

# Tulips & Windmills

Amsterdam to Antwerp | 10 Days

## Tulips & Windmills River Cruise Package Includes:

9-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the newly remodeled, imperial *River Duchess* or the regal *River Queen*

All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients

9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 9 dinners

Captain's Welcome Gala and Farewell Dinners

Complimentary fine wines, choice of beer, and soft drinks during lunch and dinner onboard; replenished bottled water daily in your stateroom; and 24-hour specialty coffee and tea bar

Included choice of excursion to Venlo for Floriade 2012—the International Horticultural Expo held only once every 10 years

13 excursions, including 4 “Choice Is Yours” options, fully hosted by English-speaking local guides

An experienced Cruise Manager and attentive, all English-speaking staff

State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio headset system on all shore excursions

Use of bicycles and Nordic walking sticks throughout your cruise

Captivating onboard local entertainment

Signature Lecture: “Life and Art in the Golden Age”

All transfers on arrival and departure days (please see transfer guidelines on page 170)

## Immerse yourself in fields of flowers, which flutter in the breeze that gently turns the famed Dutch windmills

All the things that come to mind when you think of the Netherlands and Belgium—colorful canals; whimsical windmills; vibrant tulips; rich maritime history; the art of Rubens, Rembrandt, and Van Gogh—are yours to experience in all their real-life glory.

This perfectly paced springtime cruise takes you to the historic windmills of Kinderdijk, the Belgian treasures of Bruges or Ghent, the 70-acre Keukenhof Gardens with more than seven million flowers, and museums rich in art by the famed Dutch Masters. While visiting Enkhuizen and Hoorn, you'll discover the impressive maritime history of days gone by. Stroll through cosmopolitan Amsterdam and trendy Antwerp, and learn about Dutch art, WWII history, and the Netherlands' long struggle against the sea on three guided museum visits. 2012 is also the year of Floriade, a spectacular international display of flowers, plants, art, culture, and pioneering architecture that happens just once every 10 years in the Netherlands—this year in Venlo.

Along the way, you'll indulge in the famous treats of the region. Sample handmade Belgian chocolates. Feast on warm waffles. Taste delicious cheeses along with hearty beer—all while savoring the storybook atmosphere of some of Europe's most charming towns.

**Who will enjoy this cruise:** Flower lovers and eco-conscious travelers will get the once-in-a-decade chance to experience Floriade. Tulip buffs can enjoy the exquisite Keukenhof Gardens. Artists can discover treasures in the Rijksmuseum or Van Gogh Museum. Historians can get a first-hand account of WWII during a visit to the Liberation Museum, or step back in time at the living museum village of Zaanse Schans.

From **\$2,499** per person,  
cruise only

Keukenhof Gardens, the Netherlands



### Amsterdam to Antwerp

Day	Port/City
1	Amsterdam (embark)
2	Amsterdam
3	Zaanse Schans
4	Hoorn, Enkhuijzen
5	Nijmegen (Groesbeek or Venlo, Floriade)
6	Rotterdam, Kinderdijk, Dordrecht
7	Veere
8	Ghent (Bruges or Ghent)
9	Antwerp
10	Antwerp (disembark), transfer to Brussels airport

### Antwerp to Amsterdam

Day	Port/City
1	Brussels airport, transfer to Antwerp (embark)
2	Antwerp
3	Ghent (Bruges or Ghent)
4	Veere
5	Rotterdam, Kinderdijk
6	Nijmegen (Groesbeek or Venlo, Floriade)
7	Hoorn, Enkhuijzen
8	Zaanse Schans
9	Amsterdam
10	Amsterdam (disembark), transfer to the airport

**Cruise Start Dates:** March 23, 26 | April 1\*, 4\*, 10, 13, 19\*, 22\*

\* On these dates, cruise operates from Antwerp to Amsterdam.





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### Day 1 | Amsterdam

Arrive at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport where you'll be transferred to the ship. (D)

### Day 2 | Amsterdam

**Featured Excursions:** Amsterdam city tour, including canal cruise, and Choice of Rijksmuseum **OR** Van Gogh Museum

Spend your first full day in the Netherlands' largest city, Amsterdam, which boasts history, art, architecture, bridges, canals, cobblestone streets, museums, bicycles, and narrow alleys. See Amsterdam's unique appeal from a different perspective while touring aboard a canal boat. Then, choose to visit one of the most prestigious museums in the world—the Rijksmuseum—which offers the world's largest collection of Dutch and Flemish art and artifacts, including Rembrandt's *The Night Watch* and Vermeer's *The Kitchen Maid*. Or visit the Van Gogh Museum—home to the largest collection of his paintings in the world, along with the works of other 19th-century painters. (BB, L, Captain's Welcome Gala)

### Day 3 | Zaanse Schans

**Featured Excursions:** Choice of Keukenhof Gardens **OR** Zaanse Schans and Keukenhof Gardens

Spend all day at the Keukenhof Gardens, one of the most impressive public gardens in the world, with more than seven million bulbs planted on a 70-acre site. Or split your day between the Keukenhof and Zaanse Schans, an exquisitely crafted open-air museum where you can observe life as it used to be lived. Authentic windmills, houses, and shops, were relocated to this picturesque area, creating a typical 17th- to 18th-century village where you can watch the cobbler carve out a wooden shoe or the cheesemaker press a round of Gouda. (BB, L, D)

Hoorn, the Netherlands

### Day 4 | Hoorn, Enkhuizen

**Featured Excursions:** Hoorn walking tour and Zuiderzee Outdoor Museum visit

Enjoy a walking tour through Hoorn, where you'll uncover a rich seafaring history, evident in the town's old harbor and admiralty buildings. Your guide will point out and explain the markings on Medieval buildings noting the former inhabitants' trades. Your next port of call is Enkhuizen, a lively trading center since the 17th century, where you will visit the fascinating Zuiderzee outdoor museum, a reconstructed village from before the Ljsselmeer Dam was built in 1932 that gives you a vivid idea of life in a Dutch fishing village. (BB, L, D)

### Day 5 | Nijmegen (Groesbeek or Venlo, Floriade)

**Featured Excursions:** Choice of Liberation Museum **OR** Venlo for Floriade 2012

Awaken in Nijmegen, considered the oldest city in the Netherlands. From here, you can choose to head to the Liberation Museum situated in nearby Groesbeek. During your guided visit, get a firsthand account of WWII by experiencing the occupation, celebrating the liberation, and witnessing the rebuilding of the Netherlands and Europe after the war. Or take an excursion to Floriade in Venlo for a full day of music, art, and cultural events celebrating the botanical world. This International Horticultural Expo is held just once every 10 years in the Netherlands, where it covers over 160 acres, with themes exploring green energy, healing, and innovation. Venlo is the perfect setting for a multi-sensory celebration of the natural world, as it was named Europe's "Greenest City" just a few years ago. (BB, L,\* D)

Note: Lunch is not included with Floriade 2012. March 23 and March 26 departures will not have the choice of visiting Floriade, as it opens April 5, 2012.

Day 6 | Rotterdam, Kinderdijk, Dordrecht 🚢

**Featured Excursion:** Kinderdijk windmills

Awaken in Rotterdam and cruise through its harbor, the world's third largest. Enjoy leisure time while in Rotterdam. Then sail to Kinderdijk, where you'll discover 19 astonishingly well-preserved, UNESCO World Heritage-designated windmills dating back to the 1500s. Your guide will provide a detailed explanation of why windmills are so important to this region. They are also an iconic emblem of the Netherlands; at one point, there were more than 10,000 in the country. Were it not for the mighty windmill, this region would have surrendered to water a long time ago. In the evening, sail to Dordrecht. (BB, L, D)

Note: If docking in Kinderdijk is not possible, the excursion will be arranged by motorcoach from Rotterdam.

Day 7 | Veere 🚢 🏰

**Featured Excursion:** Delta Works

Enjoy a morning visit to the engineering marvel known as the Delta Works, where you'll learn about the Netherlands' 2,000-year history of fighting back the sea. Learn how technology has evolved in that time. Then spend the early afternoon in charming Veere, today a popular artists' retreat, before cruising the picturesque Zeeland area. (BB, L, D)

Day 8 | Ghent (Bruges or Ghent) ✅ 🚢

**Featured Excursions:** Choice of full-day Bruges with canal cruise and walking tour **OR** three-quarter-day Ghent with canal cruise

Visit Bruges, one of the best-preserved Medieval cities in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy its intimate cobblestone streets and bucolic public gardens. The Belfry Tower (Belfort) located in Market Square features a stunning octagonal tower and the lovely music of a carillon. Then see the town from aboard a canal boat and discover why Bruges is often called the "Venice of the North." Or visit Ghent, one of the oldest cities in Belgium, with a history dating back to the Stone Age. The beautifully restored Medieval city center is made for strolling or biking. Its museums house works by artists from Hieronymus Bosch to Joseph Beuys. The Saint Bavo Cathedral holds the Ghent Altarpiece, one of the world's historical art treasures, painted by the brothers Hubert and Jan van Eyck in the 1400s. A canal cruise gives you close-up view of the impressive 14th- and 15th-century textile warehouses that line the canals. (BB, D)

Day 9 | Antwerp 🏰

**Featured Excursions:** Antwerp walking tour and Cathedral of Our Lady visit

Spend a full day in the diamond capital of the world, Antwerp. You'll be guided to the Cathedral of Our Lady, which houses four masterpieces by Peter Paul Rubens, who was born in Antwerp. You'll visit Market Square, where you'll see the Brabo Fountain. Those who believe that all that glitters is not gold can take an afternoon shuttle to Diamondland, Antwerp's largest diamond shop. (BB, L, Captain's Farewell Dinner)

Day 10 | Depart Antwerp 🚢 🏠

Disembark the ship in Antwerp and transfer to the Brussels airport for your flight home. (CB/BB)

Pay-in-Full Savings

Pay in full at time of booking to **SAVE \$1,000 per couple** (\$500 per person) on category 2 & 1 staterooms and suites. **SAVE \$800 per couple** (\$400 per person) on category 5, 4 & 3 staterooms. Offer expires **September 30, 2011**.

Early Booking Savings

Book and deposit at time of reservation to **SAVE \$400 per couple** (\$200 per person). Offer expires **November 30, 2011**.

Pricing Details Per Person

Cruise Start Dates	Cruise Only	Ship	Cruise Start Dates	Cruise Only	Ship
Mar 23, 26	\$2,499	River Queen, River Duchess	Apr 13	\$3,499	River Duchess
Apr 1* 4*	\$2,649	River Queen, River Duchess	Apr 19* 22*	\$3,499	River Queen, River Duchess
Apr 10	\$3,299	River Queen			

– Pay-in-Full and Early Booking Savings cannot be combined. – Prices listed in US dollars. – Travel document shipping/handling fee of \$5 per person applies.  
 – Airfare is not included in the prices listed above. Please inquire at time of booking for best available airfare pricing.  
 – Port Charges: \$162 – Prices shown above include cruise in Cat. 5, Moselle Deck. – A limited number of singles are available for an additional supplement.  
 \* On these dates, cruise operates from Antwerp to Amsterdam. Please visit uniworld.com for reverse itinerary and for more information.

To upgrade to a higher category stateroom, add the following per-person price below:

Category 4	\$220	Category 1	\$1,025
Category 3	\$525	Suite	\$1,825
Category 2	\$775	See Deck Plans on pages 144 and 150	

Bruges, Belgium

