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Cultural & Heritage Highlights in the Netherlands & Belgium

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Tulips and windmill in the Netherlands. Photo credit: Moe Cage

Bruges. Photo credit: Wolfgang Staudt

This wonderful spring tour begins with a 5-day exploration of Anabaptist and Mennonite heritage in Belgium and the Netherlands followed by a 7-day cruise. Choose to participate in one or both parts! Experienced heritage tour leader and Dutch Mennonite, Ayold Fanoy, will bring the stories of Anabaptist leaders and martyrs to life. Hear about and see sites important to the life of Dirk Willems, who courageously saved his persecutor's life though it meant his own death. Discover the stories of faithful and passionate Anabaptists who lived and died in Antwerp, Ghent (Belgium), and Delft. Acquaint yourself with the Dutch and Belgian cultures as you visit art galleries, museums, and the cities of Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent, Haarlem, Rotterdam and Amsterdam. No springtime tour of the Netherlands would be complete without strolling through Keukenhof—the epicentre of the country's famous tulip festival.

Itinerary

Monday, April 15 Amsterdam (The Netherlands) / Antwerp (Belgium)

Fly into Amsterdam, arriving by noon. Meet your tour leader and group and drive to Asperen to begin the Anabaptist heritage portion of the tour. Dirk Willems was a Dutch Anabaptist famous for escaping prison and rescuing his pursuer only to later die a martyr. Visit the cell in the church tower of Asperen where Dirk was locked up after his second arrest. Transfer to a hotel in Antwerp—your home for the next 3 nights.

Tuesday, April 16 Antwerp

On a guided tour of the city centre of Antwerp, you may visit Rubens House museum, Grote Markt, and the Cathedral of Our Lady. Also, hear Anabaptist stories from the famous book *Martyrs Mirror*—which was first published in 1660. During free time this afternoon, visit some fine art museums, the Plantin-Moretus Museum, or other sights that interest you.

Wednesday, April 17 Antwerp

This morning, Ayold will lead a walking tour of Bruges—a charming UNESCO World Heritage city. In the afternoon, relax or shop on your own for lace, table runners, and tablecloths—or irresistible Belgian chocolate. Later, travel to the town of Ghent to reflect at Gravensteen Castle—the site of several Mennonite martyrdoms. Return to your hotel in Antwerp for the night.

Thursday, April 18 Haarlem (The Netherlands)

Journey to the quaint village of Delft to see the Royal Delft pottery factory. During free time in downtown Delft, you may want to browse a lovely weekly market. Today, Ayold will tell you Anabaptist stories related to Delft.

On a tour of Keukenhof—the world’s largest flower gardens—inhalé the intoxicating scent as you revel in the celebration of colour of more than seven million tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths as well as other lovely blooms.

Friday, April 19 Amsterdam

In the morning, see the preserved 18th/19th century Dutch village of Zaanse Schans with “villagers” dressed in traditional clothing and interactive artisanal exhibits on chocolate making, wooden clog carving, barrel making and pewter casting. This afternoon, visit the home of Corrie ten Boom, a Christian who helped many Jews escape the Holocaust during World War II. Wander in Haarlem on your own until you embark the cruise ship by 5 pm. After getting settled, investigate the ship and meet your fellow passengers.

Saturday, April 20 Enkhuizen

Explore the historic North Sea trading port of Hoorn on foot or by bicycle. This afternoon, cruise to Enkhuizen where you can take a guided tour of Zuiderzee Museum to discover cultural traditions and maritime history or join a tour of local tulip fields and Dutch flower farms. Spend the rest of the afternoon walking or biking through Enkhuizen. Later, relax while watching live entertainment on the ship.

Sunday, April 21 Sneek

This morning, on a guided stroll in Enkhuizen, appreciate the charm and beauty of this historic harbour village. Or for an authentic local experience, go to the home of a Dutch family to sample local specialties and engage in conversation. Enjoy a brief afternoon cruise to the province of Friesland. In Sneek, visit the Royal Eise Eisinga Planetarium—the world’s oldest planetarium still in operation. See if you can spot this region’s world-famous black-and-white cows and black Frisian horses. Embark your ship in Sneek. Relax before dinner. This evening, watch more live entertainment on board.

Monday, April 22 Kampen

Today, learn about traditional shipbuilding at Lelystad’s Batavia Shipyard and board a replica of the historic ship *Batavia*. Later, back on board the cruise ship, sample wine and cheese—there is nothing like Dutch cheese!

Tuesday, April 23 Rotterdam

After breakfast, attend an onboard lecture about Holland and taste authentic Dutch Deventer Koek (you’re on vacation, you can eat cake in the morning.) Later, you can take a guided tour of the Airborne Museum of Hartenstein commemorating the 1944 WWII Battle of Arnhem. Or peruse art and artifacts at Arnhem’s Kröller-Müller Museum, which houses the world’s second-largest collection of Van Gogh paintings. Overnight, cruise to Rotterdam.

Wednesday, April 24 Amsterdam

Return to Keukenhof for a full- or half-day guided experience, or visit Gouda—famous for its Dutch yellow cheese, stroopwafels (syrup waffles), and Gouda candles. Sample artisan beer, a slice of appeltart (Dutch apple pie), or a koffie verkeerd. You could also borrow a bike from your ship to investigate Rotterdam and the surrounding area. As the ship cruises to Amsterdam, unwind from a busy day with more onboard entertainment.

Thursday, April 25 Amsterdam

Enjoy a guided canal cruise of the iconic waterways of Amsterdam. Float along the grachten, past Amsterdam’s stately homes of the Golden Age. Join an optional culinary excursion through Amsterdam to sample sweet and savory Dutch delights. Or go on a cycling jaunt to see the countryside. If you prefer, see Holland’s beautiful medieval Muiderslot Castle. Later, explore Amsterdam’s colourful streets, canal houses, galleries, and shops.

Friday, April 26 Amsterdam

Following a farewell breakfast, disembark the ship and transfer to the airport to fly home with a heart of full amazing memories and experiences.

LAND PORTION – Heritage Tour

Fare per person:

CAD: Double Occupancy \$2,565; Single supplement \$300

USD: Double Occupancy \$1,973; Single Supplement \$231

Fare includes

- Land transportation
- Hotel accommodations
- Entrance fees included in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, all dinners
- Expert tour leaders & knowledgeable local guides
- Gratuities for drivers, guides, and group meals

Fare excludes

- International airfare & airport transfers
- All lunches
- Drinks with meals
- Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance

Insurance

Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance are not mandatory but are highly recommended.

Payments

Rates shown are in effect 12/17. Though every effort is made to maintain established prices, TM reserves the right to adjust prices should it become necessary. The price is guaranteed when paid in full. We accept cheque and credit card payments. Credit card payments are charged a 3% fee.

CRUISE PORTION – Tulip Time

Fare per person (double occupancy):

	CAD	USD
Category E	\$3,531	\$2,716
Category D	\$3,777	\$2,905
Category B	\$4,816	\$3,705
Category A	\$4,869	\$3,745
Category P	\$5,075	\$3,905

Single Supplement available on request

Fare includes

- Ship accommodations
- All onboard dining
- Shore excursions at every port
- Expert tour leaders & knowledgeable local guides

Fare excludes

- International airfare & airport transfers
- Gratuities for ship staff & guides
- Port charges
- Optional shore excursions
- Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance

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