2, AMSTERDAM – HOORN. Enjoy a scenic cruise through the IJsselmeer to Hoorn, where you have a choice of three excursions. Visit a family-run tulip farm with over one million tulips, each in different phases of growth and in many species and colors. For those seeking to travel back in time, you can visit the Dutch East India Museum, providing insight into the Dutch Golden Age between 1500 and 1800. And for more active adventurers, go for a guided bike ride through the Dutch countryside. (B,L,D)



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Day 3, MIDDELBURG. After enjoying a scenic cruise through the Delta, you can explore medieval Middelburg, which was the second largest trading city of the Dutch East India Company. Or, if you feel like exploring the city on two wheels, a guided bike ride is the perfect choice. Alternatively, you may venture off to the Delta Works storm surge barrier, an impressive series of dams and Dutch hydraulic engineering. 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. (B,L,D)

Day 4, GHENT, BELGIUM. There are several choices of excursions, depending on your interests. For those who wish to discover two medieval cities, Ghent and Bruges, you'll wish to go on a highlights tour. Admire Ghent's canal-side architecture and some of its famous sights, including the Castle of the Counts and Ghent Cathedral, and then visit Bruges, one of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe. Alternatively, you may go on a full-day excursion to Bruges, which includes a visit to the Church of Our Lady, home to the beautiful Carrara marble Madonna and Child sculpture by Michelangelo. Those more inclined to learn about the art of Belgian chocolate making can join a master chocolatier as he shares his insights. And for those who wish to enjoy more free time, join a walking tour of Ghent, followed by leisure time. (B,L,D)

Day 5, ANTWERP. 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. Or you can visit the Rubens House, the former home of the famous 17th-century Flemish Baroque painter. 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)

Day 6, ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS – KINDERDIJK - SCHOONHOVEN. During the morning, you can go on a walking tour of Rotterdam, nicknamed the "Gateway to Europe," and taste local specialties. Or visit Delfshaven, where, on August 1, 1620, the Pilgrim fathers departed on their epic journey aboard the Speedwell. Stopping in Southampton, many then boarded the Mayflower and concluded their journey at Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts. 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. You may also pedal past the windmills from the seat of a bike. In the evening, head to Schoonhoven, the "Silver City," known for its silversmiths and clock makers, and enjoy free time to stroll among its shops and boutiques, or along the charming canal. (B,L,D)

Day 7, AMSTERDAM. One of the most impressive public gardens in the world, Keukenhof, 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." Later in the day, admire Amsterdam's historic harbor and canals, where you'll see beautiful homes lining the water and the fabled Skinny Bridge. (B,L,D)

Day 8, DISEMBARKATION – DEPART AMSTERDAM. Disembark the ship and prepare for your flight home. (B)