Belgium & Holland
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Beth Ray-Schroeder
Director, Duke Alumni Travels
FRIDAY, MAY 15: DEPARTURE
Depart on an overnight flight to Brussels, Belgium.

SATURDAY, MAY 16: BRUSSELS / BRUGES, BELGIUM
Arrive in Brussels and transfer to Bruges. Enjoy time in this UNESCO-listed city of sublime architecture and art. Visit the Hans Memling Museum and the Groeninge Museum, which houses works by Jan van Eyck and other great Flemish artists, and see Michelangelo’s Madonna and Child in the Church of Our Lady. We will also have an opportunity to meet a local artist in Bruges. Transfer to Magnifique III and settle into your cabin. Tonight, the captain hosts a welcome reception and dinner.

SUNDAY, MAY 17: BRUGES / GHENT, BELGIUM
This morning, cruise past canals and small villages en route to Ghent. Pause to watch the operation of the “Eye,” Belgium’s giant lock system, and picnic alongside the River Lys. In the afternoon a guided walking tour of Ghent will reveal the fascinating history of this lively city, which in the Middle Ages was one of the largest and wealthiest in Europe.

MONDAY, MAY 18: DENDERMONDE / SINT-AMANDS, BELGIUM
Cruise along the Scheldt River to Dendermonde, a small city known for its magnificent Flemish buildings. Visit the Church of Our Lady, home to two Van Dyck paintings and a 12th-century baptismal font of Tournai stone, and see the medieval Cloth Hall on Market Square. Join Magnifique III in Sint-Amands and enjoy an evening concert on board.

TUESDAY, MAY 19: ANTWERP, BELGIUM
Step ashore in Antwerp to visit the renovated Central Station, one of the most beautiful rail stations in Europe, and view the restored Harbor House, designed by Zaha Hadid. Continue to the 17th-century Rubens House to see some of the Flemish painter’s famous works. Afterwards, discover the Red Star Line Museum to learn the stories of
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Willemstad; or go ashore to visit Dordrecht, one of the Netherlands’ oldest cities, which

is best discovered on foot. Walk past its historic harbors, ancient warehouses, and busy

merchant streets. Visit the Great Church, the Dordrecht Museum, and the 13th-century

Augustine monastery. Magnifique III remains docked in Dordrecht overnight. B,L,D

THURSDAY, MAY 21: DORDRECHT / VIANEN, HOLAND

This morning, cruise to Kinderdijk to see the impressive windmills at this UNESCO-
designated site. Drive to the Gouda Cheese Market for tastings and talks with local

producers. Those who wish to may cycle from Kinderdijk before reuniting with the rest

of the group and the ship in Schoonhoven. Follow the Lek River to Vianen. After dinner,
take an evening walk in this historic city, once home to the Marquis de Lafayette, hero

of the American Revolution. B,L,D

FRIDAY, MAY 22: VIANEN / AMSTERDAM, HOLAND

Early this morning, you may wish to discover Royal Flora Holland, the flower auction
at Aalsmeer. Later, join fellow participants in Amsterdam for a canal cruise through
this vibrant city followed by a visit the Rijksmuseum, the State Treasury of Dutch

paintings. Rejoin Magnifique III and celebrate a memorable voyage at tonight’s

farewell dinner. B,L,D

SATURDAY, MAY 23: AMSTERDAM / RETURN

Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for flights home. B

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**MAGNIFIQUE III**

Built in the style of Holland’s traditional riverboats, Magnifique III made her premier voyage in the spring of 2018 sailing under the Dutch flag. All of her 20 cabins and suites feature individually regulated air conditioning and flat-screen satellite TV. The upper deck has a spacious salon that combines a restaurant, bar, and lounge. Large windows open onto the partially covered sun deck. The top deck features a whirlpool/Jacuzzi and deck chairs for relaxing.

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**RATES INCLUDE**

- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard Magnifique III
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; wine and beer with lunches and dinners.
- Guided sightseeing by private motorcoach; entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/pier/airport group transfer for all participants on suggested flights
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities
- Taxes, service, and porterage charges

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