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# Dutch Waterways

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### *Inspiring Moments*

## A World of Discovery

Your next adventure begins along the charming waterways of Belgium and the Netherlands! See Old World cities, picture-perfect towns and centuries of history brilliantly revealed as you unpack once on this carefree and engaging river cruise. What sets this travel adventure apart from others is AHI's unwavering commitment to connecting you to the world's people, places and cultures. By weaving together discovery, education and authentic local experiences, we deliver new insights and fresh perspectives to enrich your life.

The incomparable value of our journeys is rooted in the personalized care you receive from AHI's Travel Directors. These outstanding professionals create a welcoming atmosphere and handle every last detail so you can focus on the wonder of the world before you. We also partner with the most knowledgeable guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines.

We invite you to turn the page on a remarkable new chapter with this AHI Journey for the curious traveler!

- ▶ Glide past the slim, gabled houses on **Amsterdam's picturesque canals**.
- ▶ Witness the Netherlands in full bloom during its **glorious tulip season**.
- ▶ Be inspired by the beautiful gardens and innovative ideas blossoming at **Floriade Expo 2022**, the world's premier horticultural event.
- ▶ Delight in **canal-lined Bruges**, packed with splendidly preserved Gothic architecture.
- ▶ Admire **Antwerp's medieval treasures**.
- ▶ Enjoy the relaxed pace of life in the Dutch **seaside harbor town of Veere**.

*Above: Folk dancers, Antwerp | Cover photo: Amsterdam*



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## Dear William & Mary Alumni and Friends,

There's much to discover on this wonderful seven-night, first-class cruise through the waterways of Belgium and the Netherlands! Delight in the incredible charm of historic cities and towns as you unpack once and travel in comfort aboard your intimate ship. Meander through Antwerp's lively lanes and Bruges' romantic old town, and take in Amsterdam's gabled houses from the Dutch Golden Age. Best of all, be inspired by the breathtaking profusion of flowers, plants and trees blossoming at Floriade Expo 2022, the world's top gardening festival held every 10 years!

In planning this exciting program, our travel experts have thoughtfully combined the area's best attractions with your desire for enrichment. You'll enjoy engaging educational lectures by local experts that expand your knowledge, plus select from included cultural and active excursion choices, such as cycling, chocolate tasting, museum visits and more.

In addition, this exceptional cruise offers you the security, ease and value of group travel with plentiful opportunities for independent exploration. You'll appreciate the camaraderie on board the ship and on excursions and also make your own discoveries during free time.

Guarantee your spot on this ever-popular program by making your reservation today!

Sincerely,

*Marilyn W. Midyette*

Marilyn W. Midyette '75  
Chief Executive Officer

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Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Brussels, Belgium.🌐

Day 2 | Brussels, Belgium | Antwerp

Arrive and transfer🔄 to the ship in Antwerp.

**Discovery: Antwerp.** Located near the North Sea, Antwerp has a rich legacy as an important seaport. With your guide, meander along the cobblestone streets to appreciate its wealth of medieval architecture, such as the Cathedral of Our Lady, the 16th-century town hall and the Grote Markt square with its narrow guild halls.

**Enrichment: Contemporary Belgium.**

Day 3 | Bruges | Veere, Netherlands

🌐 **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

All excursions include a guided walk in Bruges' Old Town. Stroll in the Market Square and see the medieval guild hall buildings, the 12th-century Basilica of the Holy Blood and the stately Belfry Tower. Then begin your selected tour.

•**Cultural Bruges.** Study outstanding artwork from the Flemish primitive and expressionist periods at the renowned Groeninge Museum.

•**Bruges and Beer.** Tour the family-owned De Halve Maan Brewery and learn about the



Top: Amsterdam | Above: Keukenhof Gardens

traditions of Belgian brewing. Get a great view of the city from the roof and sample a glass of their freshly brewed beer. (Active)

•**Bruges and Belgian Chocolate.** Explorers returning from South America in the 17th century introduced cocoa beans to Belgium. Discover the

Your Individual Experience

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That's why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.



**Personalize Your Journey | PYJ | Included**

Choose from a variety of excursions in selected locales based on your interests.



**Elective Experiences | At an additional cost**

Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities.

**Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.**



One of gardening's most anticipated events, this immersive international horticultural exposition is held once every 10 years in the Netherlands and runs for six months. Centered on the theme, "Growing Green Cities," the 148-acre grounds in Almere will showcase a flourishing wonderland of flowers, plants, trees, and vegetables as well as the latest innovations in horticulture.

history of Belgium's delectable chocolate at a chocolatier's shop and indulge in a sample.

Enjoy time for lunch on your own before rejoining the ship, which sails to Veere.

Get better acquainted with your fellow travelers during tonight's Welcome Reception and Dinner.

#### Day 4 | Veere

**Free Time:** Join the half-day Elective Activity or explore on your own in Veere for the entire day.

**Elective | The Zeeland Coast and the Dutch Battle Against the Sea.** Travel to the artificial island of Neeltje Jans and its Delta Expo along the coast. Learn about the Delta Works, the massive dams and storm surge barriers built after the disastrous 1953 flood that protect the third of Netherlands' landmass below sea level. These gates can be slammed shut on the North Sea when powerful storms strike. Grasp the devastating impact of the 1953 flood through a gripping 3-D exhibit.

#### Day 5 | The Hague / Delft

**PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**  
•**The Hague and the Mauritshuis.** See the

city's landmarks, including the Binnenhof, home of the Dutch parliament, and the Peace Palace, seat of the United Nations' International Court of Justice. Visit the Mauritshuis, celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2022, which houses storied works by Dutch and Flemish masters, most notably Vermeer's "Girl with a Pearl Earring."

#### •Old Delft and the Porcelain Factory.

Explore historic Delft and its Market Square on a guided walk. Next, tour the Royal Delft Porcelain Factory founded in 1653. Watch a master artisan hand-paint the iconic blue-and-white pottery, and view Royal Delft's fine porcelain collection.

Savor lunch on board and cruise this afternoon toward Kampen, where the ship will moor.

#### Day 6 | Kampen | Almere

**Discovery: Floriade Expo 2022.** Explore this world-renowned, once-in-a-decade horticultural happening! In the Green City Arboretum, marvel at the amazing trees, plants and flowers in this living library, planted in alphabetical order by botanical name! Discover the Green City of the Future with imaginative solutions for a healthier planet inside districts focused on food, energy



Rijksmuseum



Binnenhof, The Hague





### UNESCO World Heritage

1. The 17th-century Canal Ring Area of Amsterdam inside the Singelgracht, Netherlands
2. Historic Center of Bruges, Belgium

and health. You'll also draw inspiration from fascinating, informative presentations staged by 40 participating countries.

#### Enrichment: *The Dutch Masters.*

The ship cruises to Amsterdam this evening.

#### Day 7 | Amsterdam

**Discovery: Canals of Amsterdam.** Glide on a cruiser through the city's canals and admire gabled houses, locals bicycling to and fro, and the architectural gems of the bustling harbor.

**Free Time:** Explore Amsterdam on your own.

**Enrichment: Contemporary Netherlands.**



#### Day 8 | Amsterdam



#### PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Keukenhof Gardens.** Take in this 80-acre paradise of brightly colored tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and other gorgeous blooms.
- **Waterland Bicycle Ride.** Pedal through this scenic wetland north of the city that extends through nine villages and boasts stunning views.



"Girl with a Pearl Earring," Vermeer



Belgian chocolate shop, Bruges





## MS Symphonie

Completely renovated in 2017, the MS Symphonie is specially designed for cruising European waterways. On board this intimate vessel outfitted with 55 cabins, enjoy outstanding, friendly service; bright, contemporary and comfortable cabins; and exceptional cuisine. Begin your day with a wonderful breakfast buffet, and delight in French and European specialties at lunch and dinner in the restaurant. All your drinks on board are included, except for special wines and spirits. With beds that face the water, the staterooms boast great views of the passing scenery, and each includes a private bathroom with shower. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



Enjoy a pastry and coffee along the way. (Active)

•**Rijksmuseum.** View fabulous art representing 800 years of Dutch history, including national treasures by Rembrandt and Vermeer.

**Free Time:** Spend the afternoon at leisure.

Gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

### Day 9 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer ➡ to the airport for the return flight ✈ to your gateway city.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

✈ Flights and ➡ transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

🕒 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

### A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

#### Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches and boats



Antwerp



| **ELECTIVE** |

## **POST-TRIP EXTENSION IN AMSTERDAM**

Begin your adventures with two nights in captivating Amsterdam before you embark on your river cruise. Your first-class hotel right in the heart of the city is the ideal base for exploring Amsterdam's lively neighborhood streets and scenic canals, as well as its world-class museums and attractions. Enjoy a guided walking tour of one of the most beautiful and upscale canals, the Herengracht. Includes two nights at the Amsterdam Marriott; daily breakfasts; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; a guided walk; guide gratuities; baggage handling between the hotel and ship; and all taxes and service charges.

**Price: \$895 per person, double occupancy; \$1,345 single occupancy**



| **ELECTIVE** |

## **PRE-TRIP EXTENSION IN ANTWERP**

Settle into dynamic Antwerp for extra days of fun and exploration! This inviting, walkable city offers delightful diversions, from intriguing museums to simple pleasures like Belgian waffles and crispy *frites*! Plus, marvel at the medieval splendor of Ghent, one of Belgium's oldest cities, on a guided excursion. Includes two nights at the first-class Hilton Old Town Antwerp; daily breakfasts; a guided Ghent tour; deluxe motor coach transportation to/from Ghent; gratuities for guide and driver; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; baggage handling between the ship and hotel; and all taxes and service charges.

**Price: \$845 per person, double occupancy; \$1,195 single occupancy**



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Call our Travel Experts at 757-221-1165 or 800-323-7373 to reserve your place (preferred registration method).

**Please have the information outlined below available to share with our AHI Travel Experts.**

**If you prefer,** you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office. Once this request is received in our office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within one business day to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

**Send to** The William & Mary Alumni Association  
Attention: Alumni Journeys  
P.O. Box 2100  
Williamsburg, VA 23187-2100

I/we understand that this travel program is rated MODERATE, and I/we possess the physical capabilities necessary to complete a program with this rating.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**I/we would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s).** Deposit amount is \$600 per person.

**Cabin Category Desired: 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_**

**I/we would also like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the**

☐ **Antwerp pre- and/or** ☐ **Amsterdam post-extension** (please check all that apply).

**Full Legal Name** (*exactly as it appears on passport*)

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Name you would like on your name badge \_\_\_\_\_

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Sharing with \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Reservation Request sent separately)

### Single Accommodations

☐ I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

### Flights

☐ Yes, I/we are requesting the AHI FlexAir to Brussels, Belgium, with a return from Amsterdam, Netherlands, to depart from:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

☐ First Class ☐ Business Class ☐ Premium Economy

☐ No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **February 23, 2022** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

**Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available on our website on the trip page. You can also request a copy from our travel experts.**

**Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.**

PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: May 9-17, 2022  
Cruise Program dates: May 10-17, 2022

CRUISE PROGRAM

| Category-Deck          | Full Price | Special Savings | Special Price* |
|------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| CC – Main Deck (Aft)   | \$3,345    | \$250           | \$3,095        |
| CB – Main Deck         | \$3,545    | \$250           | \$3,295        |
| CA – Upper Mid Balcony | \$4,045    | \$250           | \$3,795        |

Category CA features a floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door and French balcony.

Categories CB and CC feature a picture window.

\*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT and Port Tax supplement is an additional \$395 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
- ▶ arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates.
- ▶ **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
- ▶ **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays.

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TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

To offer you added peace-of-mind, we’ve fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:

- ✓ **Included AHI Travel Assurance** covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- ✓ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ **Home support staff and ground team** communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI’s health and safety protocols.
- ✓ A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
- ✓ **Enhanced sanitization practices** for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.

Left: Porcelain artist, Delft



# INCLUDED FEATURES

## Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Symphonie.

## Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 7 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; all drinks included on board except special wines and spirits.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

## Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  - See impressive medieval landmarks on a guided walk in colorful Antwerp.
  - Delve into what's blooming at the celebrated horticultural festival, Floriade Expo 2022.
  - Cruise on Amsterdam's enchanting canals.
-  **Personalize Your Journey | PYJ**  
A choice of excursions in each locale.
  - **Bruges** | Cultural Bruges | Bruges and Beer | Bruges and Belgian Chocolate
  - **The Hague/Delft** | The Hague and the Mauritshuis | Old Delft and the Porcelain Factory
  - **Amsterdam** | Keukenhof Gardens | Waterland Bicycle Ride | Rijksmuseum
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:**  
Striving for a positive, purposeful impact on the destinations we visit: preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places we travel.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.

## AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we're here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

### Before you go:

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

### Once you arrive:

- Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.
- ▶ **Travel Director** | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.
  - ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
  - ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



The Hague



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Bruges

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