

Duke TRAVELS



Holland & Belgium
Amsterdam to Bruges Aboard *Magnifique IV*

May 10 – 18, 2023

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Dear Duke Travelers,

In beautiful spring, enjoy the gentle cruise as you meander the waterways of the Low Countries. Join us on a seven-night voyage from the Dutch capital of Amsterdam to the medieval Belgian city of Bruges. As you travel aboard *Magnifique IV*, a boutique riverboat with only 18 contemporary cabins, you will have numerous opportunities for cycling or walking through the region's charming and storied landscapes.

Duke Travels is pleased to have engaged Arrangements Abroad to offer this program. In the Netherlands, enjoy the largest exhibition ever devoted to 17th-century Dutch master Johannes Vermeer at Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum. Experience many of the Baroque painter's masterworks in one place, including his legendary *Girl with a Pearl Earring*.

Then embark *Magnifique IV*, stopping first in picturesque Kinderdijk, where you will view impressive windmills at a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and continue to historic Dordrecht. In Belgium, explore the cities of Antwerp, where you will visit the recently reopened Royal Museum of Fine Arts, and Dendermonde, known for its stately Flemish buildings.

In Ghent, behold Jan van Eyck's *Ghent Altarpiece* in its original home, Saint Bavo's Cathedral, after a ten-year restoration. Conclude amid the canals, cobblestones, and medieval buildings of Bruges. There, go behind

the scenes of an authentic 15th-century estate, see Michelangelo's *Madonna and Child* in the Church of Our Lady, and wander through the private garden of a renowned landscape architect.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

EXPERIENCE the Low Countries as the locals do, on optional cycling tours, riding on gentle, even terrain along the ancient canal tow paths

ENJOY the Rijksmuseum's unprecedented exhibition of Vermeer masterpieces, the largest ever devoted to the 17th-century Dutch painter

VISIT the newly restored *Ghent Altarpiece*, and take a special tour of its dedicated museum in Saint Bavo's Cathedral

SAVOR the intimate and friendly atmosphere created by the Dutch captain and crew aboard *Magnifique IV*

STROLL along the 15th-century cobbled streets and tranquil canals of Bruges, explore the private garden of a well-known Belgian landscape architect, and enjoy a special visit to an authentic medieval estate

DISCOVER Dordrecht, Holland's oldest city and the UNESCO-listed town of Kinderdijk, Holland, where 19 impressive windmills showcase the ingenuity of Dutch technology

As the Duke group grows in size, a Duke representative will be engaged to join you. Call us at (919) 684-2988 for information or to hold space while you decide and to reserve conveniently over the phone. Space is limited on this boutique riverboat cruise, which is co-sponsored by The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the University of Chicago. I hope you join us.

Forever Duke,



Beth Ray-Schroeder '83
Senior Director, Duke Travels
Duke Alumni Engagement and Development



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 10: DEPARTURE

Depart on an overnight flight to Amsterdam.

THURSDAY, MAY 11: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND / EMBARK MAGNIFIQUE IV

Arrive in Amsterdam and transfer for a canal cruise with lunch on board. Then visit Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum, the State Treasury of Dutch art, for an inside look at the largest-ever exhibition devoted to painter Johannes Vermeer. Embark *Magnifique IV*, and enjoy a welcome dinner as we cruise to Vianen.

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Amsterdam, Holland

FRIDAY, MAY 12: VIANEN / KINDERDIJK / DORDRECHT

This morning, venture to the Keukenhof Gardens to experience gorgeous views of blooming Dutch tulips and other flowers at the end of tulip season. Then travel to picturesque Kinderdijk, a village famous for its impressive UNESCO-listed row of 19 large windmills, a delight to see up close. Rejoin the ship in Dordrecht, where the ship is docked overnight. B,L,D

SATURDAY, MAY 13: DORDRECHT / ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Step ashore for a guided tour of Dordrecht, one of the Netherlands' oldest cities. Explore its historic harbors, centuries-old warehouses, and busy merchant streets. Continue to Antwerp, a city renowned for its medieval and modern architecture and impressive art collections. Following lunch, see the cathedral where Rubens' famous *Descent from the Cross* is on display. Then admire the treasures of the Museum Mayer van den Bergh, whose collection includes Pieter Bruegel the Elder's *Mad Meg*. Before returning to the ship in Kattendijkdok, view the restored Harbor House designed by Zaha Hadid.

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SUNDAY, MAY 14: ANTWERP / DENDERMONDE / SINT-AMANDS

Start your day at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts Antwerp. Continue to Dendermonde, 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. This evening, enjoy a private concert onboard. B,L,D



Antwerp Cathedral, Belgium



Hans Memling, *Triptych of Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist* (detail), c. 1479, Hans Memling Museum, Bruges, Belgium

MONDAY, MAY 15: SINT-AMANDS / GHENT

In the morning, travel by sail or bike to Ghent. After lunch, enjoy a tour through Ghent's medieval center, including the magnificent Saint Bavo's Cathedral. View its greatest treasure, the restored 15th-century *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb* (Ghent Altarpiece) by the Van Eyck brothers, and take a tour of its dedicated museum in the cathedral.

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TUESDAY, MAY 16: GHENT / BRUGES

Begin your day with a visit to the Museum of Fine Arts. Continue to Bruges, a medieval gem laced with canals and gardens, where the ship remains docked overnight. Delight in a visit to the private garden of a distinguished Belgian landscape architect. This evening, you may wish to join an optional stroll to see the city's medieval buildings illuminated.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 17: BRUGES

Today, start with a visit to the Adornes Domain, an authentic medieval estate in the heart of Bruges, followed by light refreshments (pending confirmation). Then discover the collections at the Hans Memling Museum, housed in Saint John's Hospital. After lunch at leisure, you may enjoy a free afternoon. You can also choose to visit the Church of Our Lady and see its celebrated *Madonna and Child* and/or the Groeninge Museum, with works by Jan van Eyck and other great Flemish artists. Gather this evening for a festive farewell dinner.

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THURSDAY, MAY 18: BRUGES / DISEMBARK / BRUSSELS / RETURN

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

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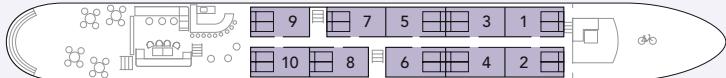
DISCLAIMER: The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Duke Travels and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at <http://www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms>

MAGNIFIQUE IV

TOP DECK



UPPER DECK



LOWER DECK



CRUISE RATES

Cabins	Decks	Double	Single
11 to 17	Lower Deck	\$5,999	\$8,999
Standard, twin beds with portholes			
1 to 10	Upper Deck	\$9,999	Inquire
Deluxe, twin beds, small seating area, large windows and balconies			

RATES INCLUDE

- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard Magnifique IV
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; wine and beer at dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



Keukenhof Gardens, Holland

MAGNIFIQUE IV



Magnifique IV; dining room (below left) and Lower Deck cabin (below right)

Launched in Spring 2020 and sailing under the Dutch flag, this new river vessel has 10 generous suites on the upper deck, while the lower deck has eight twin cabins. *Magnifique IV*'s upper deck features a spacious and tastefully decorated salon with air conditioning, a bar, and lounge area. Wi-Fi is also available. The comfortable and inviting restaurant is separated from the kitchen by a glass wall, so you can watch talented chefs in action. The front deck has space to accommodate bicycles, while the top deck boasts a Jacuzzi and deckchairs, from which you can enjoy the scenery.



Bruges, Belgium

Biking, Holland



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HOLLAND & BELGIUM • MAY 10–18, 2023 RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place, please contact Duke Travels at (919) 684-2988 or duketravels@duke.edu; or complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to Arrangements Abroad to: Duke Travels, Box 90572, Durham, NC 27708-0572. If you mail in your reservation, please give Duke Travels a call, so that space can be held.

Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print.

Address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (home) _____ (business) _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

Magnifique IV cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a cabin with _____

FORM OF PAYMENT

- Enclosed is my check (payable to Arrangements Abroad)
 Credit card

Name on credit card

Credit card number

3- or 4-digit security code

Expiration date

I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the *Terms & Conditions* of this Program (see www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms to review or call for a copy). I/We agree to full payment by check, wire transfer, or credit card 120 days prior to departure. Each participant must sign below.

Signature (required)

Date

Signature (required)

Date



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Front cover: Windmill. Back cover: Johannes Vermeer, *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, 1665. Mauritshuis, Den Haag.
Vermeer Exhibit, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, Holland (top) and Ghent, Belgium (bottom).

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