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Witness the splendor of Holland's tulips in spring, and visit beautifully preserved medieval cities in Belgium. You'll explore Amsterdam's cosmopolitan atmosphere and tour ingenious windmills in Kinderdijk. Experience Belgium's Golden Age in historic Antwerp and the lovely patrician cities of Ghent and Bruges. Plus, enjoy savory Dutch cheeses, delectable Belgian chocolates and Belgium's exquisite, intricate lace.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Amsterdam, Hoorn, Arnhem, Kinderdijk, Antwerp, Ghent, Bruges, Delta Works, Rotterdam, Keukenhof Gardens and more!

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Per Person Rates Based on Double Occupancy:

French Balcony (Category D) \$5479* per person Veranda (Category B) \$5779* per person

Veranda (Category A) \$5979* per person
*Based on Category Availability

\$620 deposit per person when booking Second Deposit \$1080 per person due 10/21/16 Final Payment Due on December 8, 2016

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Package Includes: Round trip Transportation from Fredericksburg, Round trip Air, All Transfers, 10 day Cruise, 8 Guided tours with Audio headset, All Meals (9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 9 dinners), Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks with onboard lunch/dinner, all port charges, taxes and fees.



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Cruise Itinerary

Day 1 Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Arrive in Amsterdam, then transfer to your ship.* After boarding, the afternoon is yours to relax or explore the city on your own. If your arrival schedule permits, you may wish to visit the Anne Frank House. (D)

Day 2 Amsterdam, The Netherlands

After breakfast, embark on a canal tour by glass-topped boat to see architecture from the city's Golden Age. Return aboard for lunch, then take free time to visit the Anne Frank House, see the Van Gogh Museum or just explore the city's charming neighborhoods. As always, your Viking Concierge can help you plan your afternoon. Dine aboard your ship; we depart this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Hoorn, The Netherlands

Early this morning, sail across the IJsselmeer (once known as the Zuiderzee) to the ancient shipping village of Hoorn. After breakfast, enjoy a guided walk through Hoorn's cobbled streets; see age-old cheese warehouses on the town's main square, which dates back to Holland's Golden Age. Lunch is served aboard; you have a free afternoon to explore Hoorn, visit a local bakery and shop for souvenirs. Or, take an optional excursion showcasing the small towns and bucolic landscapes of the northern Holland area. Depart during dinner and cruise through the night. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Arnhem, The Netherlands

After early arrival in Arnhem, visit the 17th-century Paleis Het Loo,† the Dutch royal family's summer residence for the past 300 years. Take a guided tour through its sumptuously furnished rooms and beautifully landscaped gardens. After an onboard lunch, enjoy free time, or join the optional battlefield tour that also visits the Airborne Museum. Dine aboard as we set sail for Kinderdijk this evening. (B, L, D) †Closed Mondays; battlefield visit or museum tour will be substituted.

Day 5 Kinderdijk, The Netherlands & Antwerp, Belgium

Arrive this morning in Kinderdijk and disembark for a tour of this ingenious 18th-century community. Learn why the windmills were built and see how they work to help control flooding, then tour a working windmill to see its pumping mechanism and living quarters at this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy an onboard lunch as we sail toward Antwerp. After dining aboard, relax on your ship or spend some time exploring the cafés and brew pubs of this extraordinary Flemish capital. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Antwerp, Belgium

This morning, enjoy a half-day tour of Antwerp featuring the Cathedral of Our Lady with its three monumental altarpieces painted by Peter Paul Rubens; the Grote Markt (Grand Square) surrounded by the Golden Age Town Hall and guild halls; and Het Steen (Steen Castle), Antwerp's oldest building. You have afternoon free time before dining aboard your ship tonight as we sail for Ghent. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Ghent & Bruges, Belgium

From Ghent, travel to Bruges, one of the oldest towns in Flanders. Your city walk visits the Church of Our Lady, with its famous *Madonna and Child*, sculpted by Michelangelo. Also see the Beguinage, a hidden courtyard inhabited by nuns, and the town's scenic network of canals. Stay in Bruges for lunch on your own, or return to Ghent for lunch aboard and an afternoon exploring this exceptionally charming, canal-filled capital of East Flanders. Enjoy a beautifully lit evening departure from Ghent as we cruise through the night. (B, L, D)

Day 8 Delta Works & Rotterdam, The Netherlands

After breakfast travel to the region of Walcheren, formerly an island of the southwest Netherlands. Stop in Veere and enjoy a walking tour of this engaging, time-honored town. From here, travel to the Delta Works, the ingenious system of enormous doors that can be lowered during spring tides to protect the area from floods while allowing the tides to ebb and flow. Rejoin your ship, which has sailed on to Bruinisse, for lunch and afternoon sailing. Arrive this evening in Rotterdam, the world's second largest port. After an onboard dinner, you have free time to explore the city. It has been significantly rebuilt after much World War II destruction, and some of its architecture is quite innovative. (B, L, D)

Day 9 Keukenhof Gardens & Amsterdam, The Netherlands

After breakfast, visit the picturesque Keukenhof Gardens, the world's largest floral park. Admire the stunning beauty at both indoor and outdoor exhibits of millions of vibrant blooms including tulips, hyacinths, croci and daffodils. Return aboard for lunch. The rest of the day is yours to discover Amsterdam's hidden treasures. You may choose to explore Museum Square, take a bike ride or shop for colorful clogs and tulip bulbs. Enjoy dinner aboard your ship, followed by free time to enjoy Amsterdam's nightlife. Your ship remains docked overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 10 Amsterdam, The Netherlands...After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the airport for your return flight.* (B)