



BEST OF HOLLAND & BELGIUM



7- Night Cruise with 2 Nights Amsterdam Pre-Cruise

CRUISE FROM: AMSTERDAM TO AMSTERDAM

Immerse yourself in a feast for the senses as you travel through the Netherlands and Belgium. Taste rich Belgian chocolates and listen to the distinctive clanks and charms of mechanical instruments at Utrecht's Museum Speelklok. Admire the beautiful architecture and artistry of castles that include Utrecht's de Haar, Brussels' Gaasbeek and Ghent's Caste of the Counts of Flanders. Inhale the aroma of freshly pressed Belgian waffles and Dutch street fries. And feel the gentle breeze dance along your cheeks as you cruise through the Amsterdam canals as well as during your boat ride to Kinderdijk from Alblasserdam. As a diverse array of knowledgeable and gracious local guides share each destination's unique history with you, you'll return from this cruise having experienced the best of Holland and Belgium!

COUNTRIES: BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS

RIVERS: DUTCH AND BELGIAN WATERWAYS

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DAY 1 - DECEMBER 26 | ARRIVE IN AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

Arrive in Amsterdam and check into your hotel.

DAY 2 - DECEMBER 27 | AMSTERDAM

Follow your guide through the charming capital of the Netherlands, with its iconic meandering canals, bridges and distinctive architecture. (B)

DAY 3 - DECEMBER 28 | AMSTERDAM - EMBARKATION

Check out of your hotel and, before transferring to your ship, enjoy an enchanting cruise along the canal in Haarlem outside of Amsterdam, passing historic architecture, bridges and even a windmill iconic of the region. Later in the day, transfer to your ship. (B, D)

DAY 4 - DECEMBER 29 | AMSTERDAM – UTRECHT

There are 165 canals in Amsterdam, and you'll get enjoy some of them on your canal cruise. Later in the day, enjoy a scenic cruise out of Amsterdam to Utrecht, the religious center of the Netherlands since the 8th century and a far-reaching city boasting a medieval old town, canals and a beautiful Gothic cathedral, some of which you may see on your walking tour, which includes a visit to the whimsical collection of automatically playing musical instruments at Museum Speelklok. Alternatively, marvel at the largest castle in Holland, De Haar. Straight out of your fairytale dreams, this castle inspires awe with its turrets, moats and suspension bridges as well as its luxurious interior. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 - DECEMBER 30 | VEERE, THE NETHERLANDS

Enjoy a scenic morning cruise through the delta before arriving in Veere, the Netherlands' medieval harbor town. This former fishing village turned yachting town is known for its town square, where some houses boast gorgeous gardens – although the highlight is the town hall, with its 48-bell carillon! Enjoy learning more about it on your walking tour, or journey instead to the Flood Museum, where you'll learn about the devastating floods of 1953, followed by a visit to a landmark recognizing the Roosevelt family's relationship with the Dutch royal family. For those who prefer an active adventure, pedal from Veere, with its cobblestone streets and charming harbor, to the historic town of Middelberg and back (B, L, and D)



DAY 6 - DECEMBER 31 | GHENT, BELGIUM

There are several choices of excursions in Ghent, depending on your interests. Stroll through the Capital of East Flanders, learning about its unique history on your walking tour, or pedal through the spellbinding town on a guided bike tour. Alternatively, visit Bruges, one of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe, on a full-day excursion that includes the renowned Church of Our Lady, home to the beautiful Carrara marble Madonna and Child sculpture by Michelangelo. If you prefer a shorter excursion in Bruges, visit the town later in the day or spend your afternoon at Ghent's moated Castle of the Counts, which boasts an eye-catching design as well as a ghoulishly interesting collection of medieval torture devices. (B, L, D)

DAY 7 – JANUARY 1 | BRUSSELS

Explore Belgium's captivating capital on your guided walking tour or pedal through Brussels on a guided bike ride. If you are a history enthusiast, spend your day traveling back in time to sites related to World War II's historic Battle of the Bulge, which was the last major German offensive on the Western Front. For those not joining this full-day tour, choose from afternoon excursions that include a visit to Gaasbeek Castle, one of the oldest and authentic moated castles in Flanders, or delight your palate with a Belgian chocolate tasting. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 – JANUARY 2 | ANTWERP

Explore Belgium's trendy "City of Diamonds" on a walking tour where you'll see Antwerp's Steen Castle, Grote Market and Brabo Fountain, along with the UNESCO-designated Cathedral of Our Lady. Active travelers may prefer instead to bike through Antwerp. Later in the day, beer enthusiasts will appreciate a tasting of the local brew while foodies may prefer our excursion to sample some of Belgium's culinary delights such as its fresh and fluffy waffles. An afternoon bike tour is also available for those who prefer to get their heart beating later in the day, and it includes an opportunity to visit the Red Star Line Museum, highlighting the historic shipping line responsible for transporting three million immigrants to America. (B, L, D)



DAY 9 - JANUARY 3

DORDRECHT – KINDERDIJK

Established in 1220, Holland's oldest city was virtually destroyed by a devastating flood in the 15th century that essentially created the city's wetlands. Learn more about Dordrecht's fascinating history on your walking tour, or visit Rotterdam, the "Gateway to Europe," as well as Delfshaven, where, on August 1, 1620, the Pilgrim fathers departed on their epic journey aboard the Speedwell. Stopping in Southampton, many then boarded the Mayflower and concluded their journey at Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts. If you prefer to venture off the beaten path, head to the smaller town of Gorinchem with its picturesque Old Town or go on an architectural bike tour through Rotterdam. In the afternoon, venture to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kinderdijk, a lovely village renowned for having the country's greatest concentration of windmills, all dating from the 18th century. You may also pedal past the windmills from the seat of a bike. (B, L, D)

DAY 10 - JANUARY 4

| DISEMBARKATION – DEPART AMSTERDAM

Disembark your ship and bid farewell to Amsterdam as you prepare for your return flight home. (B)

Prices p.p., double occupancy, subject to change, according to the chosen category: Additional gratuities

CAT	US\$
<i>D -Window</i>	\$3,008
<i>CB-CA French balcony</i>	\$3,508
<i>CA-BB French balcony</i>	\$3,808
<i>BB -BA Double Balcony</i>	\$4,408
<i>BA -AB Double Balcony</i>	\$4,608
<i>AB-AA Double Balcony</i>	\$4,808
<i>AC Balcony</i>	\$5,008
<i>SS - Suite</i>	\$6,308

Price includes 2 nights in Amsterdam, pre-cruise and Upgrade according to previous chart.

Included Features BEST OF HOLLAND & BELGIUM

7- Night Cruise

SPACIOUS STATEROOMS

- 7 nights luxury accommodation in an outside stateroom (most with twin balconies)
- Entertainment-On-Demand in all staterooms featuring free high-speed internet access, movies, a music library and English language TV stations
- Mini-fridge, desk and sitting area
- Bottled water replenished daily

AN ARRAY OF AMENITIES

- Wellness Activities with a dedicated Wellness Host leading various exercise classes as well as discussions on healthy eating and relaxation techniques, both on board and on shore.
- Personalized service from a highly trained Cruise Manager during both cruise and land programs
- Internet and Wi-Fi access
- Sun deck pool with swim-up bar and walking track
- Fitness room, massage services and hair salon
- Main Lounge with panoramic views and bar
- Daily entertainment including cultural performances

AWARD-WINNING DINING

- All onboard dining in a variety of venues
- Regionally inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients
- The Chef's Table specialty restaurant
- Welcome Cocktail, Welcome Dinner, La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Dinner, Captain's Cocktail and Gala Dinner
- La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs exclusive dining experience
- Unlimited fine wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Unlimited sparkling wine and fresh juice with breakfast
- Sip & Sail Cocktail Hour with complimentary wine, beer, spirits and soft drinks
- Tapas, snacks and refreshments served daily in the Main Lounge

A WORLD OF EXPLORATION

- Immersive tours in every destination
- Gentle, regular, active and late-riser tour options
- Bike tours and hikes
- Special Interest Tours
- Knowledgeable guides
- Personal headset for easy exploration
- Airport transfers with purchase of air from AmaWaterways

LAND: 2 NIGHTS HOTEL & TOUR IN AMSTRDAM

SHIP



AmaLucia OVERVIEW

Sister ship to the award-winning *AmaLea* and *AmaKristina*, the elegant 156-passenger *AmaLucia* is the newest in our European fleet. This warm, inviting ship offers the luxury of space in which guests can peacefully unwind. From comfortable staterooms with twin balconies that keep guests well-connected via Entertainment-On-Demand, free high-speed Internet access and Wi-Fi, to the sunny Main Lounge, where delicious tapas are served throughout the day, guests have everything they need to enjoy their time spent on board. If an active mood strikes, the sun-deck walking track, pool with swim-up bar, fitness room and complimentary fleet of bikes are available. Or you can take an invigorating class led by the professionally trained onboard Wellness Host. And, of course, the exquisite cuisine served in the Main Restaurant and at The Chef's Table specialty restaurant will satisfy your every craving aboard *AmaLucia*.