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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 elegant gabled houses on **Amsterdam's picturesque canals.**
- ▶ Enjoy an **extraordinary and rare exhibition of Vermeer paintings** from around the world.
- ▶ Marvel at glorious tulips and other cheerful blooms at **Keukenhof Gardens.**
- ▶ Delight in **canal-lined Bruges** and its beautiful Gothic architecture.
- ▶ Admire **Antwerp's medieval treasures.**
- ▶ Take in lovely **Kampen**, a historic Hanseatic city.
- ▶ Relish the relaxed pace of life in the Dutch **seaside harbor town of Veere.**



Dear Members and Friends,

There is no better time of year to explore the Dutch and Flemish countryside than in April, when fields of tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils transform the landscape into an exotic carpet of flowers. Cruise the calm waterways of Belgium and the Netherlands at a leisurely pace aboard the *M.S. Amadeus Silver II*, built in 2015 with only 84 cabins.

Always a popular program, this particular Dutch Waterways itinerary includes more art stops than usual. Art-focused options include The Hague and the Mauritshuis, where Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring* is housed, and the Groeninge Museum, with works by Jan van Eyck and other Flemish and Belgian painters covering six centuries. On display at the Rijksmuseum will be an extraordinary exhibition of Vermeer's work. There will be free time in Amsterdam to visit the Van Gogh Museum as well.

The Low Countries' intricate pattern of waterways, canals, and rivers meander through historic villages with traditional flower and fishing industries. Cruise past windmills, an integral component of Holland's battle against the ever-encroaching sea and the subject of many Flemish paintings. Discover the wonderfully preserved medieval architecture in Antwerp and Bruges. Holland's lively capital of Amsterdam is ringed with charming canals lined with 17th-century merchant homes. The cruise concludes with a visit to Keukenhof Gardens, where every April over seven million bulbs burst into a vibrant display of color.

The beauty of springtime will be complemented by visits to attractive harbor towns like Veere and Kampen and awe-inspiring art by Flemish, Belgian, and Dutch masters. Enjoy the ambience of the towns and learn about the rich history of the people who have shaped the culture of this region.

In this thoughtfully designed itinerary, the ship will be docked overnight in Antwerp and for three nights in Amsterdam. For those who wish to spend more time in these locations, optional extensions are offered.

Enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with other SBMA Members as well as members and alumni of our partnering organizations, including UC Berkeley, Georgia Tech, Oregon State, Purdue, and University of Wisconsin. Lecturers from some of these institutions will further enrich this educational journey. The cruise presents a great value with much included, along with the convenience of unpacking only once. It offers the security, ease, and value of group travel with plentiful opportunities for independent exploration.

This has been a popular program in the past and specific cabins book up, so we encourage you to contact us soon if you wish to reserve space. We hope that you will consider joining the SBMA this spring to celebrate flowers and art, while cruising along the delightful canals and waterways that criss-cross the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Benshea".

Lisa Benshea
Travel & Special Programs Manager
Santa Barbara Museum of Art

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jen Crowe".

Jen Crowe
Travel & Special Programs Coordinator

For more information, call SBMA Travel at 805-884-6435, email travel@sbma.net, or visit www.sbma.net/travel





Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Brussels, Belgium. 🌐

Day 2 | Brussels, Belgium | Antwerp

Upon arrival, transfer 🔄 to the ship in Antwerp.

Discovery: Antwerp. Located on the Scheldt River near the North Sea, Antwerp boasts a rich legacy as a prominent seaport and center of trade. On a guided walk, appreciate its wealth of medieval architecture. See the Cathedral of Our Lady, the 16th-century town hall festooned with colorful flags and the Grote Markt square with its row of narrow guild halls.

Enrichment: Contemporary Belgium.

The ship remains docked in Antwerp overnight.

Day 3 | Bruges | Veere, Netherlands

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

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

•**Cultural Bruges.** Study outstanding art from the Flemish primitive and expressionist periods at the renowned Groeninge Museum. *(Active)*

•**Bruges and Beer.** Tour the family-owned



Top: Amsterdam | Above: Detail of "The Love Letter," Special Vermeer Exhibition, Rijksmuseum

De Halve Maan Brewery and delve into Belgian brewing traditions. Savor a glass of their freshly brewed beer and the rooftop city views. *(Active)*

•**Bruges and Belgian Chocolate.** Explorers returning from South America in the 17th century

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.



Left: Windmill, Veere

Below: The Hague



introduced cocoa beans to Belgium. Discover more about chocolate making at a chocolatier's shop and indulge in a sweet sample. (Active)

Enjoy lunch on your own in Bruges. Rejoin the ship and sail to the pretty harbor town of Veere. Gather for a 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. At Deltapark Neeltje Jans, learn about the Delta Works, the huge dams and storm surge barriers that protect the third of Netherlands' landmass below sea level. Grasp the impact of the devastating 1953 North Sea flood at a gripping, panoramic exhibit.

Day 5 | The Hague | Delft | Gouda

Enrichment: The Dutch Masters.

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

•**The Hague and the Mauritshuis.** See the

city's handsome landmarks like the Binnenhof, which houses the Dutch parliament, and the Peace Palace. Then visit the famed Mauritshuis, home to Vermeer's "Girl with a Pearl Earring." *This painting will not be in the special Vermeer exhibition. To see it, please select this excursion.*

•**Old Delft and the Porcelain Factory.** Take a guided stroll in Delft's old town, then tour the Royal Delft Porcelain Factory, founded in 1653. Watch a master artisan hand-paint their famous blue-and-white pottery and view a splendid collection of antique Delft earthenware.

•**Gouda — City of Cheese.** See Gouda's lively market square and the 15th-century town hall, then admire the exquisite 16th-century painted-glass windows inside impressive Sint Janskerk. Try varieties of fresh Gouda cheese afterward. Enjoy lunch on board and cruise to Kampen.

Day 6 | Kampen

Enrichment: The Hanseatic League.

Discovery: Historic Kampen Walking Tour.

See the stately merchants' houses, the Church of St. Nicholas, the 15th-century Gothic House,



Historic Kampen



UNESCO World Heritage

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

and the grand town gates that reflect Kampen's heyday as an important member of the medieval Hanseatic network of trading partners.

Free Time: Enjoy time at leisure in Kampen. The ship sails to Amsterdam, where it will dock.

Day 7 | Amsterdam

Enrichment: *Contemporary Netherlands.*

Discovery: *Canals of Amsterdam.* Get a delightful perspective of this romantic city on a guided cruise along its scenic, leafy canals. Savor a refreshing lunch on the ship.

Discovery: *Rijksmuseum with Special Vermeer Exhibition.* View the superb art of



this storied museum, including an extraordinary exhibition of Johannes Vermeer's masterpieces. About 35 of his paintings have survived. In this exceptional retrospective, the Rijksmuseum has gathered the largest collection of these works on loan from around the world, an event unlikely to be repeated due to the fragility of the artwork.



Top: Cathedral Square, Antwerp | Above: Old Town, Delft

Belgian chocolate



MS Amadeus Silver II

Cruise in exceptional comfort and style aboard the MS Amadeus Silver II while enjoying warm hospitality and personalized attention from its seasoned crew. In the ship's elegant lounges, relish remarkable, broad views of the scenery through large windows. Travelers can relax on the River Terrace or enjoy leisure time in the Café Vienna or Panorama-Bar. Savor international cuisine at the restaurant's breakfast and luncheon buffets. Dinner menus showcase regional specialties, and local wines complement both lunch and dinner. Shipboard amenities include a putting green, exercise and fitness center, and massage room. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



Free Time: Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 8 | Amsterdam

Discovery: Keukenhof Gardens. Revel in this enchanting, 80-acre garden brimming with tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and other gorgeous blooms.

Free Time: The afternoon is yours to plan! Share in a festive 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.*



Old Town, Antwerp

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



Old Town, Ghent



| **ELECTIVE** |

PRE-TRIP EXTENSION IN ANTWERP

Begin your adventures with two nights in dynamic Antwerp before you embark on your river cruise! This inviting, walkable city offers wonderful diversions, from intriguing museums to simple pleasures like Belgian waffles and crispy *frites*! Marvel at the medieval splendor of Ghent, one of Belgium's oldest cities, on a guided visit. This extension includes two nights at the first-class Hilton Old Town Antwerp; daily breakfasts; a guided Ghent tour; deluxe motor coach to/from Ghent; gratuities for guide and driver; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; baggage handling between the hotel and ship; and all taxes and service charges.

Price: \$895 per person, double occupancy; \$1,245 single occupancy



Amsterdam



| **ELECTIVE** |

POST-TRIP EXTENSION IN AMSTERDAM

Settle into captivating Amsterdam for extra days of fun and exploration! Your first-class hotel in the heart of the city provides an ideal base to enjoy the iconic canals, lively neighborhoods and world-class museums. Take a guided stroll in the Old Harbor and learn about Dutch nautical heritage at the National Maritime Museum. This extension includes two nights at the Amsterdam Marriott; daily breakfasts; museum admission and a guide; guide gratuities; 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: \$895 per person, double occupancy; \$1,345 single occupancy

Dutch Waterways

Trip #:3-27515W

To reserve your place on tour, please call the Santa Barbara Museum of Art at **805-884-6435**. To reserve online, please visit **sbma.net/travel**.

Once Santa Barbara Museum of Art receives this request, our tour operator AHI Travel will contact you regarding your deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

Send to Santa Barbara Museum of Art
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2746
Fax: **805-966-6840**

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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Email Name you would like on your name badge

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

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 4, 2023** (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.

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<https://santab.ahitravel.com/destinations/1688A?schoollid=146>. 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: April 20-28, 2023

Cruise Program dates: April 21-28, 2023

CRUISE PROGRAM

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
E-Haydn (Mid Aft)	\$3,545	\$250	\$3,295
D-Haydn (Midship)	\$3,645	\$250	\$3,395
C-Strauss (Aft)	\$3,945	\$250	\$3,695
B-Strauss (Midship)	\$4,045	\$250	\$3,795
A-Mozart	\$4,445	\$250	\$4,195
Suite-Mozart (Midship)	\$4,845	\$250	\$4,595

Suites category features a balcony. Categories A, B and C feature a drop-down panoramic window.
Categories D and E feature a panoramic 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

AHI's experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Their personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
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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.

Gouda



805-884-6435

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** aboard the **chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Silver II.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 7 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- 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 Antwerp's impressive medieval gems.
 - Admire inviting Kampen's historic charm.
 - Cruise along Amsterdam's lovely canals.
 - Take in a remarkable, once-in-a-lifetime exhibition of Vermeer paintings.
 - Soak up the brilliant springtime splendor of the acclaimed Keukenhof Gardens.

Personalize Your Journey | PYJ

A choice of excursions in each locale.

- **Bruges** | Cultural Bruges | Bruges and Beer | Bruges and Belgian Chocolate
- **The Hague/Delft/Gouda** | The Hague and the Mauritshuis | Old Delft and the Porcelain Factory | Gouda — City of Cheese

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.
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AHI Travel Expertise

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

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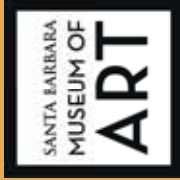
- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, 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.





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