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HOLLAND & BELGIUM

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AMAWATERWAYS • AMAVIOLA
APRIL 13-21, 2027 | 9 DAYS | 20 MEALS
EXCURSIONS IN EVERY PORT
JOURNEY LEADER

Windmills, a symbol of Dutch heritage and craftsmanship

Experience the beauty of Holland and Belgium at the height of spring, when the region's famous tulips are in full bloom. This journey takes us beyond the garden gates of Keukenhof to discover the vibrant culture and layered history of the Low Countries — from traditional windmills rising above flower fields to the medieval fortresses and renowned diamond districts that shape the region's identity.

Sailing with AmaWaterways, we explore these iconic landscapes with ease, watching the scenery shift from bustling historic harbours to tranquil riverside meadows directly from our staterooms. Effortless discovery defines the rhythm of the voyage. Wake in the heart of medieval cities like Antwerp and Nijmegen, ready to wander cobblestone squares or cycle through the Dutch countryside. Whether sampling local chocolates and beers or delving into World War II history, each day blends cultural depth with the relaxed luxury of river cruising.

Inclusive Features

- Return economy group airfare from Canada to Amsterdam
- 7-night luxury cruise in an outside stateroom on the AmaViola
- Transfers between the airport and the ship, plus baggage handling shipside
- All gourmet meals on board, including early riser coffee and croissants, rich breakfasts, festive lunches, afternoon tea, and multi-course dinners
- Regional wines, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner, plus a 24-hour coffee and tea station
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Champagne Receptions and Gala Dinners
- Choice from a variety of included daily shore excursions
- Complimentary use of the AMA bicycles and helmets
- Daily wellness and fitness program
- Complimentary Wi-Fi onboard, subject to availability
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes and fees for inclusions
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with purchase of group airfare
- Services of your journey leader and/or cruise director



Our Cruise Ship • AmaViola

The AmaViola offers an intimate way to experience the waterways of the Netherlands and Belgium, combining signature warmth with sophisticated design. On board, we find a variety of inviting spaces to relax, from the Sun Deck with its heated pool and swim-up bar to the Panoramic Lounge featuring a piano and dance floor. For further rejuvenation, massage and salon services are available on board.

Dining is a true highlight of the journey, with multiple venues showcasing both local and international flavours. We enjoy breakfast and lunch buffets alongside multi-course dinners prepared with fresh, regional ingredients, as well as a unique tasting menu at The Chef's Table specialty restaurant.

For those looking to stay active, the ship provides a fitness room and a walking track. Complimentary bicycles are also available for our use, perfect for exploring charming ports either independently or on a guided tour.

Every stateroom is an outside accommodation, with most featuring AmaWaterways' signature twin balconies that provide a private space to enjoy the river views. The refined interiors include marble bathrooms equipped with multi-jet showers, cotton bathrobes, slippers and hair dryer. For our comfort, each room offers an in-room safe, individually controlled air conditioning, and an Entertainment-On-Demand system with movies and music.



Traditional Dutch wooden clogs



APR 13, Tuesday

DEPART CANADA

Tour members from across Canada depart for Amsterdam.

APR 14, Wednesday AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Upon arrival, we are transferred to the pier to begin our embarkation process. We'll have some time to take in our new surroundings at a leisurely pace, with lunch on our own. This evening, the atmosphere on board turns festive as we gather for a Captain's Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner. It's a wonderful opportunity to mingle with our fellow travellers and toast the start of our voyage.

AmaViola (7 nights)

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APR 15, Thursday AMSTERDAM / BRUINISSE

We enjoy a scenic cruise through the IJsselmeer as we make our way toward Bruinisse. Upon arrival, we have the opportunity to choose how we wish to spend our time. One option is a guided tour of the medieval harbour town of Zierikzee, a place brimming with history, from its 16th-century stone Gravesteen to the charming shops and cafés lining the waterfront. Or we may choose to explore the powerful history of the 1953 flood disaster at Neeltje Jans. Here, we can witness the incredible engineering behind the storm surge barriers, a vital part of the Delta Works project designed to safeguard the Netherlands from the sea. For those who prefer a more active pace, a guided bike tour offers a refreshing way to explore Bruinisse.

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APR 16, Friday

GHENT, BELGIUM

Our journey brings us into Belgium today. We may opt for a guided walking tour of Ghent to admire its unique canal-side architecture. We visit the 12th-century Castle of the Counts and the soaring St. Bavo's Cathedral, home to the world-renowned Adoration of the Mystic Lamb by the Van Eyck brothers. Those with a sweet tooth might instead prefer a hands-on chocolate workshop. After a glass of champagne and an introduction to the history of Belgian chocolate by a master chocolatier, we have the opportunity to taste various pralines and craft our own. Alternatively, a full-day excursion takes us to Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage Site celebrated as one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe. We stroll through the iconic Grote Markt and Burg Square before visiting the centuries-old Church of Our Lady, famous for its prominent brick spire. Before returning to our ship, there is time to sample local specialties, such as traditional Belgian waffles or fries, while soaking in the atmosphere of this historic gem.

BLD

APR 17, Saturday

ANTWERP

Today we glide into Antwerp, where high fashion and the world-renowned diamond district meet centuries of medieval history. This morning offers two ways to discover the city. One option is a walking tour through the historic centre, including a visit to the UNESCO-designated Cathedral of Our Lady. This Gothic masterpiece, the largest of its kind in the Benelux region, houses four major paintings by Peter Paul Rubens. Along the way, we see the 13th-century Steen Castle, the Grote Markt, and the iconic Brabo Fountain. For a more active exploration of the city, you may join a guided bike tour. Later in the afternoon, you may choose between two experiences. Visit the Castle of Groot-Bijgaarden for the annual Floralia spring flower show, where approximately one million bulbs are hand-planted each year across the castle grounds. Or join a culinary tour to indulge in the world-famous Belgian trifecta: artisanal chocolate, traditional waffles, and local beer.

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The colourful Keukenhof Gardens



Cruise through Amsterdam's iconic canals



Step back into medieval times in Ghent, Belgium



Architectural marvels and cultural delights await in Antwerp

APR 18, Sunday NIJMEGEN, NETHERLANDS

We arrive in Nijmegen, the oldest city in the Netherlands. Founded by the Romans as a military stronghold, Nijmegen offers a fascinating blend of ancient heritage and modern life. Today, we choose how to discover its unique story. One option is a guided walking tour through the vibrant historic core. History enthusiasts may prefer an Operation Market Garden tour to learn about the city's pivotal role in the Second World War and see the iconic Waal Bridge. Alternatively, we can visit the ruins of Valkhof Castle, once an imperial residence of Charlemagne, or enjoy a scenic bike tour through the city. BLD

APR 19, Monday DORDRECHT / ROTTERDAM

Kinderdijk is a village known for the greatest concentration of 18th-century windmills in the country. This UNESCO World Heritage Site offers a profound look at Dutch water management history, and we can choose to visit a private windmill by electric boat or pedal past these iconic structures on a guided bike tour. Then, we travel to Rotterdam, the "Gateway to Europe." We might choose a walking tour to discover the city's modern architecture and sample local specialties. Another choice is an excursion to Delft, the historic home of painter Johannes Vermeer and the Royal House. Here, we visit the Royal Delft Porcelain Factory and Museum to see the production of its famous blue earthenware. Or if you wish, you may explore the history of migration at the FENIX Museum and visit Delfshaven, the site where the Pilgrim Fathers began their trip to the New World in 1620. BLD

APR 20, Tuesday AMSTERDAM

We enjoy a morning of scenic cruising as we arrive in Amsterdam, a city defined by its intricate network of waterways. Here, we have the choice to cruise aboard a specially designed boat, allowing us to glide beneath historic bridges and admire the elegant merchant homes lining the harbour. As an alternative, we may join an excursion to the world-renowned Keukenhof Gardens. Known as the "Garden of Europe," this legendary 70-acre park is open for only nine weeks each year and showcases a spectacular display of millions of flowering tulips. We spend time walking through the colourful floral paths at our own pace. Tonight, our journey ends on a high note as we gather for the Captain's Farewell Reception and Gala Dinner. BLD

APR 21, Wednesday AMSTERDAM / CANADA

After breakfast, our journey draws to a close as we transfer to the airport for our return flight to Canada. B

Itinerary subject to change. Please note that the cruise line may adjust the schedule at its discretion. For the most up-to-date information, refer to your final travel documents.



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and save \$200 per person**



Important travel information regarding the ETIAS authorization: Starting in late 2026, Canadian citizens travelling to Europe will need to complete an online application for the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS). This is not a visa but a pre-travel screening for visa-exempt visitors entering the Schengen Area. The authorization costs about €20 and is each traveller's responsibility. For details and to apply, visit the official ETIAS website well before departure.

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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.

Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Cruise Only (Join / Leave shipside in Amsterdam).....	\$7,225
Toronto	\$8,585
Ottawa / Montreal	\$8,745
Halifax / St. John's	\$8,795
Winnipeg / Thunder Bay	\$8,925
Regina / Saskatoon / Victoria	\$8,975
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver.....	\$8,925

Rates are per person based on sharing a Category E outside cabin on Piano Deck with fixed windows. 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 more details.

Supplement to Upgrade to Higher Category

Category / Deck (Description)	Twin or Double
D / Piano (Fixed Window).....	\$65
CB / Violin (French Balcony)	\$1,425
CA / Violin & Cello (French Balcony)	\$1,895
BB / Cello (French & Outside Balcony).....	\$2,615
BA / Violin (French & Outside Balcony)	\$2,855

All staterooms are outside accommodations. Categories are subject to availability at the time of booking. Book early for the best selection. Please refer to the deck plan for full details on available categories. Single accommodations are limited; please inquire for rates or visit our website.

Prices are based on a minimum of 10 cabins booked and on rates, taxes, and fees effective February 2026 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. This cruise will be escorted with a minimum of 10 cabins sold.

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. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Visit our website for the most current information and terms & conditions.

First deposit is \$1,500 per person at time of booking

Second deposit is \$2,500 per person due Oct 8, 2026

Final payment is due on December 10, 2026

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

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