

Holland & Belgium

ALONG THE DUTCH WATERWAYS



aboard the exclusively chartered river boat

Viva Enjoy

2025 Departure: April 8 to 16 (featuring study leader **David Brown**)

Art and Gardens in the Low Countries







Dear National Trust Traveler:

Join us on this exclusively chartered river cruise aboard the deluxe **Viva Enjoy**, one of the finest vessels to ply the waterways of Europe and the canals of this delightful land of polders. Celebrate the beauty of Holland and Flanders in blissful springtime — the ideal season for visiting, when the tulip fields are in full bloom.

Discover the true essence of River Life® in the Low Countries. Our expert-guided tours explore four UNESCO World Heritage sites — the tree-lined canals of Amsterdam, the legendary 18th-century windmills of Kinderdijk, the medieval Flemish jewel of Bruges and the historic belfries of Belgium. Experience this region's pastoral idyll and fascinating history with visits to the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, the mercantile town of Antwerp and medieval Ghent. Watch traditional craftspeople create the iconic "Delft Blue" porcelain and discover the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum. Learn more about the modern life and cultural heritage of the Netherlands during an exclusive River Life® forum with local residents and encounter the rich history of the region of Flanders in its main cultural centers.

Unpack just once and delight in specially arranged cultural enrichments, including a privately chartered canal cruise. Enjoy a guided excursion in every port, deluxe accommodations and all meals included — an excellent value. Reserve now while space is still available.

Sincerely.

Meg Annacone-Poretz Director, National Trust Tours Other opportunities to travel with National Trust Tours and Gohagan & Company:

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Study Leader



Few names over the past twenty-plus years have been as synonymous with the National Trust for Historic Preservation as **David J. Brown**. David served as EVP and the organization's founding Chief Preservation Officer, where he led the Trust's advocacy, educational, field work, research, and historic sites programs. A national leader, speaker, and author with a four-decade record of achievement in saving historic places and supporting thriving communities, David is the founder of Bearden Brown LLC, which works to build nonprofit

leadership and grow organizational impact. An affiliate fellow at the American Academy in Rome and a founding board member of the International National Trusts Organization, David brings an international perspective to his discussions of preservation, history, and architecture.







Known around the world as the "Garden of Europe," Keukenhof is a breathtaking tapestry of color and fragrance when its more than 1,000 floral varieties reach full bloom between mid-April and early May. Meticulously landscaped with tranquil ponds, placid streams and winding, tree-shaded paths, this vibrantly hued oasis originally formed part of the Teylingen Castle estate, where the early 15th-century Countess Jacoba of Bavaria tended an herb and vegetable garden. The landscapes of Keukenhof (translating to "kitchen garden") were re-designed in 1857 by Jan David Zocher (known for Amsterdam's Vondelpark) and his son Louis Paul Zocher, paving the way for the gardens we see today. In 1949, leading flower-bulb growers and exporters created the plan to use the estate to exhibit spring-flowering tulips. The park was an instant success when it opened to the public in 1950, drawing in 236,000 visitors during the first year alone. The nearly 500-acre Keukenhof has since developed into a world-famous showplace of bulbs adored by many anthophile visitors every year.



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- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
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- ♦ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).





2025 | 9-DAY/8-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City Day 1 | April 8

Depart your home city on an overnight flight.

Amsterdam, the Netherlands/Embark Day 2 | April 9

When you arrive, embark the deluxe river boat Viva Enjoy and have a light lunch. Enjoy a private cruise through the charming and picturesque canals of Amsterdam, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Later, attend the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner with your fellow passengers onboard. (L,R,D)

Niimegen Day 3 | April 10

Visit the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum, lauded

for its enormous collection of Vincent van Goah paintings and drawings. See works by Claude Monet, Georges Seurat, Pablo Picasso, Piet Mondrian and others. Enjoy a walking tour of Nijmegen, a university town layered with more than 2,000 years of history and originally settled by the Romans in the first century B.C. See a variety of structures, from ancient Roman ruins to a WWII bunker. On board tonight, attend a forum to learn about modern life and the cultural heritage of the Netherlands. (B,L,D)

Kinderdiik/Willemstad/ Bruinisse

Day 4 | April 11

In Kinderdijk, see the UNESCO-inscribed network of 19 authentic windmills built between 1722 and 1761. Visit one of the mills, among the largest assembly of such in the Netherlands. This afternoon, you will have the option to either visit the Delta Works, an impressive feat of hydraulic engineering hailed as one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World; or explore Veere, once known for its rich history as the center of the Scottish wool trade. (B,L,D)

Bruges, Belgium/Ghent Day 5 | April 12

A scenic drive through Flemish countryside takes you to Bruges, where you'll enjoy a walking tour to the Gothic Town Hall, the famous and UNESCO-inscribed octagonal





belfry and tower, and the Church of Our Lady, with a visit to see Michelangelo's "Virgin and Child" marble sculpture. Stroll through Ghent, replete with medieval and classical architecture. Admire the windows and Gothic steeples of St. Bavo's Cathedral and see Hubert and Jan van Eyck's magnificent altarpiece "Adoration of the Mystic Lamb" — the most frequently stolen artwork of all time. See the Belfry of Ghent, the tallest belfry in Belgium and a UNESCO World Heritage site. (B,L,D)

Antwerp Day 6 | April 13

Famous for its diamond trade and fine arts legacy, Antwerp's old city evolved within 16th-century fortifications. It is home to four of the world's 18 diamond exchanges and an abundance of Flemish Renaissance treasures. Visit the UNESCO-inscribed belfry at Cathedral of Our Lady and see 17th-century Baroque masterpieces by the city's native son, Peter Paul Rubens. (B,L,D)

Rotterdam, the Netherlands **Day 7 | April 14**

Visit historic Delft, where Johannes Vermeer painted his famous "View of Delft." Visit the original Royal Porceleyne Fles factory and watch craftspeople create the iconic "Delft Blue" porcelain. Enjoy lunch at the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens and stroll through its tableau of blooming tulips meticulously landscaped with tranquil ponds, placid streams and tree-shaded paths. Attend the Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner on board the ship this evening. (B,L,R,D)

Hoorn/Amsterdam Day 8 | April 15

On a walking tour, discover Hoorn, which grew to become a major harbor town during Holland's Golden Age and was an important home base for the Dutch East India Company. (B,L,D)

Amsterdam/Return to Home City Day 9 | April 16

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)





Viva Enjoy

The newest member of the Scylla family is the Viva Enjoy, which debuts in 2024. Guests are welcomed on board by friendly, multilingual and international crew members who make quests' well-being and comfort their priority. The ship's appointments are luxurious, yet the feeling is relaxed and easygoing. All staterooms and suites are equipped with a flat screen TV, included minibar, beauty products from RITUALS®, hair dryer, safe, air conditioning and en-suite bathrooms. The upper and middle deck staterooms and suites all have French balconies. Ship facilities include: two restaurants; bistro with terrace; lounge; library; fitness center; wellness area with steam bath and sauna: sun deck with swimming pool, lounge chairs and shade awnings; putting green. Complimentary bicycles available for shore excursions.





2025 DEPARTURE DATE

April 8 to 16

(Tour Begins: April 9)

Category-Description		Standard Rate	Early Booking \$1,000 Savings*
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PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

Amsterdam

April 6 to 9, 2025 (Program Begins: April 7)

Immerse yourself in historical Amsterdam on a two-night itinerary that includes opportunities to see the Rijksmuseum's Dutch masters collection, including famous paintings by Rembrandt. Visit the exquisite 17th-century Our Lord in the Attic museum; explore its narrow corridors and note the exceptional attention to detail in its historically accurate furnished rooms. Enjoy accommodations in the deluxe

Doubletree Amsterdam Centraal Station Hotel.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$995

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,295

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



POST-TOUR EXTENSION

The Hague

April 16 to 18, 2025 (Program Ends: April 17)

Conclude your journey with a two-night tour of The Hague, showcasing stately municipal buildings and structures long adored by the Dutch royal family. Visit the Mauritshuis, a 17th-century neoclassical mansion featuring a world-renowned Dutch and Flemish art collection, including Vermeer's "Girl with a Pearl Earring." Explore nearby Gouda, famous for its cheese. Enjoy luxury accommodations in the deluxe *Hotel des Indes*.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$995

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,29

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