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# VIP Access to TEFAF Maastricht

Amsterdam to Antwerp Aboard *Transcend*

March 7-14, 2027



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## Cruise Highlights

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**Cruise** aboard the state-of-the-art new *Transcend*, a luxury vessel featuring staterooms with full-width French balconies, as well as tailored service, a three-level wellness zone with a spa, excellent dining, and more.

**Gain** VIP preview access to **TEFAF Maastricht**, the world's premier art fair, where international dealers present works spanning antiquity to contemporary art, each piece vetted by independent experts.

**Attend** the **Collector's Breakfast** at the **Bonnefanten Museum**, a gathering of private collectors, museum professionals, and industry experts held in conjunction with TEFAF.

**Stand** before Peter Paul Rubens's early 17th-century altarpieces, *The Assumption of the Virgin Mary* and *Descent from the Cross*, both *in situ* at **Antwerp's Cathedral of Our Lady**.

**Explore** the **Kröller-Müller Museum**, which houses the world's second-largest Van Gogh collection within **De Hoge Veluwe National Park**, where a 25-hectare sculpture garden features works by Moore, Rodin, and Dubuffet.

**Enjoy** a special-access visit to a **private collection in Antwerp**, observing how contemporary collectors build their holdings.

**Participate** in a private farewell evening event in Antwerp, attending a dinner and concert in a **medieval castle not usually open to the public**.

What happens when the world's leading art dealers bring museum-quality works spanning 5,000 years to a single event? Join us for **VIP preview access** to the premier art fair, **TEFAF 2027**, as you cruise on a luxury riverboat journey through the Low Countries, **March 7 to 14, 2027**.

Each March, **TEFAF Maastricht** sets the global standard for quality and scholarship by independently authenticating every artwork. Museum curators, private collectors, and art enthusiasts arrive to view and collect these works, which span antiquity to the present day. You will be at the center of it all before the crowds arrive, experiencing TEFAF's art exhibits in a contemplative, exclusive atmosphere.

In addition, attend the **Collector's Breakfast** in the **Bonnefanten Museum**, an exclusive part of the TEFAF VIP program. Join collectors, museum professionals, and art-world figures for a morning viewing with curators on hand to discuss the Bonnefanten's collection.

Cruise aboard **Transcend**, a new luxury river vessel limited to only 30 suites. This intimate setting extends the TEFAF experience beyond the fair floor, inviting salon discussions with TEFAF scholars, exchanges with fellow travelers, and time to reflect on the day's encounters.

Beyond TEFAF, this cruise itinerary takes you to exceptional museums off the beaten path, with several options for museum tours. On a single day, you might choose the **Kröller-Müller Museum** to see the world's second-largest Van Gogh collection within a national park and 55-acre sculpture garden, or the newly renovated **Museum Het Valkhof** for Roman archaeology and medieval art, or **Museum MORE** for Dutch magic realism across two historic venues, including a 14th-century moated castle.

From **Amsterdam** to **Antwerp**, this river voyage goes beyond the standard cultural journey, profoundly rewarding the dedicated art lover before and after our special access in Maastricht. **To reserve your place**, contact National Trust Tours at **888.484.8785** or [info@nationaltrusttours.com](mailto:info@nationaltrusttours.com)



Roman bronze helmet, Museum Valkhof, Nijmegen, photo © Visit Nijmegen

**Activity Level:**  
Intermediate

**Pace Level:**  
Tranquillo



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Map of the region

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## Sunday, March 7:

### *Departure*

Depart on an overnight flight to Amsterdam.

## Monday, March 8:

### *Amsterdam, Holland*

(L,R,D)

Upon arrival at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, transfer to the city center. While you explore, your luggage will be dropped off at *Transcend*, your home for the next six nights.

For guests arriving early, you may explore the **Stedelijk Museum**, a striking “white cube” that houses the Netherlands’ largest collection of modern and contemporary art.

Your guided visit provides a comprehensive look at art from 1880 to the present, including a world-renowned collection of the De Stijl movement. There will be time for independent exploration of the galleries.



Amsterdam



Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

For the next wave of arriving guests, meet us at the **Rijksmuseum**, the “State Treasury” of Dutch art, featuring pivotal works by Vermeer, Rembrandt, Hals, and Van Gogh. You may choose your guide on site, each an expert with a specific focus.

Following a group lunch, you may choose to explore Amsterdam’s famous canals and cityscape at your own pace, join a guided tour of notable galleries in the art district, or simply settle into your cabin aboard *Transcend*. Later this afternoon, you may unpack and tour *Transcend*, then gather for a welcome reception and dinner on board.

## Tuesday, March 9:

### *Nijmegen / Otterlo or Gorssel & Ruurlo*

(B,L,D)

The ship docks in **Nijmegen**, one of Holland’s oldest cities, with a 2,000-year history dating back to a Roman military camp. Today, you may choose from three options:

**Option 1:** Remain in Nijmegen to explore its deep history. Your first stop is the newly renovated **Museum Het Valkhof**, renowned for its extensive collection of Roman antiquities.

You will be among the very first international groups to experience the completely redesigned galleries, seeing these ancient objects re-contextualized in a new space.

Afterwards, a walking tour takes you to the **Stevenskerk (St. Steven's Church)**, the city's Gothic Great Church. Consecrated in 1273, it is noted for its beautiful stained-glass windows and the 1512 tomb of Catherine of Bourbon.

**Option 2:** Journey to **Otterlo** and the **Kröller-Müller Museum**, a world-renowned institution set within the 5,500-hectare **De Hoge Veluwe National Park**. The museum holds the world's second-largest Van Gogh collection, with over 90 paintings and 180 drawings.

**Option 3:** Transfer to **Museum MORE**, Holland's largest museum for modern realism. Experience its collections over two distinct, exciting spaces: View its main location in **Gorsse**'s former town hall, which was expanded with a modern, light-filled extension to create spacious galleries.



Claes Oldenburg, *Trowel* 1971, Kröller-Müller Museum, Otterlo, photo by Cary Makerink, courtesy of Kröller-Müller Museum



Carel Willink, *Camel in the Park of Versailles* (detail), 1956, Ruurlo Castle, photo © Sylvia Willink-Pictoright

Next, visit the museum's satellite building, housed in the 14th-century moated **Ruurlo Castle**. It is primarily dedicated to the museum's extensive collection of works by Carel Willink, one of the leading Dutch neorealist painters.

All guests will return to *Transcend*, where we'll gather for dinner this evening.

## Wednesday, March 10:

### *Maastricht*

(B,L,D)

Arrive this afternoon after a morning cruise into **Maastricht**. Explore this city with 1,677 national heritage buildings, the second-highest number in Holland, on these optional tours:

**Option 1:** On a tour of Maastricht's two most significant cathedrals, visit the UNESCO-listed **Sint-Servaas Basilica**, which is thought to be the oldest church in the Netherlands. Inside, see the *Noodkist*, a magnificent 12th-century gilded shrine considered a masterpiece of Mosan art.

You will also visit the **Basilica of Our Lady**, a 12th-century church defined by its massive, fortress-like Romanesque westwork. It remains a major pilgrimage site for its 15th-century miracle-working statue, *Our Lady, Star of the Sea*.

**Option 2:** Take a guided tour of the **Centre Céramique** district, an urban renewal project built on the grounds of a former industrial pottery factory. Admire the modern architecture of this prominent glass-and-steel building, which houses the **City Library** and the **Maastricht Museum**, which explores the area's pottery heritage.

This evening, join us for dinner on board.

**Thursday, March 11:**  
*Maastricht / Early VIP Access to TEFAF* (B,L,D)

Today is dedicated to the anchor event of our journey: **TEFAF Maastricht**, widely regarded as the world's premier fair for fine art, antiques, and design. This unparalleled annual event showcases millennia of art history under one roof, presented by the world's most prestigious dealers.

What truly sets TEFAF apart is its unrivaled, rigorous vetting process. Before the doors open, a committee of independent international experts meticulously scrutinizes every single item for quality, authenticity, and condition.



TEFAF Maastricht, Photo by Loraine Bodewes, courtesy of TEFAF



Bonnefanten Museum, Maastricht, courtesy of Maastricht Tourist Board

With your **VIP Early Access**, you will enter this extraordinary fair before the general public, allowing you to explore these vetted, museum-quality masterpieces at your leisure. Transportation will be provided for you to return to the ship for lunch, with hourly shuttles available throughout the day. Return to *Transcend* this evening for dinner.

**Friday, March 12:**  
*Maastricht* (B,L,D)

Your day begins with an invitation to the **Collector's Breakfast** at the **Bonnefanten Museum**. This breakfast is a key event held in conjunction with TEFAF, serving as a high-level platform for collectors, museum professionals, and experts to exchange insights and present private collections.

Enjoy the remainder of the morning and early afternoon at TEFAF, with options for lunch at leisure or on board *Transcend*, before sailing into Antwerp. This evening, enjoy dinner while cruising.

## Saturday, March 13:

*Antwerp*

(B,L,D)

Arrive in **Antwerp** and take a private guided tour of the **Royal Museum of Fine Arts (KMSKA)**, which reopened in 2022 after a decade-long transformation. The museum holds the world's most extensive and significant collections of Belgian masters James Ensor and Rik Wouters, as well as major works by Rubens.

With an expert, visit Antwerp's UNESCO-listed **Cathedral of Our Lady**, the largest Gothic church in Belgium. The cathedral is world-famous for housing four masterpieces by Rubens. Two of them, *The Assumption of the Virgin Mary* and *The Descent from the Cross*, are *in situ*.

Next, enjoy special access to **one of Belgium's largest corporate art collections** (*pending confirmation*), focusing on contemporary painting, sculpture, and photography. Return to the boat to rest and prepare for our farewell dinner.

This evening promises an unforgettable event fit for royalty: You will be hosted for **dinner and a concert at a medieval castle not usually open to the public**.



Peter Paul Rubens, *Enthroned Madonna Adored by Saints* (detail), Collection KMSKA, Antwerp



Cathedral of Our Lady, Antwerp

## Sunday, March 14:

*Antwerp / Disembark / Return*

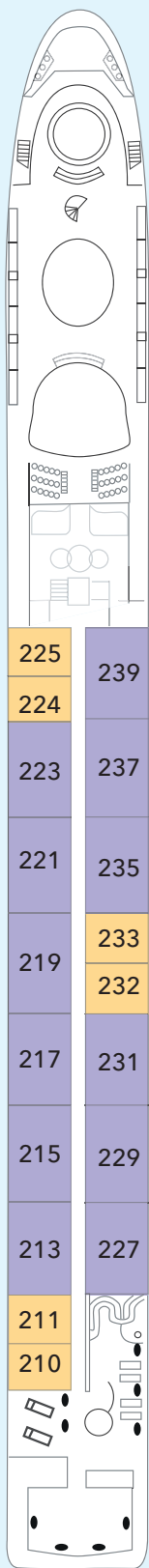
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After breakfast, disembark and transfer to the Antwerp airport for your flight home.

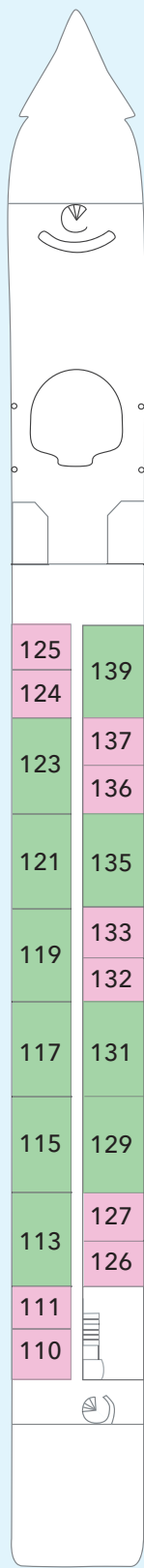
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# Transcend



Upper Deck



Lower Deck

## Cruise Rates

Cabins	Double	Single
110, 111, 124-127, 132, 133, 136, 137	-	\$16,999
Single Deluxe, Lower Deck		
113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 129, 131, 135, 139	\$16,999	Inquire
Suite, Lower Deck		
210, 211, 224, 225, 232, 233	-	\$17,999
Single Deluxe, Upper Deck		
213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 227, 229, 231, 235, 237, 239	\$17,999	Inquire
Suite, Upper Deck		

## Rates Include

- Six nights cabin accommodations aboard the *Transcend* as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine and beer at all included lunches and dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport transfers for participants on arrival and departure days
- Taxes, service, and portage 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 what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for participants on arrival and departure days; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

# Transcend



Cruise aboard the new *Transcend*, a state-of-the-art vessel that redefines river cruising with tailored service and a wellness-enabled environment. Settle into your stateroom featuring natural materials, a walk-in closet, and a full-width French balcony with a sash window.

The ship is designed for personal restoration, offering an expansive 2,600-square-foot, three-level well-being zone. Unwind in the outdoor-facing spa and sauna, maintain your workout routine in the Technogym fitness center, or find balance on the upper yoga deck. With multiple lounges and dining customized to your preferences, your voyage will be truly restorative.



*Transcend* (top); Aft Lounge and Main Lounge (above) (renderings)

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Teapots, Maastricht Museum, photo courtesy of Maastricht Museum (top)  
Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, photo courtesy of Stedelijk Museum (bottom).  
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