

March 31 - April 10, 2027

TULIPS, CANALS AND THE RHINE

A spring journey through Germany, the Netherlands & Belgium



\$6799
Per Person

Experience the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany in spring as tulip fields bloom and canal cities awaken. Traveling by river offers an easy flow between historic towns, vibrant cities, and scenic countryside. Enjoy regional favorites—fresh stroopwafels, Belgian chocolates, and local beers—while exploring walkable centers and relaxing aboard a modern river ship for a journey rich in culture, scenery, and flavor at an unhurried pace.

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Suggested Itinerary

Day 1 - March 31st - Depart N. Londonderry for Logan Airport. Overnight flight to Frankfurt.

Day 2 - April 1st - Arrive at Frankfurt Airport and meet your local tour guide before traveling north by private coach. Enjoy a relaxed brunch stop en route. This afternoon, take a guided walking tour of Cologne's historic center, including the cathedral, old town squares, and scenic Rhine riverfront. The evening is at leisure for rest or dinner on your own. Overnight in Cologne.

Day 3 - April 2nd - After breakfast, travel to Düsseldorf for embarkation aboard your VIVA river ship. Once onboard, there is time to settle into cabins, explore the public spaces, as the ship prepares to depart. By late afternoon, you are underway on the Rhine, with the riverbanks gradually giving way to flatter landscapes as you approach the Netherlands. The evening is unhurried, beginning with a welcome dinner and time in the lounge, allowing guests to get to know one another and ease into life onboard.

Day 4 - April 3rd - Arrive in Amsterdam this morning for a full day to explore. Begin with a guided orientation tour highlighting the city's canals, neighborhoods, and rich history. Visit a renowned museum for insight into Dutch art and culture. The afternoon is at leisure to stroll the canals, relax at a café, or enjoy the vibrant springtime atmosphere.

Day 5 - April 4th - Today is devoted to the Netherlands' iconic spring blooms. Travel to Keukenhof Gardens, the world's most celebrated spring garden, set among vast bulb fields. Stroll through vibrant displays of tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils, with time to explore, photograph, and enjoy peak bloom. Return to Amsterdam in the afternoon before rejoining the ship as your cruise continues.

Day 6 - April 5th - Arrive early in Rotterdam, a city shaped by innovation and modern planning. A guided tour highlights how Rotterdam rebuilt itself after World War II, resulting in bold architecture and open public spaces unlike anywhere else in the Netherlands. The visit balances guided insight with free time around the central market area, where food stalls, cafés, and everyday city life offer a relaxed setting for lunch and exploration. By early evening, return to the ship as it continues onward through the waterways of the Low Countries.

Day 7 - April 6th - Arrive in Antwerp early this morning for a full day, dedicated to two of Belgium's great passions: chocolate and beer. Begin with a guided walk through the historic center that sets the scene for Antwerp's long trading history—essential context for understanding how cocoa, spices, and brewing traditions flowed into the city over centuries. The day then turns delicious, with a curated chocolate experience introducing Belgium's craftsmanship, from classic pralines to modern artisanal creations, followed by a guided beer tasting that explores the country's renowned brewing heritage, styles, and flavors. The remainder of the afternoon is free to linger in cafés, browse specialty shops, or simply enjoy Antwerp at an easy pace before returning to the ship, which remains docked overnight.

Day 8 - April 7th - Depart Antwerp early and enjoy a calm morning of sailing before arriving in Dordrecht mid-afternoon. One of the Netherlands' oldest towns, Dordrecht offers a compact and approachable historic center. We'll have a guided walk highlighting its canals, merchant houses, and maritime heritage, followed by an excursion into the surrounding countryside that reflects the classic Dutch landscape—windmills, waterways, and reclaimed land. This afternoon provides context for the tulip fields seen earlier in the journey, showing how water control and agriculture are closely linked.

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Day 9 - April 8th - This morning's stop in Arnhem offers a quieter, more reflective conclusion to the cruise. A short excursion into the surrounding countryside combines art, gardens, and open landscapes, providing a final opportunity to enjoy spring color and fresh air. The experience contrasts nicely with the urban focus of earlier days. After lunch onboard, the ship continues toward Düsseldorf, marking the final stretch of the river journey.

Day 10 - April 9th - Arrive in Düsseldorf during the night and disembark after breakfast. This morning, travel by coach south toward Bonn, the former capital of West Germany and the birthplace of one of Europe's greatest composers, Ludwig van Beethoven. Enjoy time in Bonn to explore the city through its Beethoven connections, including the exterior of Beethoven's birthplace and a gentle walk through the historic centre, where his early life and legacy are woven into the streets and squares. This culturally rich stop offers a meaningful and distinctly German conclusion to your Rhine journey, blending music, history, and a human story that resonates deeply with visitors. After free time for coffee or light refreshments, continue by coach to Frankfurt. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and gather in the evening for a farewell dinner—an opportunity to reflect on a week of springtime tulips, iconic canals, and the cultural heart of the Rhine.

Day 11 - April 10th - After breakfast, transfer to Frankfurt Airport for your return flight to Boston, concluding the journey.

Tour Includes:

Transfers to and from N. Londonderry to Logan Airport
Professional Tour Manager

Gratuities for tour manager, driver and local guides

All attractions and experiences mentioned in itinerary

All meals during the cruise (with beverages)

2 Dinners on land portion

Port charges and harbor fees

Onboard gratuities

Shore excursions each day

A guide to escort you during your entire journey through Germany, Netherlands & Belgium

Not Included:

Trip insurance - highly recommended, airline baggage fees

Payment Plan:

Deposit: \$2000 pp (due at time of booking)

Payment 1: \$1600 pp (08/03/2026)

Payment 2: \$1600 pp (10/02/026)

Final payment: Balance (12/01/2026)

Cancellation fees are as follows:

Cancellation Penalty Processing Fee (CPPF): \$500

Up to 121 days prior, the CPPF + any non-refundable airfare and/or cruise deposits

0-120 days prior 100% non-refundable

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