



Tulips of Northern Holland

9-Day River Cruise on the Magnificent Waterways of Holland & Belgium

Amsterdam – Hoorn – Enkhuizen
Sneek, Friesland – Lelystad – Kampen
Gelderse IJssel – Arnhem
Rotterdam – Amsterdam

**SAVE
\$2,000
Per
person**

May 13 – 21

\$2,799

includes air from LA.

*Add-on from Fresno, Bakersfield
or Sacramento for only \$99*

If you're looking for a vacation that combines well-known sights with others that are off the beaten track, this trip's for you! Discover the region of "North Holland," where tulip fields abound, then sail across the IJsselmeer, formerly known as the Zuider Zee, to "Friesland," famous for its black-and-white cows. Visit the Zuider Zee Museum or get a chance to meet some of the locals. Enjoy a harbor cruise in Rotterdam visit the town of Gouda and enjoy a tasting of Dutch cheese. Your vacation concludes with a cruise along Amsterdam's canals.

QUESTIONS? READY TO BOOK?

1 Call The Cruise Experts at 559-625-5139
OR 800-625-5139

2 Complete the Registration Form and
fax or mail to the Cruise Experts Agency

THE FINE PRINT: Rates are per person based on double occupancy. \$250 of the required \$500 deposit is non-refundable. Deposit and trip insurance may be paid with any credit card. Tour rates reflect a cash discount. Balance of tour cost is payable by check or if you wish to pay by credit card a 3% credit card fee will apply. Additional expenses may include gratuities, personal items, and some optional tours. Stateroom categories (Cat B & A on middle deck) are limited in availability and are subject to rapid sell out. Airline flights, carrier, and schedule are subject to change and a similar schedule may be substituted at no additional charge. Subject to all terms and conditions found in Globus Avalon Waterways 2017. Final payment is due on or before FEBRUARY 15, 2017 at which time full cancellation penalties apply if cancelled. CST#204742

YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES:

- Deluxe 7-Night river cruise roundtrip from Amsterdam, 9 days total including travel days.
- Roundtrip air from Los Angeles or San Francisco.
- Ground transfers to and from the ship in Amsterdam.
- Complimentary shore excursions led by Certified Local Guides in each port.
- All meals aboard the ship, including quality regional European wines, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Special onboard and onshore experiences presented by local chefs, entertainers, artisans, and experts, designed to enrich your cruise.
- Learn from a local expert about Holland at an onboard lecture, and attend a cheese tasting.
- Services of a professional Avalon Cruise Director.

ADDITIONAL

- Port Taxes of \$168 per person, and gratuities aboard Avalon Luminary.

DEPOSIT

- \$500 per person secures your reservation.

BONUS

- **FREE UPGRADE** to the best available Deluxe Stateroom on the Sapphire Deck (middle deck) and upgrade to the Royal Deck (top deck) for just \$49 additional. Valued at \$699 – \$799 per person!

OPTIONAL

- Trip Protection Insurance \$184 per person.
- Extend your trip with days before or after the cruise... ask for details!

REGISTRATION FORM (Tulips)

GUEST #1: Name (as it appears on passport) DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y)

GUEST #2: Name (as it appears on passport) DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y)

Address

City State Zip

Home Phone Cell Phone

E-mail Address

Trip Protection Insurance: \$184 ☐ Accept ☐ Decline

NOTE: Published Trip Protection Insurance amounts apply to guests up to age 79 and must be purchased at the time of deposit.

Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover

Credit Card Number: _____

Security Code: _____ Expiration date: _____

Amount: \$_____ Make checks payable to: Cruise Experts
(Deposit of \$500 + optional Trip Protection Insurance of \$153 – \$184)

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Day 1 – Fly from your home city to Amsterdam, Holland

This morning, you'll depart from your home city on an overnight flight across the Atlantic to Amsterdam.

Day 2 Arrive in Amsterdam, Holland. Transfer to Haarlem (Embarkation)

Welcome to Holland! This afternoon, drive to Haarlem, where your river cruise vessel is docked. Before dinner, meet your crew at an evening welcome reception as your ship sets sail. (D)

Day 3 Hoorn – Tulip Fields Excursion – Enkhuizen

Tulip fields abound in this part of the country. This morning, an excursion takes you along the growing areas that look from afar like carpets of color. Take pictures and learn more about these flowers and how they were introduced into Holland from the Ottoman Empire (Turkey) in the 17th century. Rejoin your ship and over lunch, sail to Enkhuizen, situated at the most easterly point of North Holland. Enkhuizen is a quintessential fishing town with cobblestone streets, a quaint town center, and one of the largest marinas in the Netherlands. It owes its prosperity to the Zuider Zee (now known as the IJsselmeer) during the "Golden Age." This afternoon, visit the ZUIDER-ZEE MUSEUM, dedicated to the culture and history of this area. The museum focuses on the past and present of the IJsselmeer, and features living history, heritage, and crafts combining works from the past with works from the present. (B,L,D)

Day 4 Enkhuizen – Sneek, Friesland

This morning you have a choice between an included GUIDED WALK of Enkhuizen or you may wish to join a "DUTCH EXPERIENCE" to meet some locals. Then, cruise across the IJsselmeer to southwest Friesland, a province rich in history and legends. As you sail, enjoy the scenic rural landscape along the river. Dock in Lemmer, from where our Friesland excursion departs. Primarily an agricultural region with a long history, Friesland is best known internationally for its famous black-and-white Friesian cattle and black Friesian horses. Visit the 18th-century ROYAL EISE EISINGA PLANETARIUM, which has been nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Rejoin your ship in Sneek, where you dock overnight. (B,L,D)

Day 5 Lelystad – Kampen

Today, enjoy a peaceful morning of cruising through this delightful area of Friesland. Spring is in the air, and the lush green landscape is coming alive. After docking in Lelystad, visit the BATAVIA SHIPYARD, where ships that were important to the Netherlands' maritime industry during the "Golden Age" are faithfully reconstructed by hand. Then, board the BATAVIA itself. Originally built in 1628 to sail to and from the East Indies, the Batavia wrecked on its maiden voyage on June 4, 1629 off the coast of Western Australia. It took 10 years—from 1985 to 1995—for a crew to reconstruct the ship using traditional construction materials. Back on board, we'll introduce you to LOCAL CHEESE and GENEVER, traditionally drunk neat from a shot glass, as you sail to Kampen, where you dock overnight. (B,L,D)

Day 6 Gelderse IJssel – Arnhem

Another relaxing morning on board as you sail along the IJssel River, also known as the Gelderse IJssel, which is a branch of the Rhine River. Learn more about Holland at an ONBOARD LECTURE and taste a sweet LOCAL SPECIALTY. After lunch, visit the AIRBORNE MUSEUM HARTENSTEIN, dedicated to the Battle of Arnhem, one of the major tragedies of WWII. Alternatively, you may prefer to visit the KRÖLLER-MÜLLER MUSEUM. Later, rejoin your ship in Arnhem. (B,L,D)

Day 7 Rotterdam

This morning, sail through the HARBOR OF ROTTERDAM, said to be the world's busiest port. Levelled by German bombs in WWII, Rotterdam now has a modern, high-tech look. After an early lunch you may opt to join a guided excursion to GOUDA, famous for its gouda cheese, syrup waffles, clay pipes, and elaborate city hall. It is a typical Dutch city with many old buildings and pretty canals. Alternatively, you may wish to visit the gardens of KEUKENHOF near Lisse, which encompass over 70 acres of parkland with lakes, sculpture gardens, greenhouses, and a windmill to explore. Every year, 7 million flower bulbs are planted, and you have the opportunity to see the spectacular display of colors not only from the tulips, but also from hyacinths, daffodils, and more. If you're a garden enthusiast, you may opt for an extended visit to Keukenhof, with lunch on your own in the gardens. (B,L,D)

Day 8 Amsterdam

After breakfast, arrive in Amsterdam, where GUIDED SIGHTSEEING is provided by CANAL BOAT. Cruise through the elegant grachten, lined with stately homes dating back to Amsterdam's "Golden Age." This afternoon is free or you may choose from a selection of optional excursions to make the most of your last day in Holland. (B,L,D)

Day 9 Amsterdam (Disembarkation)

All too soon, this wonderful journey must come to an end. After breakfast this morning, you'll be transferred to Amsterdam's Schipol airport for your flight home. (B)



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