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WATERWAYS OF **HOLLAND & BELGIUM**

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LÜFTNER CRUISES • MS AMADEUS RIVA

APR 14-22, 2025 • 9 DAYS • 21 MEALS • EXCURSIONS IN EVERY PORT

JOURNEY LEADER: DONNA ROMBOUGH

Windmills, a symbol of Dutch heritage and craftsmanship

Springtime in Holland, the air is clear, the fields are full of new growth and the flowers are ablaze with colour. Revel in breathtaking 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, we will be accommodated aboard the brand new *ms Amadeus Riva*. 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, historic towns, and charming villages. Best of all, everything is included: sightseeing, meals, service charges, taxes, and gratuities.



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 Riva*
- Transfers between the airport and the ship, plus baggage handling shipside
- All meals during the cruise and quality European wines with every dinner, plus coffee and tea available 24/7
- 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 demonstrations, 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

Having spent her entire career in various management positions within the travel industry, **Donna Rombough** has an insatiable love for travel. Retired from Craig Travel several years ago, she continues to be involved as a consultant and Journey Leader, and is always thrilled at the prospect of discovering yet another new destination. She has led countless tours and cruises to many parts of the world and delights in sharing new experiences and cultures with her travellers. Join her on this thrilling adventure!



Our Cruise Ship • *ms Amadeus Riva*

The new ***ms Amadeus Riva***, built in 2023, brings a new generation of luxury cruising, showcasing innovative and green designs that focus on sustainability, renewal, and well-being. You'll find plenty of room to roam, from the River Terrace bar to the generous Sun Deck.

With 67 cabins (16m2) and 12 suites (26.4m2), the *ms Amadeus Riva* will carry passengers in spacious comfort. Purpose-built to sail the safe scenic waters of Europe's rivers, it 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 beds, a private bathroom with a shower, telephone, TV, in-room safe, and individual climate control. Cabins on Haydn Deck (lowest) have a picture window while cabins on Strauss and Mozart Decks have drop-down panoramic windows, and suites have a walk-out exterior balcony. On the Haydn Deck, you will also find a massage area and fitness room.

On the Strauss Deck, you'll discover the Restaurant and onboard shop. Moving up to the Mozart Deck, you'll encounter the Panorama Bar, Reception, River Terrace, Café Vienna, and the Amadeus Club. Out on the open Sun Deck, guests can enjoy deck chairs, chessboards, and a shuffleboard. The ship is a non-smoking environment, except for some designated areas (subject to change). Additionally, there is a small elevator onboard serving the Strauss, Mozart, and Haydn Decks.



APR 14, Monday **DEPART CANADA**
Tour members from across Canada depart for Amsterdam.

APR 15, Tuesday **AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS**
On arrival, we are transferred to the ship for a light lunch in the Panorama bar. This evening, we will enjoy a Welcome Cocktail reception followed by a special Welcome Dinner with a traditional Shanty Choir performance.
ms Amadeus Riva (7 nights) LD

APR 16, 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. BLD

APR 17, Thursday **MIDDELBURG, BELGIUM**
In Middelburg, known for its 1,100 large and small monuments, we'll explore historic merchant houses and canal-side storefronts, once thriving hubs of the Dutch East India Company in the 17th century. Our guided walking tour will showcase the Abbey, the impressive town hall, and old warehouses and monuments. We also have the opportunity to visit Veere, a bustling trading port during the Middle Ages, famed for its wool trade with Scotland. Here, we'll wander the charming streets, pass by the Gothic Grote Kerk cultural centre, and end our visit with a tasting of traditional Dutch specialties such as Bitterballen or Zeeuwse Oysters, complemented by fine wine. BLD

APR 18, Friday **GHENT / BRUGES**
In Ghent, we discover a city that seamlessly blends its medieval legacy with modernity. Its city centre proudly showcases Flemish heritage at every turn. Our guided tour highlights key landmarks, including St. Bavo's Cathedral, home to the renowned Jan van Eyck triptych altar, Gravensteen Fortress, and the UNESCO-listed Ghent Belfry with its 54 ringing bells. Enjoy some free time to explore the area on your own. Later, we journey to Bruges, often hailed as the "Venice of the North" for its intricate canal network. This romantic city, steeped in medieval charm, invites us to wander its labyrinth of cobblestone streets and canals. Brugge was known as a commercial metropolis in the heart of Europe. Don't miss the historic marketplace, the Burg (site of the former Bruges castle), and the Basilica of the Holy Blood, all nestled within the charming UNESCO-listed historic centre. BLD

APR 19, Saturday **ANTWERP / BRUSSELS**
Today, we're welcomed to Antwerp, Belgium's second-largest city. Our morning begins with a captivating tour of Brussels, the nation's capital. Explore the lush Laeken area, featuring highlights like the Church of Our Lady of



The Netherlands is ablaze with colour in the springtime



City of Middelburg, Zeeland, Netherlands



Step back into medieval times in Ghent, Belgium



Architectural marvels and cultural delights await in Brussels

Laeken and the famous Atomium. Then, we drive past scenic boulevards to Cinquantenaire Park, where we'll admire the royal palace and conclude our visit at Europe's oldest shopping mall, with some free time to explore. Then, we venture to Antwerp, one of Europe's most historic ports. We'll visit the impressive Cathedral of Our Lady, Belgium's largest Gothic church, and we'll take a stroll through the charming old town centre, perhaps indulging at a Belgian waffle stand before enjoying free time at your leisure. BLD

APR 20, Sunday ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Journey to Kinderdijk, home to the largest collection of 18th-century windmills. Originally built to drain water from the soil, these are now UNESCO-protected and a renowned tourist attraction. Alternatively, opt for a harbour cruise of Rotterdam port and a visit to the iconic Market Hall. After, you can choose between exploring the canal town of Delft, famous for its Delft blue ceramics, or immersing yourself in the renowned Keukenhof Gardens. Spanning over 79 acres, it boasts a stunning display of 7 million tulips, narcissi, and hyacinths, complemented by tranquil ponds, vibrant sculpture gardens and lush greenhouses. Conclude the day with a special Captain's Gala Dinner. BLD

APR 21, Monday AMSTERDAM

Embark on a morning tour and scenic canal cruise to uncover the rich history of Amsterdam. With approximately 7,500 registered historic buildings and 90 islands connected by 400 bridges, our exploration will unveil the city's most notable landmarks, including the captivating Museum Quarter and the majestic Royal Palace. Continuing our adventure, we journey to the picturesque fishing village of Volendam, where we'll leisurely walk through its charming streets. A visit to a local cheese factory will provide us with fascinating insights into the cheese-making process. Lastly, we'll wander through the idyllic village of Edam, soaking in its timeless charm. BLD

APR 22, Tuesday AMSTERDAM / CANADA

All too soon our journey draws to a close as we board our return flights to Canada. B



Explore the colourful Keukenhof Gardens, Netherlands

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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, and able to walk a kilometre or more without assistance to fully enjoy this cruise.

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Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Cruise Only (Join / Leave at ship in Amsterdam)	\$4,495
Toronto	\$6,125
Ottawa / Montreal	\$6,255
Halifax / St. John's	\$6,335
Winnipeg / Thunder Bay	\$6,395
Regina / Saskatoon / Victoria	\$6,475
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver	\$6,425

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 our Inclusive Features for details.

Supplement to Upgrade to Higher Category

Category/Description/Deck	Sharing Twin
C1 Outside (Haydn - Panoramic Window)	\$395
B4 Outside (Strauss - French Balcony)	\$865
B1 Outside (Strauss - French Balcony)	\$1,095
A1 Outside (Mozart - French Balcony)	\$1,475
Suite Deluxe (Mozart - Walk-out Balcony)	\$2,195

Stateroom categories are subject to availability at the time of booking. Book early for best choice. See deck plan for full details on the 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 on a minimum of 20 members and on rates, taxes, and fees effective February 2024 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 \$600 per person apply at the 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 is due on December 11, 2024
Deposit is \$800 per person

To reserve your spot on this tour, you can either book online through our website or submit an enrollment form along with your deposit to:



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