

Dutch & Flemish Landscapes

ABOARD *AMAPRIMA*

April 19 – 27, 2017

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

DELIGHT in the pleasures of springtime in the Low Countries aboard *AmaPrima*, featuring spacious accommodations and gourmet dining, as well as bicycles for use ashore

DISCOVER the art and architecture of futuristic Rotterdam

MARVEL at the Van Eyck brothers' *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb* in Ghent

EXPERIENCE the stellar modernist collection at the Kröller-Muller Museum, home to the world's second-largest collection of Van Gogh paintings, and its surrounding park

VIEW Peter Paul Rubens' celebrated *Descent from the Cross* in Antwerp; admire Michelangelo's magnificent *Madonna and Child* in Bruges

ENJOY an onboard concert of chamber music, performed by an exciting quartet





Dear MTA Traveler,

In the still-life paintings of the Dutch Golden Age, flowers often serve to remind the viewer of the transience of all earthly things. Next April, as tulips and daffodils unfurl in a fleeting riot of colors, we invite you on a captivating cruise along Dutch and Flemish waterways aboard the elegant M.S. *AmaPrima*. Abundant visual delights await during our visits to museums and gardens. We are pleased that Alice Cooney Frelinghuysen, Curator of American Decorative Arts at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, will be traveling with us, along with lecturers from Harvard and Yale Universities.

The Museum Travel Alliance (MTA) provides museums with the opportunity to offer their members and patrons high-end educational travel programming. This trip is available exclusively through MTA members and co-sponsoring non-profit institutions. Individuals traveling on this cruise will enjoy sailing in the congenial company of members of the The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the alumni associations of Harvard and Yale.

An optional prelude in Amsterdam and an optional postlude in The Hague are offered. Won't you join us on this springtime voyage?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim".

Jim Friedlander
Managing Director



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An optional three-day prelude in Amsterdam is offered from April 17 to 20.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19: U.S. DEPARTURE

Depart on an overnight flight from the U.S. to Amsterdam.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20: AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

Arrive in this vibrant city of harbors and canals, and embark *AmaPrima* in the late afternoon. The captain hosts a welcome reception this evening.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 21: ROTTERDAM, KINDERDIJK, OR DELFT, THE NETHERLANDS

Rotterdam, largely rebuilt after World War II, is justly famous for its cutting-edge architecture by Renzo Piano, Piet Blom, Rem Koolhaas, and others. Tour the city this morning. Alternatively, journey across the reclaimed polder to see the beautifully preserved, 18th-century windmills of Kinderdijk, or explore Delft, where artist Johannes Vermeer lived and worked for most of his life. Return to *AmaPrima* for lunch. This afternoon, attend a lecture or simply relax and enjoy the scenery as we cruise to Middelburg.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 22: MIDDELBURG / GHENT, BELGIUM

Stroll to the Zeeuws Museum, housed in an imposing 12th-century abbey in the center of Middelburg—once one of Holland's most important cities. Then travel by motorcoach to the medieval center of Ghent. Visit the Gothic Cathedral of St. Bavo for a tour, including a viewing of its greatest treasure, *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb* by Hubert and Jan Van Eyck.

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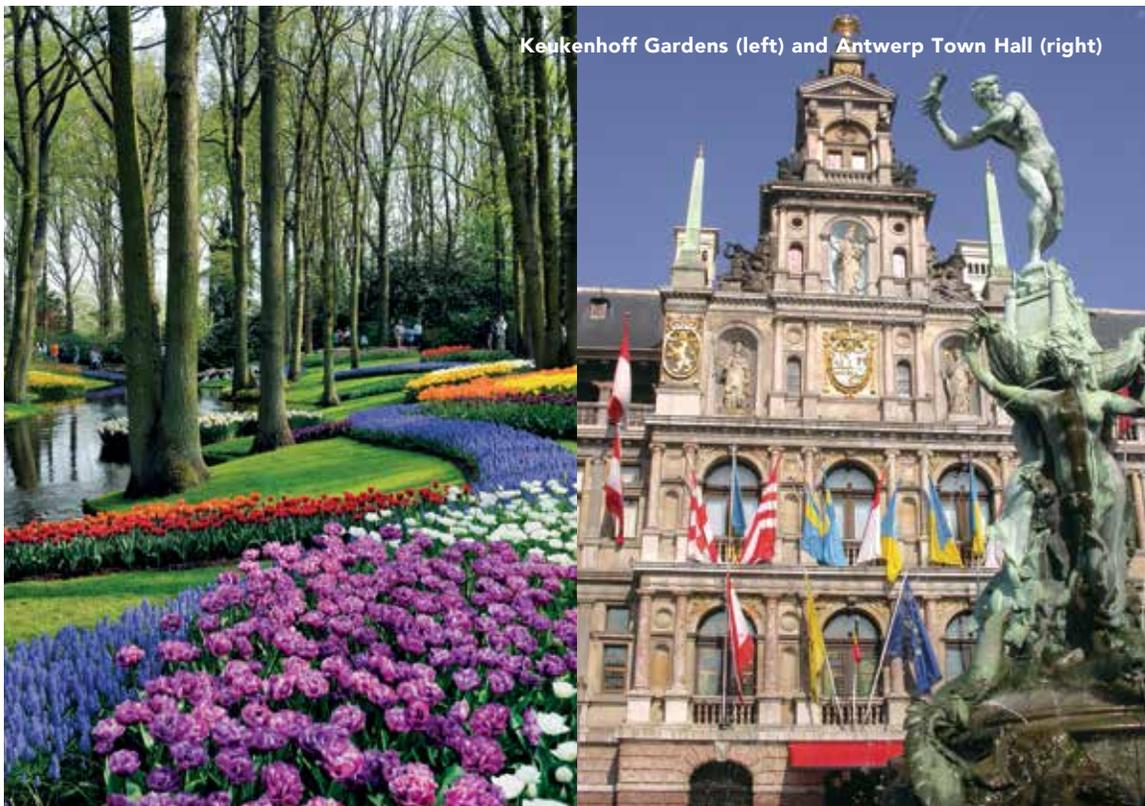
SUNDAY, APRIL 23: BRUGES, BELGIUM

Today discover Bruges, a medieval gem laced with canals and gardens. Visit the Church of Our Lady, with its celebrated marble *Madonna and Child* by Michelangelo, and the Hans Memling Museum, whose treasures are on display in an old infirmary. After lunch at the canal-side Duc de Bourgogne, see Flemish masters and Renaissance art at the Groeninge Museum. This evening enjoy an onboard concert by one of Europe's renowned quartets.

B, L, D



Rotterdam



Keukenhoff Gardens (left) and Antwerp Town Hall (right)

MONDAY, APRIL 24: ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Charming Antwerp is known for its soaring Gothic cathedral, displaying four paintings by local artist Peter Paul Rubens, including two magnificent altars. Visit the Rockox House, a gem of a museum set in the home of a 17th-century lawyer and art collector, when it is closed to the public. Enjoy free time to explore this port city, with its cobbled lanes, guild houses, and shops. Later this afternoon, cruise through scenic central Holland.

B, L, D

TUESDAY, APRIL 25: ARNHEM, THE NETHERLANDS

From Arnhem, drive into the Hoge Veluwe National Park, whose moors, forests, and open fields are often depicted in Van Gogh's drawings and paintings. Inside the park, experience the Kröller-Müller Museum, a treasure house of modern art with a sculpture park that art critic John Russell called "still the best of its kind in the world." Afternoon options include a visit to the Airborne Museum Hartenstein in nearby Oosterbeek, or additional time at Hoge Veluwe. Celebrate a memorable voyage tonight at a farewell dinner hosted by the captain.

B, L, D

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26: AMSTERDAM

Cruise into Amsterdam, where *AmaPrima* remains overnight. Board chartered canal boats and cruise the city's ring of canals to see architectural wonders. Also visit the Rijksmuseum, home to Rembrandt's *The Night Watch* and other iconic paintings of the Dutch Golden Age. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure, perhaps to visit the newly expanded Van Gogh Museum. Tomorrow is King's Day and exuberant festivities are already underway throughout the city. Alternatively, join an optional excursion to Keukenhof Gardens, where more than 7 million bulbs bloom each spring.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 27: AMSTERDAM / U.S. RETURN

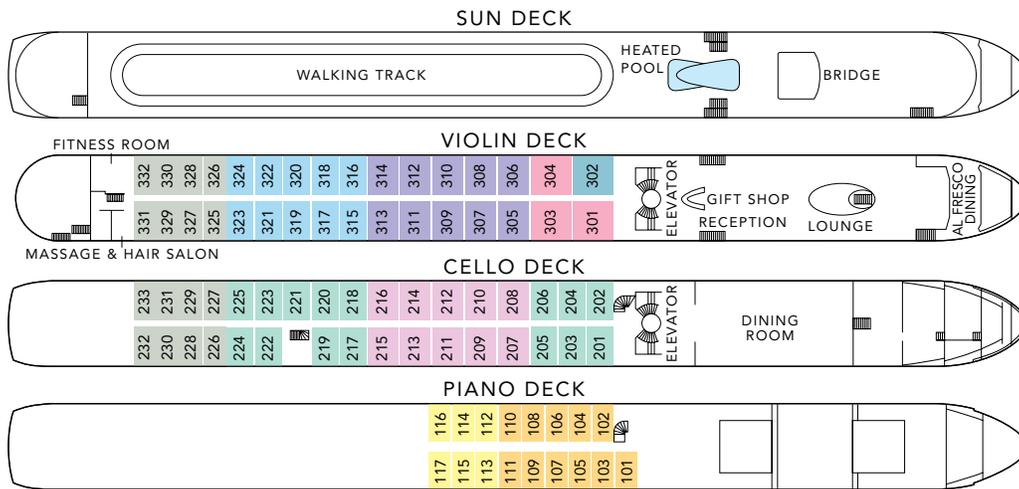
Disembark this morning for flights home.

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An optional two-day postlude in The Hague is offered from April 27 to 29.

DISCLAIMER: *The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Museum Travel Alliance and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms*

AMAPRIMA



Twin Balcony Stateroom

The elegant *AmaPrima* was launched in 2013. From her Sun Deck, admire some of Europe's loveliest scenery. Enjoy a special tasting menu at the Chef's Table restaurant, or Chaîne des Rôtisseurs culinary creations in the main dining room. Amenities include a swimming pool, fitness center, massage and hair salon, and bicycles for use ashore. Most staterooms have a French balcony as well as a step-out balcony; all staterooms feature complimentary Internet access, ample closet space, wireless telephones, safe, hair dryer, flat-screen television, and individually controlled air conditioning. Please note, *AmaPrima* has an elevator. ■

CRUISE RATES (Per Person, Double Occupancy)

Cabins	Decks	Rates
Cabins 112 to 117 Fixed windows, shower.	Piano Deck	\$4,995
Cabins 101 to 111 Fixed windows, shower.	Piano Deck	\$5,995
Cabins 226 to 233 & 325 to 332 French balcony, shower.	Cello Deck & Violin Deck	\$6,995
Cabins 201 to 206 & 217 to 225 French balcony, shower.	Cello Deck	\$7,495
Cabins 315 to 324 French and outside balconies, shower.	Violin Deck	\$7,995
Cabins 207 to 216 French and outside balconies, shower.	Cello Deck	\$8,495
Cabins 305 to 314 French and outside balconies, shower.	Violin Deck	\$8,995
Cabin 302 French and outside balconies, shower, and bathtub.	Violin Deck	\$11,995
Cabins 301, 303 & 304 Suites. French and outside balconies, shower, and bathtub.	Violin Deck	\$12,995

Rates are per person, double occupancy. There is no single supplement for Piano Deck cabins. A limited number of additional singles are available at a supplement ranging from 25% to 100% of the cruise rate.

RATES INCLUDE

- Seven nights accommodations aboard *AmaPrima*
- All meals as per the itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception); complimentary wine and beer with lunch and dinner
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Sightseeing via private motorcoach as per itinerary, with local English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees for all included visits
- Group transfers airport/pier/airport for those on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; port charges; gratuities aboard and ashore

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport fees; alcoholic beverages other than wine and beer at lunches and dinners; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on suggested flights; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; optional prelude in Amsterdam; optional postlude in The Hague; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



Amsterdam

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RESERVATION FORM**

To secure your reservation, please call Arrangements Abroad at 800-221-1944; or complete this form and return it with your deposit of \$1,000 (of which \$350 is non-refundable for administrative fees), to be paid by credit card, wire transfer, or check payable to *The Museum Travel Alliance*. Mail to: The Museum Travel Alliance, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print.

Address

City

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ACCOMMODATIONS

AmaPrima cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a cabin with _____

OPTIONAL PRELUDE & POSTLUDE

I/We would like to join the optional prelude in Amsterdam

I/We would like to join the optional postlude in The Hague

Hotel Room Preference One bed Two beds Single (limited availability)

MTA MUSEUM AFFILIATION _____

FORM OF PAYMENT

Enclosed is my check (payable to *The Museum Travel Alliance*) Credit card

Name on credit card

Credit card number

3- or 4-digit security code

Expiration date

I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the *Terms & Conditions* of this Program (see www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms to review or call for a copy). I/We agree to full payment by check, wire transfer, or credit card 120 days prior to departure. Each participant must sign below.

Signature (required)

Date

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