



Enchanting River Cruise in Holland during Tulip Time & Floriade!

April 17-24, 2022

Join Dave & Jeanie Johnston on a charming cruise along the picturesque Dutch waterways & witness the breathtaking blanket of colour that is the Keukenhof Garden! The world's largest flower garden, Keukenhof is home to more than seven million tulips, daffodils, & hyacinths: a magical sight to be seen when in full bloom. As well as wandering through multicoloured flower gardens, you'll get plenty of free time to explore the harbour town of Hoorn, the historic town of Den Helder & the beautiful city of Amsterdam, with its stunning architecture and never-ending network of canals. You will also have the opportunity to visit the once-in-a-decade Floriade Expo which is held in Almere, on the outskirts of Amsterdam...the highlight of your tour! The theme will be the important one of 'growing green cities', & here you will be treated to a cornucopia of trees, shrubs, perennials, creepers and flower bulbs. Before & after your cruise, enjoy the delights of rural England and the city of Amsterdam.

Day 1 | Flying to England

Depart this Easter Sunday in the evening from MSP Terminal 1 for your nonstop flight to England on Delta Airlines at 6:00 PM! Enjoy a comfortable night on the plane with movies to view & dinner served. Make sure to take a pillow & some cozy slippers to help get you through the night!

Dinner

Day 2 | Canterbury and The Cliffs of Dover

This morning we arrive at Heathrow Airport where we will pick up our luggage & head out the door into the English Countryside. Enjoy a short drive to Canterbury where you will tour Canterbury Cathedral. Marvel at the beauty of this ancient place which has stood as a house of worship for 1,424 years. After some lunch on our own, it's time to travel to Dover. Check into your seaside hotel right on the ocean with views of the famous White Cliffs of Dover. This evening is free for you to do as you wish. Good night!

Breakfast

Hotel: Dover Marina Hotel & Spa

Day 3 | Cruising to Amsterdam

After an included breakfast in the hotel, you will board the MS Arena the newest Arena Ship cruising Europe. Her inaugural year will be 2022! Sail across the English Channel while enjoying the included food & wine amenities of the ship. Your cabin is the highest category possible, an upper deck Superior Cabin with floor to ceiling windows & a French Balcony. From the moment you step aboard you'll enjoy the sense of space, stylish décor & unfaltering attention to detail that runs throughout the ship. Floor to ceiling panoramic windows on the main & upper decks ensure you don't miss a moment of

PER PERSON RATES:

\$2,772 Double Land Only \$2,997 Single Land Only
Nonstop Air: \$1398 additional per person

TRAVEL INSURANCE: \$195 per person due at time of booking. Travel insurance cost is Non-Refundable

Deposit: \$500 Per person

Final Payment due: March 17, 2022

Cancellation Policy: Full refund for land portion up until one month before departure. Full refund for air is two months before departure. Refund after that date is based on recoverable expenses unless you have paid for Travel Insurance.

THIS TOUR INVOLVES MODERATE WALKING

the magical landscape, whether you are treating yourself to a drink in the Ambassador's Lounge Bar, dining on delicious cuisine served in the panorama restaurant, or relaxing in the comfort of your spacious cabin. You may wish to take advantage of the wellness & fitness suite, relax with a good book from the library, or simply soak up the sun & spectacular scenery from the elevated sun deck. For your convenience there is complimentary Wi-Fi & the shop on board sells both the essentials & a range of souvenirs. Your time on board is special & you'll enjoy excellent service from our Captain, Cruise Manager & MS Arena's friendly, attentive crew. Enjoy getting to know your fellow travelers who will mostly be from the UK as you sail away from the Cliffs Of Dover. Who knows, maybe you will make a new friend from across the pond!

Ship: MS Arena

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Day 4 | Cruising Amsterdam – Hoorn – Den Helder

Sail to the atmospheric city of Hoorn, arriving around lunchtime. Here we have free time to explore this wonderful little city full of history & interesting architecture. Then join the excursion to the Medemblik Bakery, a quaint two-story museum where you'll see how traditional Dutch specialties are made, including 'gevulde koek', which is an almond paste cookie & 'speculaas' which are delicious gingerbread cookies. We return to the ship for a relaxing dinner on-board and sail overnight to Den Helder.

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Day 5 | Dan Helder & Floriade!

We arrive in the unique town of Den Helder this morning

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which is situated at the northernmost tip of the province of North Holland. The town has a lot to offer, with beautiful nature reserves & is home to the country's naval base & museum. Board the coach to the Floriade World Horticultural Expo in the town of Almere where you will have plenty of time to explore this horticultural delight. Floriade Expo 2022 will be an extraordinary. For six months the attention to the theme 'Growing Green Cities' will be focused on the cities of the future. This expo will also be the start of a new city district close to Amsterdam in the Netherlands. Almost everything that will be built for the exhibition will become part of the legacy of Almere, the structures will remain & become part of the community. The expo site will be developed as a Green City Arboretum, serving as a model for green structure development in cities. This arboretum will consist of a variety of trees, shrubs, perennials, creepers, hydrophytes, & flower bulbs, all of which contribute to a green, healthy & sustainable city. Around 3,000 species have been selected that contribute to the green city in terms of biodiversity, air purification, food production & city climate management. We return to the ship in Harlingen and sail overnight to Lelystad.

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Day 6 | Keukenhof Gardens

We arrive this morning into the lively little port of Lelystad for our included excursion to Keukenhof Gardens. Here you have plenty of time to explore the 32-hectare site & enjoy the swathes of flowers, themed pavilions & wonderful atmosphere that surrounds this world-class event. We rejoin our ship in Amsterdam where after dinner you can experience the true beauty of this capital city on our optional canal cruise, which takes you around the 17th century buildings & picturesque little bridges while you enjoy cheese and wine – it's a must for all visitors.

Day 7 | Amsterdam

Bid farewell to our captain, crew & fellow travelers as we disembark the ship for a one night stay in Amsterdam. Transfer to your centrally located hotel where the rest of the day is at your leisure. Maybe rent a bike & ride along the canals or visit the Anne Frank House & Museum right around the corner. This evening enjoy an included Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Breakfast/Dinner

Hotel: The Times Hotel Amsterdam

Day 8 | The Return Home

After an included breakfast it's time to depart for the Amsterdam Airport where your nonstop Delta Flight departs at 12:45 PM. Arrive in Minneapolis/St. Paul Terminal 1 at 2:40 PM in the afternoon with wonderful memories of a fantastic visit to Europe and the UK!

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- 2 Nights Hotels in Dover & Amsterdam
- Tour of Canterbury Cathedral
- 4 nights' river cruise full board basis
- Excursion to Keukenhof, the 'Garden of Europe'
- 5 visits included to Amsterdam, Hoorn, Den Helder, Harlingen & Lelystad
- Welcome drink & Captain's Gala Dinner
- Afternoon tea/coffee & cake & late evening snack
- Complimentary tea, coffee, Wi-Fi & included alcohol package
- Superb dining from delicious choices at breakfast to your fine four-course dinner
- On board entertainment each evening
- An attentive Tour Director to take care of everything

NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare. Please check the box on the registration to let us know if you plan to fly with Jeanie's Journeys or arrange for airfare on your own. Jeanie's nonstop flights are slightly higher than the norm, but you will skip having to change planes in another city
- Optional sightseeing, Non-included meals, Transportation to/from airport
- Tips to Tour Director and Cruise Team
- Any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary



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