



Keukenhof Gardens

Belgium & Holland in Spring

The colorful delights of spring in the Netherlands and Brussels

8 DAYS FROM \$4,290 | BEGINS AMSTERDAM OR BRUSSELS

1. ■ Arrive Amsterdam & Embark riverboat

Tour begins: 4:00 PM, Amsterdam. Upon arrival, a transfer is included from Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport or Centraal Train Station directly to your Tauck riverboat. Attend a discovery briefing, then enjoy a welcome reception followed by dinner this evening aboard the riverboat. **Meals D**

2. ■ Discover Amsterdam

Explore Amsterdam today, blending past with present, from its medieval core to the bustling shops, cafés and rich cosmopolitan life of a 21st-century European metropolis. Disembark for a guided canal boat cruise under the curved bridges and past merchants' homes along the 17th-century *grachten* (canals) of the city. The three main canals, dug

during the Dutch Golden Age, form concentric belts around the city, and are resplendent with 1,550 monumental buildings. Your cruise ends with a guided tour of the Rijksmuseum to see works by the Old Dutch Masters, including Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Van Gogh. After lunch, explore the sights as you wish. A shanty choir performance welcomes you back to your riverboat, scheduled to depart Amsterdam early this evening bound for Haarlem. **Meals BLD**

3. ■ Magical Keukenhof Gardens & the Hague

Disembark the riverboat for an excursion to Keukenhof Gardens in Lisse, the home of famous show gardens and millions of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths, in various stages of bloom and particularly beautiful at this time of the year. A rolling carpet of color, Keukenhof is one of Europe's most

Uniquely Tauck

- Attend a private evening at the Mauritshuis in Den Haag, with a guided tour of the museum's world-class collection of Dutch Golden Age paintings, dinner, and live music
- Visit Keukenhof Gardens in Lisse to walk among the tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths that are on display for only two months a year
- See the distinctive charms of Amsterdam aboard a canal boat that cruises the Canal Ring (Grachtengordel), a charming 17th-century UNESCO World Heritage Site
- In Brussels, discover the secrets of making delectable Belgian chocolate during a private demonstration at an award-winning chocolatier – accompanied by a tasting



Explore the gems of Amsterdam as you wish, along with a canal boat cruise and a guided tour of the famed Rijksmuseum.

iconic – and fragrant – places to witness springtime in all its glory. After lunch ashore, return to the riverboat for an afternoon of cruising. This evening, meet your local guides in Rotterdam and travel to The Hague (the royal city of Den Haag to the Dutch), for a special Tauck Exclusive evening at the Mauritshuis, housed in a historic 17th-century building. Enjoy a gala dinner, live music by students from the Royal Conservancy of Hague, and a guided tour showcasing acclaimed Dutch Golden Age paintings. **Meals BLD**

4. ■ Kinderdijk's windmills & Dordrecht

This morning, visit the Dutch village of Kinderdijk, where 19 original 18th-century windmills – preserved today as a UNESCO World Heritage Site – create an iconic polderscape that's better than any picture-postcard, which you'll enjoy on



Maximum Elevation: 190 ft.



VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 Cruise Days

Amsterdam to Brussels

Day	Destination
■ 1	Embark Amsterdam
■ 2	Amsterdam
■ 3	Keukenhof, Den Haag
■ 4	Kinderdijk, Dordrecht
■ 5	Ghent, Bruges
■ 6	Antwerp
■ 7	Brussels
8	Disembark Brussels

Brussels to Amsterdam

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■ 6	Keukenhof
■ 7	Amsterdam
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From the historic sights you'll see on a guided walking tour in cobblestoned Bruges to the 18th-century windmills that make your visit to the Dutch village of Kinderdijk a most memorable one, the experiences you'll share speak volumes about life in the Netherlands.

a boat cruise. There's no other place in the world besides Kinderdijk where can you see so many historic windmills together in an authentic setting. During your visit, discover how a windmill works both inside and out, and explore the quintessentially Dutch history of windmills. Alternatively, you can choose a bicycling excursion amidst the Kinderdijk windmills. Cruise on to nearby Dordrecht, a historic island city bordering no less than five rivers in the South Holland province of The Netherlands. Reflecting the definition of the Dutch word for harbor – "haven" – the city's charming harbor district preserves many historic warehouses, merchants' mansions and quays, and its role as a major port city from the 15th to 18th centuries. A walking tour reveals Dordrecht's noted architecture and monuments in its medieval inner city, as well as the surrounding ring of 19th-century buildings. Return to the ship for dinner and evening activities as you sail to Belgium tonight. **Meals BLD**

5. ■ Flemish treasures in Ghent & Bruges

This morning, your riverboat arrives in the historic port city of Ghent in Flanders, arguably Belgium's most beautiful city. Take a walking tour of Ghent's Old Town; the pedestrian-friendly cobblestoned town center feels like an outdoor museum of early Flemish architecture. Think about climbing to the top of the 14th-century belfry, crowned with a dragon, for the view – Ghent laid out before you is a visual feast of castles, churches, and historic merchants' houses. Be sure to try the local specialty, Ghent noses, a traditional raspberry candy sold at stands on the street – or a warm waffle with sugar or honey. Continue on to Bruges, known to many as "the Venice of the North," for its canals and tiny medieval streets. On your walking tour along Bruges' cobblestoned lanes, you'll feel like you've walked into a painting by Jan Van Eyck, who captured life in the



Private Opening at Mauritshuis

You're the guest of honor for a Tauck Exclusive dinner at the famous Mauritshuis museum, where its collection of Dutch Golden Age paintings showcases art masterpieces by Rembrandt and Vermeer, including the beloved "Girl with a Pearl Earring." A museum official welcomes you and shares insights about the works you'll see. Enjoy a performance by students from the Royal Conservatory of the Hague during the evening's special festivities.

city during its heyday in the 15th century. The hike up the stairs of the medieval belltower is well worth the effort; you'll be rewarded with wonderful panoramic views. Enjoy dinner onboard tonight as you sail on to Antwerp. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ Antwerp & the age of exploration

Your riverboat arrives this morning in the major port city of Antwerp for a day in the capital of the Belgian province of Flanders. Take an orientation tour of the city and a guided walk through the city's historic center. As you stroll and hear stories and insights from your local guide, take in Grote Markt, the old market square; City Hall; and numerous restored merchants' houses, harkening back to the days of the 16th-century Age of Exploration when Antwerp – at the time a powerful center of international commerce – was the richest city in Europe. Stop for a tour and tasting at a local brewery before lunch aboard ship or ashore as you wish, followed by free time to explore more of Antwerp. After cocktails and dinner aboard ship, enjoy a musical performance as the riverboat cruises to Brussels. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Discover Brussels

You have a choice of shore excursions today. Join us for a guided sightseeing tour of Brussels, Belgium's capital and a key center of European trade and culture since the 13th century, that takes in the Atomium, a 338-foot-tall structure resembling atoms, built for the 1958 World's Fair and Grand-Place, one of Europe's loveliest city squares, boasting a Gothic town hall surrounded by Renaissance-era guildhalls. Or choose to learn about the Art Nouveau architecture of the city with a local expert, viewing houses and mansions dating back to the early 1900s. After lunch, we've arranged a demonstration by a local chocolatier that ends with a tasting of delectable world famous Belgian chocolate. Raise your



The Dutch have been making cheese since 800 BC, with Edam and Gouda among the most popular as you'll see for yourself.

glasses in a farewell toast this evening marking the end of this quintessentially Dutch spring river cruise! **Meals BLD**

8. Journey Home

Tour ends: Brussels. Fly home anytime; all guests must disembark the riverboat by 9:00 AM. A transfer is included from the riverboat to Brussels Airport; allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

2023 DATES / CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

BEGINS BRUSSELS OR AMSTERDAM – MS TREASURES / MS INSPIRE							
DATE	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 5*	\$4,290	\$4,690	\$5,140	\$5,440	\$6,040	\$6,240	\$6,740
Apr 6*	\$4,290	\$4,540	\$4,690	\$5,440	\$6,040	\$6,240	\$6,740
Apr 12	\$4,890	\$5,290	\$5,740	\$6,040	\$6,640	\$6,840	\$7,340
Apr 13	\$4,890	\$5,140	\$5,290	\$6,040	\$6,640	\$6,840	\$7,340
Apr 19*, 26	\$5,090	\$5,490	\$5,940	\$6,240	\$6,840	\$7,040	\$7,540
Apr 20*, 27	\$5,090	\$5,340	\$5,490	\$6,240	\$6,840	\$7,040	\$7,540

*Indicates Amsterdam to Brussels southbound direction.
Please go to tauck.com for up-to-the-minute space availability.

SPECIAL SOLO TRAVELER SAVINGS
On all departures, the single price in Category 1 is the same as the double price – no single supplement, which means savings of up to 50% for solo travelers! Solo Travelers also enjoy Savings of \$1,000 per cabin in Category 4, 5 and 6 on Apr 6* departure and in Category 4 and 5 on Apr 5*. Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please visit tauck.com for complete pricing.

2023 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS
20 meals (7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport and train station transfers, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, and on all included meals. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, and soft drinks. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$1,672.

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates. Please go to tauck.com for Brussels to Amsterdam day-by-day details. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking in each city. For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Cruise Protection Product and Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2