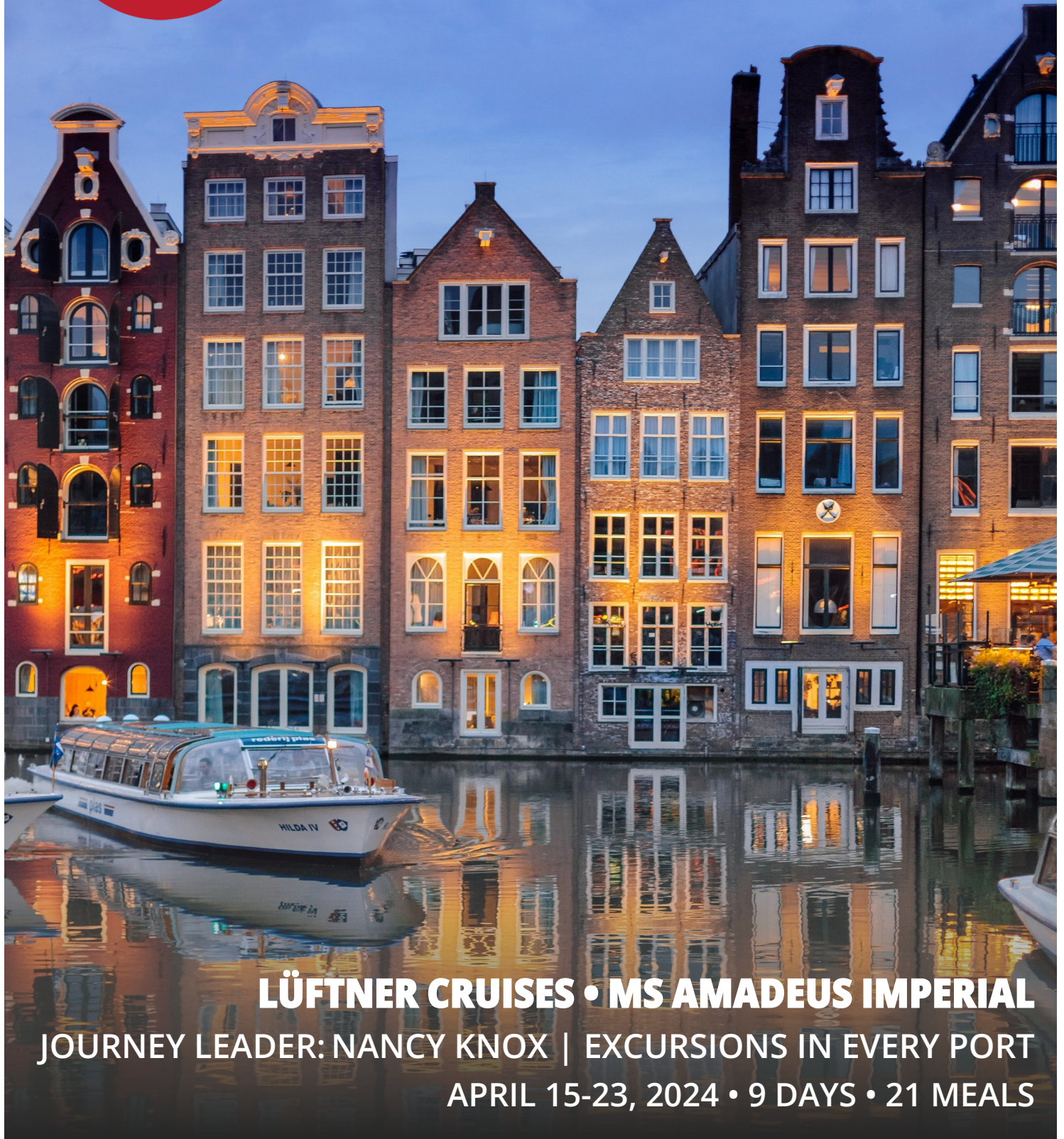


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Cruise along the canals of Amsterdam

Springtime in Holland, the air is clear, the fields are full of new growth and the flowers are ablaze with colour. Revel in colourful gardens, the picturesque countryside and the great cities of the Netherlands and Belgium. Spread across the delta region of the Rhine, the lowlands of Holland and Belgium are ideally suited for a waterways cruise. For centuries, this intricate network of river channels, canals, and man-made lakes has served as the primary mode of transportation throughout the region.

During this delightful voyage will be accommodated aboard the exquisite *ms Amadeus Imperial*. Designed exclusively for river cruising, this vessel provides unparalleled comfort and is perfectly suited for exploring these enchanting waters. Our carefully crafted itinerary allows for a leisurely pace, ensuring ample time to explore ports that encompass major cities, picturesque towns, and charming villages. Best of all everything is included, sightseeing, meals, service charges, taxes, and tipping.

Inclusive Features

- Return economy group airfare from Canada to Amsterdam with Air Canada
- 7-night deluxe cruise in a comfortable outside cabin with hotel-style beds on the *ms Amadeus Imperial* or similar
- Transfers between airport and the ship plus baggage handling shipside
- All meals during the cruise plus quality European wines with every dinner
- Shore excursions in each port
- Complementary use of onboard bicycles for independent exploration
- Welcome cocktail reception and dinner, plus the Captain's Gala dinner
- Onboard entertainment including lectures, cooking demonstration and music performances
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes and fees for included services
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with purchase of group airfare
- Services of your journey leader and/or cruise director

Journey Leader

Nancy Knox has served as a minister in the United Church for over 35 years. Her personal travels have taken her across Canada, as well as to Britain, Australia, and New Zealand. Nancy loves group travel and has led tours to Israel, Jordan, Turkey, Ireland, and Heart of Europe tour featuring Oberammergau. She believes travel builds bridges of understanding, and sharing these experiences with others makes them truly unforgettable. Nancy looks forward to joining you on this incredible voyage to Holland and Belgium!



Our Cruise Ship • *ms Amadeus Imperial*

The elegant *ms Amadeus Imperial* fits perfectly with the traditional elegance of the Amadeus cruise line fleet for a delightful cruise through the waters of Holland and Belgium.

With 68 cabins (108 - 161 sq. ft.) and 8 suites (237 sq. ft.), the *ms Amadeus Imperial* will carry passengers in spacious comfort. Purpose-built to sail the safe scenic waters of Europe's rivers, she has three decks with cabins and public rooms plus a spacious Sun Deck for viewing the countryside.

All cabins are outside, each featuring either double or twin sized bed, a private bathroom with shower, telephone, TV and air conditioning (the ship operates on 220 volts). Cabins on Haydn Deck (lowest) have a picture window while cabins on Strauss and Mozart Decks have full height glass patio doors that open creating a French Balcony. On the Haydn Deck you will also find a hair salon, massage area and fitness room.

On the Strauss Deck is the Restaurant, Reception, and on board shop. On Mozart Deck you will find a Panorama Bar, Lounge area and the Amadeus Club. The open Sun Deck features deck chairs, a Lido Bar, chessboards and a shuffleboard. The ship is a non-smoking environment, except for some areas on the Sun Deck (subject to change). There is a small elevator on the ship which serves Strauss, Mozart and Haydn Decks.



APR 15, Monday**Depart Canada**

Tour members from across Canada depart for the Netherlands.

APR 16, Tuesday**Amsterdam, Netherlands**

We are met on arrival and transferred to the ship, our home for the next week. This evening, we will enjoy a Welcome Cocktail reception followed by a special Welcome Dinner.

ms Amadeus Imperial (7 nights)

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APR 17, Wednesday**Arnhem**

Drive through the historic streets of Arnhem, where the dramatic events of World War II's Operation Market Garden unfolded. This military operation involved parachute landings and a significant battle for the Arnhem Bridge, which brought the town melancholic fame. Explore the Airborne Museum in Oosterbeek, once a hotel in mid-1944 before it became the headquarters of the British commander-in-chief, Major General Roy Urquhart, during September of that year. It was from here that Urquhart commanded Operation Market Garden. Notably, the museum received the prestigious 2009 Golden Heron award for its innovative use of spatial media. In the afternoon, embark on a captivating journey to the Kroller-Muller Museum, renowned for proudly housing the second-largest collection of Van Gogh paintings. Marvel at evocative works by artists such as Piet Mondrian, Paul Gauguin, and Pablo Picasso. As the evening sets in, our enchanting cruise continues as we make our way to Middelburg.

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APR 18, Thursday**Middelburg, Belgium**

Sail through the Dutch region of Zeeland this morning arrive around noon in Middelburg, a city noted for its 1,100 large and small monuments. Our next stop is the Delta Works, an engineering feat and the world's largest storm surge barrier, which was designed to safeguard against floods such as the North Sea Flood of 1953. It stands as a testament to the resilience of the Dutch people who have successfully tamed their environment. Later, head to the charming town of Veere which was once a thriving trading port in the Middle Ages due to its wool trade with Scotland. Veere is now a favourite spot for visitors due to its picturesque scenery.

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APR 19, Friday**Ghent / Bruges**

In Ghent, the real jewel of Flanders, we encounter a city that has gracefully preserved its medieval heritage while embracing the future. The city centre is a delight to explore with its rich Flemish heritage full on display. Our city tour includes several highlights of the city where Emperor Charles V was born, such as St. Bavo's Cathedral with its world-famous triptych altar depicting the citizens of Ghent by Jan van Eyck, Gravensteen Castle, and the Belfry Bell Tower. Later, we make our way to Bruges often referred to as the "Venice of the North" due to its canal systems. It is undeniably one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. As you walk along the maze of winding, cobbled alleyways and romantic canals, you will be transported back to medieval times. After our exploration of Bruges, we will return to Ghent, allowing you free time to further discover and enjoy the city on your own before casting off again.

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APR 20, Saturday**Antwerp / Brussels**

Antwerp, the second-largest city in Belgium, welcomes us today. Our morning will be dedicated to touring Brussels, the captivating capital of Belgium. Be enchanted by its



The Netherlands is ablaze with colour in the springtime



Architectural marvels and cultural delights await in Brussels



Windmills, a symbol of Dutch heritage and craftsmanship



Traditional wooden Dutch clogs

lively squares, scenic boulevards, and iconic monuments. In the afternoon we venture to Antwerp, one of Europe's most historic ports. Our city tour takes us to the impressive Cathedral of Our Lady, Belgium's largest Gothic church. We will also have the opportunity to stroll through the charming old city centre, where bustling pedestrian ways intertwine with architectural wonders. Before our return to the ship, we will take a leisurely stroll through Europe's oldest shopping mall. BLD

APR 21, Sunday **Rotterdam, Netherlands**

Journey to Kinderdijk, home to the largest group of 18th century windmills in Holland. Delve into the rich history of these windmills and learn about how they have evolved alongside modern technology. Afterwards, we set course to the famous Keukenhof Gardens, a haven of natural beauty boasting a breathtaking showcase of blooming flowers. Amidst this floral paradise, we will also discover tranquil ponds, vibrant sculpture gardens, lush greenhouses and even a windmill waiting to be explored. To conclude the day we will have a special Captain's Gala Dinner. BLD

APR 22, Monday **Amsterdam**

Let the vibrant city of Amsterdam unfold before us as we set out on a morning tour. A scenic canal cruise and a sightseeing expedition will introduce us to the city's most remarkable landmarks, from the fascinating Museum Quarter to the lively flower market and the majestic Royal Palace. Continuing our journey, we venture to the old fishing village of Volendam, where we will take a leisurely stroll through its quaint streets. A visit to a local cheese factory will give us insights into the fascinating cheese-making process. Finally, we walk through the idyllic village of Edam, absorbing its timeless charm, before returning to Amsterdam. BLD

APR 23, Tuesday **Amsterdam / Canada**

All too soon our journey through the Dutch waterways draws to a close as we say "tot ziens" (good day) to our newfound friends and board our return flights to Canada. B



Explore the traditional windmills of Kinderdijk, Netherlands

Book and deposit by September 28, 2023
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CT Rating 2.5/5 - Slightly Challenging: Excursions and land arrangements include some extensive walks, with some over rough surfaces. Cobblestones are used in many European cities, making walking more difficult. Access to some decks and to shore in some ports may involve steep steps. Members should be in good physical condition, able to walk a kilometre or more without assistance to fully enjoy this cruise.

Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars per person

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| Cruise Only (Join / Leave at ship in Amsterdam) | \$4,375 |
| Toronto | \$5,895 |
| Ottawa / Montreal | \$6,045 |
| Halifax / St. John's | \$6,125 |
| Winnipeg / Thunder Bay | \$6,175 |
| Regina / Saskatoon / Victoria | \$6,265 |
| Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver | \$6,195 |

Rates are per person based on sharing a Cat C4 outside cabin on Haydn Deck. Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carrier are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to Inclusive Features for details.

Supplement to upgrade to higher category:

| Category/Description/Deck | Sharing Twin |
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| C1 Outside (Haydn - Panoramic Window) | \$385 |
| B4 Outside (Strauss - French Balcony) | \$825 |
| B1 Outside (Strauss - French Balcony) | \$1,055 |
| A1 Outside (Mozart - French Balcony) | \$1,395 |
| Suite Deluxe (Mozart - Walk-out Balcony) | \$1,995 |

Stateroom categories are subject to availability at time of booking. Book early for best choice. See deck plan for full details on various categories available. Singles are extremely limited. Please ask for rates or visit our website.

Cruise price is based on sharing a twin-bedded stateroom with private bathroom. Prices are based a minimum 20 members and on rates, taxes, and fees effective April 2023 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. This river cruise will be escorted with a minimum of 20 travellers. Cancellation penalties of \$300 per person apply at time of booking for this cruise. Please discuss this and your insurance needs with a Craig Travel Sales Specialist when making your reservation.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

Final payment will be due December 12, 2023

Deposit is \$700 per person

To reserve your spot on this tour, simply complete the enclosed enrollment form, indicating the tour you wish to join and your home city, and forward it with your deposit to:



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