

DUTCH WATERWAYS

A scenic view of a Dutch canal in Amsterdam, with a bridge in the foreground and a large white sculpture on the left. The canal is lined with trees and buildings, and the water reflects the sunlight. A blue bicycle with a wicker basket is parked on the bridge in the foreground.

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Featuring Williams Lecturer, Alan de Gooyer



A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

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The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythm of the communities along these waterways, adding a memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Glide along **Amsterdam's captivating canals**, built during the Dutch Golden Age.
- ▶ Witness a rainbow of natural beauty **during Holland's renowned tulip season**.
- ▶ Float along narrow canals through the **delightful Dutch village of Giethoorn**.
- ▶ Stroll through the **romantic medieval center of Delft**, filled with scenic waterways and remarkable architecture.
- ▶ Savor the ambience and history of the **charming cities of Bruges and Antwerp**.



Dear Williams Alumni and Friends,

We invite you on an enthralling seven-night cruise through picturesque Holland and Belgium, as we delight in the incredible charm of the region's most historic cities and towns. Witness a rainbow of natural beauty during Holland's renowned tulip season, while immersing yourself in the artwork and inspiration of the Dutch and Flemish masters. Unpack just once on the intimate MS Amadeus Silver, designed specifically for river cruising, and enjoy more time and freedom to savor each day's adventures as you travel in comfort.

Travel experts have meticulously planned this unforgettable river cruise to combine the region's best attractions and memorable experiences with your quest for enrichment and learning. Enjoy a choice of exceptional included excursions in select ports of call, along with significant educational components provided by local lecturers, guides, and a dedicated Williams faculty leader.

Esteemed faculty lecturer, Alan de Gooyer, will accompany you throughout the tour and provide several onboard lectures to further your appreciation of Dutch and Belgian art, culture, language, and history. Alan has lived and studied extensively in the Netherlands and looks forward to sharing many insights with this group of Williams travelers. You may even wish to join him in seeing De Gooyer Windmill, the tallest wooden mill in the Netherlands – operated for hundreds of years by the De Gooyer family. Now registered as a national monument, the mill stands proudly as a historic landmark amongst Amsterdam's city landscape.

This river cruise on the Dutch Waterways combines the security, ease, and value of group travel with ample opportunity for independent exploration. You'll appreciate the camaraderie of traveling with a Williams group, and during your free time, feel the thrill of making your own discoveries.

With all of these special features, this popular program is sure to fill quickly. Be sure to make your reservations soon, as space is limited!

Best wishes,



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Featuring Williams Lecturer, Alan de Gooyer

Alan de Gooyer received his Ph.D. from University of Virginia in 1994. He specializes in Renaissance Literature, particularly in seventeenth-century literature, and has taught at UVA, Denver University, SUNY, and at Williams for the past 17 years. He spent much of his childhood in the Netherlands, and has lived and studied in Amsterdam, Wassenaar, and The Hague.

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Experience the beauty, history and culture of Holland and Belgium on a unique river cruise along their legendary waterways that combines learning, recreation and fellowship.

During your journey, soak up lovely scenery as you relax onboard, then simply step off the elegant Amadeus Silver right into the heart of Holland and Belgium's most picturesque towns and cities. In Belgium, admire the amazing architecture and art of Bruges and the unrivaled charm of the port city of Antwerp. Step into The Hague, an elegant city that's home to the Dutch government and royal family, and stroll through Delft, birthplace of Vermeer and Royal Delft porcelain. Wander through Amsterdam, which beguiles you with its lovely canals filled with bobbing boats and cobbled streets lined with narrow gabled houses. Travel along these breathtaking waterways on an unforgettable adventure of a lifetime!

DAY ONE

IN TRANSIT

Depart your gateway city for Amsterdam, The Netherlands.✈

DAY TWO

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AMSTERDAM | ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Upon arrival, transfer✈ to Antwerp and embark the MS Amadeus Silver.

Excursion: *Antwerp*. Stroll through Antwerp, one of Europe's leading art centers, on a guided walking tour. Home of painter Peter Paul Rubens, Antwerp dates back to the 13th century and features a wealth of medieval architecture.

Antwerp is also well-versed in gems of all sorts: more than 80% of the world's rough diamonds pass through the city's Diamantkwartier, making it the largest diamond district in the world.

Educational Focus: *Contemporary Belgium*. Discover the unique history of this bilingual country, located at the historical crossroads of major trading routes.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. Some people like to linger in a cozy café, while others prefer to stay on the go. That's why we have designed an itinerary to allow you to craft your individual travel experience.



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Choose from a variety of excursions in selected ports based on your interests.



ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES | At an additional cost

Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities and extensions.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Left: *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, Vermeer



The Hague cityscape



Rijksmuseum




Canals of Giethoorn

DAY THREE

B I L D

BRUGES | VEERE

The ship cruises to Middelburg in the Netherlands this morning.

 **PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

• **Cultural Bruges.** Visit this romantic city interwoven with beautiful canals, and stroll along winding cobbled lanes and across tiny arched bridges on a guided walking tour. Continue to the Groeninge Museum, home to a collection of Flemish Primitive and neoclassical works.

• **Bruges and Beer.** Enjoy a similar tour of Bruges, but instead of the museum, visit the De Halve Maan Brewery, and learn about this family business and the history of Belgian brewing. Admire a panoramic view of Bruges from the roof of the building and then enjoy a beer.


• **Bruges and Belgian Chocolate.** After the tour of Bruges, walk to a chocolatier's shop, where you will learn about the art of making Belgian chocolate. Talk with chocolate experts and enjoy a sample.

DAY FOUR

B I L D

VEERE

Independent Exploration: Enjoy free time to linger over lunch and explore at your leisure. The ship cruises to Veere this evening. Tonight, join the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner.

 **ELECTIVE | The Zeeland Coast and the Dutch Battle Against the Sea.** Travel along the Zeeland coast to the artificial island of Neeltje Jans and its Delta Expo. Learn about the Delta Works, a series of massive dams and storm surge barriers, conceived after the 1953 North Sea flood and built over a period of 30 years. These 65 enormous gates can be slammed shut on the North Sea when powerful storms strike — an engineering masterpiece that now protects the third of the landmass of the Netherlands that sits below sea level. An unforgettable new panoramic 3D exhibit allows you to experience how the North Sea waves wiped out part of the country in January 1953.

The ship sails to Willemstad this afternoon.



Delft



Antwerp



Chocolate shop, Bruges

DAY FIVE

B I D

THE HAGUE | DELFT

Educational Focus: *The Dutch Masters.*

Learn how these Golden Age artists changed the art of painting with their techniques.

PYC | Choose one of these excursions:

•***The Hague and Delft.*** Travel to The Hague, the seat of the Dutch government. Enjoy a panoramic tour of The Hague, including the parliament buildings, the Peace Palace and Wassenaar, a residential area that also is home to the Dutch king. Visit the Mauritshuis, the museum that contains Vermeer's "Girl with a Pearl Earring." Continue to Delft for a guided walking tour of the old town's sights.

•***The Hague and Royal Delft.*** Take a similar panoramic tour of The Hague, then continue to Delft, and stroll through Old Delft. Visit Royal Delft, a porcelain factory that is the last of its

kind, to learn about this craft and see a master painter at work. Continue to a museum with an impressive collection of Delft porcelain.

Rejoin the ship in Schoonhoven and cruise to Kampen.

DAY SIX

B I L I D

KAMPEN | GIETHOORN

Excursion: *Giethoorn.* Laced with footpaths and narrow canals traversed by wooden, arched bridges, the car-free village of Giethoorn seems to have materialized out of a fairy tale. Roam through the four miles of canals by boat.

Independent Exploration: Spend free time in the historic city of Kampen.

The ship departs tonight for Amsterdam.

DAY SEVEN

B I D

AMSTERDAM

Excursion: *Canals of Amsterdam.* Glide through the canals of Amsterdam this morning




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to see some of the city's major landmarks.

Independent Exploration: Your afternoon is at leisure in Amsterdam.


Educational Focus: *Contemporary Holland.* Review the country's current affairs.

 **ELECTIVE | Dinner on the Town.** Savor a wonderful multi-course dinner at an authentic Dutch restaurant filled with old-world charm.

DAY EIGHT

B I L I D

AMSTERDAM

 **PYC | Choose one of these excursions:**

• **Keukenhof Gardens.** Journey to the Keukenhof Gardens, an 80-acre paradise of tulips, hyacinths and other beautiful flowers, for a guided walk.

• **Waterland Bicycle Ride.** Explore Holland like a local and bike through lush Waterland with its quaint fishing villages and pretty views.

• **Dutch Art.** Visit the Rijksmuseum with its outstanding collection of masterpieces, featuring works by 17th-century Dutch masters Rembrandt, Vermeer and Frans Hals.

Enjoy free time this afternoon to pursue your own interests in Amsterdam.

Tonight, gather for a Graduation Ceremony and a Farewell Reception and Dinner.



DAY NINE

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IN TRANSIT

Disembark the ship in Amsterdam. Transfer to the Amsterdam airport for the return flights to your gateway city. ✈

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

✈ *Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.*

BILID denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

 *Elective experiences available at an additional cost.*



Herengracht Canal



| **ELECTIVE** |

POST-TRIP EXTENSION IN AMSTERDAM

After your Dutch Waterways river cruise, linger awhile longer in picturesque Amsterdam with two additional nights! Your first-class hotel right in the heart of the city is the ideal base for exploring Amsterdam's lively neighborhood streets and scenic canals as well as its world-class museums and attractions. Enjoy a guided walking tour of one of the most beautiful and upscale canals, the Herengracht. Get to know Amsterdam more intimately with extra days of exploration. Includes two nights at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Amsterdam Centraal Station; two breakfasts; and the services of an expert guide and an AHI Travel Director.

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Canal in Amsterdam



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