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Holland & Belgium Amsterdam to Bruges Aboard *Magnifique III*

May 27 – June 4, 2024



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Dear National Trust Traveler,

In May 2024, join the National Trust for an enriching art-filled cruise through the Low Countries aboard the boutique riverboat *Magnifique III*. Follow meandering rivers and canals from Amsterdam to Bruges, encountering towering cathedrals, lovely gardens, UNESCO-listed windmills, and charming villages along the way. Most notably, the wealth of art on display throughout this program will be exhilarating, including Michaelangelo's *Madonna and Child* and Rubens's *Descent From the Cross*.

Highlights include a canal cruise in Amsterdam, followed by the chance to behold Rembrandt's *The Night Watch*, as well as works by Vermeer, Frans Hals, and more at the Rijksmuseum. You will then embark *Magnifique III* for your voyage along Holland and Belgium's iconic waterways. Dock in Dordrecht for a guided tour of its historic harbors and ancient warehouses before stopping at Antwerp to admire Pieter Bruegel the Elder's *Mad Meg*. In Antwerp, you will also see Jean Fouquet's *Madonna* and works by Rodin, Memling, and James Ensor at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts Antwerp, reopened after an 11-year, multimillion-dollar renovation.

After cruising or biking to Ghent, experience the power of the Van Eyck brothers' *Ghent Altarpiece* (*The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb*), now returned to its original home, St. Bavo's Cathedral in Belgium, after a ten-year restoration. Your in-depth exploration of the region's rich art heritage concludes in Bruges. While there, in addition to Michaelangelo's famed *Madonna and Child*, discover Hans Memling's *St. Ursula Shrine* at St. John's Hospital, and numerous Renaissance and Baroque masters at the Groeninge Museum.

An optional prelude is offered in Amsterdam, featuring private visits to the recently reopened Rembrandt House Museum, where the artist lived for decades and displaying 260 of his sketches, and the Van Gogh Museum. We hope you join the National Trust on this spectacular voyage through the storybook villages and idyllic countryside of Holland and Belgium.

Sincerely,

Meg Annacone-Poretz

Director, National Trust Tours



The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a private, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to saving historic places and revitalizing America's communities.

For more information, visit the Trust's website at www.savingplaces.org or phone (800) 944-6847 or (202) 588-6000.





CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

CRUISE along Holland and Belgium's famous waterways, discovering UNESCO-listed windmills, towering cathedrals, charming villages, and incredible art collections

ADMIRE works by Rubens, Michelangelo, Anthony van Dyck, Hans Memling, the Van Eyck brothers, and other masters on expert-guided tours of Holland and Belgium's museums and churches, including Amsterdam's famed Rijksmuseum

TRAVEL to picturesque Kinderdijk, a Dutch village famous for its impressive UNESCO-listed row of 19 large windmills

SEE the treasures of Antwerp's Museum Mayer van den Bergh or opt for a visit to the Museum Plantin-Moretus to discover the world's oldest printing presses

VIEW Fouquet's *Madonna* and other masterpieces at Antwerp's Royal Museum of Fine Arts, reopened after a \$105-million, 11-year renovation

IMMERSE yourself in the history and culture of the 15th century during a special visit to an authentic medieval estate in Bruges

EXPERIENCE the Low Countries as the locals do, on optional cycling tours along gentle, even terrain

ENJOY the friendly atmosphere created by the Dutch captain and crew aboard *Magnifique III*, a boutique riverboat with 21 contemporary cabins

Holland & Belgium

Amsterdam to Bruges Aboard *Magnifique III*

May 27 – June 4, 2024



An optional prelude in Amsterdam, featuring private visits to the Rembrandt House Museum and the Van Gogh Museum, is offered from May 26–28, 2024.

MONDAY, MAY 27: DEPARTURE

Depart on an overnight flight to Amsterdam.

TUESDAY, MAY 28: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND / EMBARK *MAGNIFIQUE III*

Arrive in Amsterdam and transfer for a canal cruise with lunch on board. Then visit Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum, the State Treasury of Dutch art, and marvel at works by Rembrandt, including the world-famous *The Night Watch*, as well as Vermeer, Frans Hals, and other masters. Afterwards, embark *Magnifique III* and enjoy a welcome dinner as we cruise to Vianen. L,D

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29: VIANEN / KINDERDIJK / DORDRECHT

This morning, travel to picturesque Kinderdijk, a village famous for its impressive UNESCO-listed row of 19 large windmills, a delight to see up close. Continue to a unique country estate, surrounded by one of the oldest English landscape gardens in the area (*pending confirmation*). Rejoin the ship in Dordrecht, one of the Netherlands' oldest cities. B,L,D

THURSDAY, MAY 30: DORDRECHT / ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Step ashore for a guided tour of Dordrecht's historic harbors, ancient warehouses, and busy merchant streets, as well as a historic city center that is home to about 1,000 monuments.

Continue to Antwerp, a city renowned for its medieval and modern architecture and impressive art collections. Following lunch, see Antwerp's 16th-century Cathedral of Our Lady, where Rubens's 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*. Dinner is at leisure. B,L

FRIDAY, MAY 31: ANTWERP / SINT-AMANDS

Start your day at the recently renovated Royal Museum of Fine Arts Antwerp, which features drawings, sculptures, and paintings from the past 600 years, including works by Van Eyck, Memling, Rubens, and Rodin. Stand next to Fouquet's *Madonna* and view the world's largest collection of James Ensor works. After lunch, admire the world's oldest printing presses at the UNESCO-listed Museum Plantin-Moretus, a Renaissance-era publishing house and one of the most significant landmarks in the history of the book, printing, and entrepreneurship. This evening, rejoin the ship in Sint-Amands and enjoy a private concert onboard. B,L,D

SATURDAY, JUNE 1: SINT-AMANDS / GHENT

In the morning, cruise or bike to Ghent, one of Europe's best-kept secrets. After lunch, enjoy a tour through the city's medieval center, including the magnificent St. Bavo's Cathedral, in use for more than 1,000 years. View its greatest treasure, the restored 15th-century *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb (Ghent Altarpiece)* by the Van Eyck brothers, known as "history's most stolen artwork," now returned to its rightful home. B,L,D



Museum Plantin-Moretus, Antwerp, Belgium



SUNDAY, JUNE 2: GHENT / BRUGES

Begin your day with a visit to Ghent’s Museum of Fine Arts, Belgium’s oldest museum, and view more than 400 masterpieces of European art, spanning from Impressionist paintings to Modernist works. Continue to Bruges, known as the “Venice of the North,” a UNESCO-listed 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 Bruges’s medieval buildings illuminated. B,L,D

MONDAY, JUNE 3: BRUGES

Enjoy a morning visit to the Adornes Domain, an authentic medieval estate in the same family since the early 15th century, in the heart of Bruges, followed by light refreshments (*pending confirmation*). Then discover the collections at the Hans Memling Museum, including his famous *St. Ursula Shrine*, housed in St. John’s Hospital. After lunch at leisure, you may enjoy a free afternoon. You can also choose to visit Bruges’s Church of Our Lady, featuring one of the highest brick church towers in the world, and see Michaelangelo’s celebrated *Madonna and Child* and/or the Groeninge Museum, featuring Renaissance and Baroque masters, including works by Jan van Eyck and other great Flemish artists. Gather this evening for a festive farewell dinner. B,D

TUESDAY, JUNE 4: BRUGES / DISEMBARK / BRUSSELS / RETURN

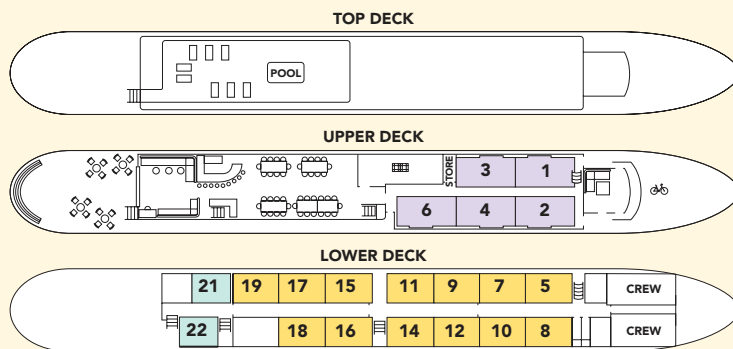
Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the Brussels airport for flights home. B

This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of National Trust Tours and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at [www. arrangementsabroad.com/terms](http://www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms).

MAGNIFIQUE III



Launched in 2018 as a beautiful passenger barge, *Magnifique III* features 21 contemporary cabins. The upper deck has five spacious suites (172 sq.ft.) with two separate single beds, a small sitting area, and a “French balcony” featuring ceiling-to-floor sliding-glass doors. The lower deck has fourteen beautiful twin cabins (129 sq.ft.) with two separate single beds and two single cabins. The upper deck has a large, tastefully furnished salon with a restaurant area, a nice bar, and a lounge area with cozy sitting corners, a wide screen TV, and large panoramic windows. On the top deck, the barge has a whirlpool/Jacuzzi and some deckchairs to relax and enjoy the scenery while cruising.



CRUISE RATES

Cabins	Decks	Double	Single
21 & 22	Lower Deck	N/A	\$7,499
Single accommodations. One twin bed with portholes			
5, 7 to 12 & 14 to 20	Lower Deck	\$6,499	\$9,749
Standard, twin beds with portholes			
1 to 4 & 6	Upper Deck	\$9,999	Inquire
Suites, twin beds, small sitting area, French balcony with ceiling-to-floor sliding glass doors			

RATES INCLUDE

- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard *Magnifique III*
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; wine/beer at dinners
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Airport/pier/airport transfers for all travelers
- Taxes, service, and portorage 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; optional Amsterdam prelude; and any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

INSURANCE National Trust Tours strongly suggests the purchase of travel insurance. For more information on policy options, visit <https://my.travelinsure.com/nationaltrust/plan/> or call 1-800-937-1387.

OPTIONAL AMSTERDAM PRELUDE

MAY 26–28, 2024

Spend time exploring Amsterdam in depth before your cruise, with exclusive private access to the recently reopened Rembrandt House Museum, where the master resided and created masterpieces from 1639 to 1658. An expert will show you an exceptional collection of Rembrandt's sketches, with 260 out of his 290 known sketches on display, offering unparalleled insight into his creative process. Discover Rembrandt's influences through a gathering of works by Pieter Lastman, his tutor. After an overnight stay at your four-star hotel, rise for a private tour of the Van Gogh Museum, home to the world's largest collection of the Dutch master's iconic paintings and drawings. Then join the main program on a canal cruise with lunch, followed by tour of the Rijksmuseum before embarking *Magnifique III*.

PRELUDE RATE: \$999 per person, double rate. \$1,299 single rate

INCLUDES: One night accommodations at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Amsterdam City Center, with one reception and one breakfast. Sightseeing as noted.



Rembrandt House Museum, Amsterdam

RESERVATION INFORMATION

To secure your place, please call National Trust Tours at
888-484-8785.

A deposit of \$1,000 per person
(of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) is required.



Ghent, Belgium

