



# SPRINGTIME TULIPS & RIVER CRUISE

**Dutch & Belgian Waterways featuring: Windmills, Dikes, Canals, Tulips, History, and Much More**

**Beautiful Springtime European River Cruising! Cruise through Holland and Belgium - dock in the heart of cities up close and in a relaxed manner things like: Amsterdam / Volendam / Arnhem / Middelburg / Ghent / Bruges / Antwerp / Kinderdijk Windmills / Keukenhof Gardens Meals and much sightseeing are included.**

**April 18/26, 2009**

## Your Holland/Belgium River Cruise Itinerary:

**Day 1 -- Departure from your home area.** Enjoy an overnight flight and savor springtime in Holland and Belgium with a cruise that is sure to leave truly memorable impressions. Admire the colorful glory of the blooming Dutch tulip fields and be astonished by the number of windmills. Winding waterways lead you to well-known Belgian and Dutch cities.

**Day 2 -- Amsterdam.** Amsterdam is the 800-year-old thriving capital of Holland. All aboard as you unpack once for a relaxing 7-night river cruise aboard the MS Amadeus Princess. This beautiful ship offers the newest technology, panoramic deck, panorama salon and bar, fitness center, excellent cuisine including regional wines with every dinner, and outstanding service. Tonight, a cocktail is served in the Panorama Bar offering you a chance to meet your fellow travelers before a lovely welcome dinner. ***To commence your outstanding travel experience you will enjoy a special included Please Go Away™ Vacation Bonus - an AMSTERDAM CANAL CRUISE. There is no better way to start your experience than with a cruise along Amsterdam's picturesque canals. You will have the best views of some of the city's most spectacular sights.*** Enjoy an overnight stay on the ship in Amsterdam. **D**

**Day 3 -- Amsterdam - Volendam.** Absorb Amsterdam's most important sights and diverse architecture on a morning city tour. In celebration of Rembrandt's genius, a special stop is made at the world-renowned Rijksmuseum for a tour of the Dutch master painter's famous collection, "The Masterpieces". Mid-day you travel to the little fishing town of Volendam where you can still find fishermen dressed in traditional caps and baggy-legged trousers. A visit to a local cheese farm illustrates the process of how cheese from the area is made and also allows you the opportunity to sample some of the delicious results! Next, visit the former island of Marken. Connected to the mainland by a causeway in the 1950s, Marken's remoteness allowed many of the local customs and traditions to remain intact up to the present day. During dinner, the ship resumes its cruise to the river IJssel. Sit back, relax and enjoy the ride as you watch a typical Dutch folklore show. **FB,L,D**

**Day 4 -- Arnhem.** Arnhem is the location of the favorite summer retreat of the Dutch royal family. ***Enjoy another special included Please Go Away™ Vacations bonus - the AIRBORNE MUSEUM. Begin with a drive through the city of Arnhem, known for the World War II battle Operation Market Garden. In September, 1944, the British 1st Airborne Division and the Polish 1st Independent Parachute Brigade were given the task of securing the bridge at Arnhem, captured in the movie, "A Bridge Too Far". You will drive past various spots associated with this event. You will then visit the Airbourne Museum in Oosterbeek, former headquarters of the British divisional commander, Major-General R.E. Urquhart. Here you can follow the events of the battle: from the air landings, the march to the bridge, the fierce fighting in Arnhem and Oosterbeek, to the crossing of the river.*** **FB,L,D**

**Day 5 -- Middelburg - Cruising.** Today, your ship docks in Middelburg, the capital of the Dutch province Zeeland. The city is known as "monumental city" because over 1,100 monuments dot its landscape. You will visit the Deltaworks Project located at Neeltje Jans. This is an amazing example of how the Dutch have truly tamed the environment in which they live. After the Deltaworks, you will stop at the lovely town of Veere, a prosperous trading port in the Middle Ages due to the wool trade with Scotland and today, a favorite spot for visitors. **FB,L,D**

**Day 6 -- Ghent, Belgium - Bruges.** Lined with typical patrician houses in its city center, Ghent conveys the splendor of by-gone days. ***Because of its beauty and important role in history you will enjoy another Please Go Away™ Vacations included bonus - a special GHENT CITY TOUR. Visit one of Belgium's most attractive cities with its rich heritage of medieval building. You can see the "Castle of the Counts of Flanders" or the so-called "Gravensteen", built in the 12th century by one of the counts upon his return from the crusades, and you will visit the St. Bavo Cathedral, housing a wealth of art treasures, including the tombs of some Ghent bishops, the "Conversion of St. Bavo" by Rubens, and the world famous multi-section "The Mystic Lamb", painted by the brothers Hubert and Jan Van Eyck. You will then finish your visit with a walk through the center with its Belfry tower and 54 bells.*** This afternoon you will be transported back into medieval times with a leisurely-paced walking tour of Bruges, one of Europe's most perfectly preserved medieval cities. **FB,L,D**

**Day 7 -- Antwerp.** Your ship docks in Antwerp, Belgium's second-largest city. Antwerp is best known for its diamonds and also as the city of Peter Paul Rubens. You will join a local expert exploring Antwerp's historical sights including the "Liebrouwenkerke", Belgium's largest Gothic church; the legendary "Brabo" fountains; and Rubens' house. ***This afternoon we've included another special Please Go Away™ Vacations Bonus - AN EXCURSION TO BRUSSELS. It is home of the Atomium, the Royal Residence, the Heyzel stadium, and Notre Dame de Laeken. To visit Belgium and not experience Brussels would be a mistake.*** Tonight, the captain welcomes you to the Captain's Gala Dinner, followed by an evening of dancing. **FB,L,D**

**Day 8 -- Kinderdijk - Utrecht - Amsterdam.** A morning stop in Kinderdijk allows you to experience Holland's largest concentration of windmills. After lunch you will visit the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, spanning more than 70 acres within a beautiful park of tranquil ponds and tree-shaded paths. ***You'll see more than 7-million tulips and other flowers on exhibit.*** Your day concludes with a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable river cruise through Holland and Belgium. **FB,L,D**

**Day 9 -- Amsterdam.** Today this delightful travel experience ends, leaving you with pleasant memories to fill a lifetime. **FB**

### **Special "Included" Benefits Only For Please Go Away™ Vacations Travelers:**

Prices shown include: all air (from Wichita - also available from any other departure city with adjustments), transfers, port charges, taxes, cruise luggage handling (airline checked luggage and other airline fees accrue to traveler, sightseeing and special PGA bonuses, travel protection insurance, and more. Compare!!! Then, reserve! Cancellations "for covered reasons" are protected by the included TravelGuard travel protection insurance. Supply of available staterooms is very limited. See INCLUDED FEATURES section on reverse for more information.

***See Special Please Go Away™ Vacations Bonuses highlighted in bold italics!***

**OUTSTANDING ITINERARY:** An even balance between natural wonders and city/cultural activities is included for your extreme enjoyment. The pace of your travel experience is leisurely, allowing you to relax and to savor that which is unfolding for you.

**INCLUDED FEATURES:** SIGHTSEEING As described in daily itinerary, *including the numerous additional bonus sightseeing events just for Please Go Away™ Vacations travelers.* **INSIDE VISITS** as shown in the tour description, including admission charges where applicable. **SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS** Folklore performances, lectures, theme dinners, local activities and more. **MEALS** Superb dining with all meals on board included. Cocktail Reception, Welcome Dinner, and Captain's Gala Dinner. One sitting with open seating arrangements. Quality wines from Europe's most famous wine regions with every dinner on board. **AIRPORT TRANSFERS** Included. **LUGGAGE HANDLING** Included. **AIR-FARES** Pricing includes airfare from Wichita. All major cities available with any savings or increased passed along to traveler. **ADDITIONAL FEATURES** Professional Cruise Director throughout, English-speaking staff on board, Private deluxe motor coach with air-conditioning while on shore excursions, travel documents, series of informational memos before departure, more. **MEMORY PHOTO CD** Each tour participant will receive a personal copy of cruise and sightseeing highlights. **TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE** Included. **REFUND GUARANTEE** Cancellations "for covered reasons" are protected by the included TravelGuard travel protection insurance. **SPECIAL PLEASE GO AWAY™ VACATIONS BONUS INCLUSIONS** Included. **FRIENDSHIP BONUS PLAN** Included. **PERSONAL HOST FROM TIME OF DEPARTURE** Included with minimum of only 16 qualifying passengers. **PRIVATE PLEASE GO AWAY™ VACATIONS CRUISE PARTY** Included during cruise. Shipboard gratuities and gratuities for personal services while on tour and for local guides/hosts are not included. ***The Please Go Away™ Vacations host "will not" accept gratuities.***

**SPACES ARE LIMITED:** This is a river ship with large "all outside" staterooms (some with French balconies) and the finest in public rooms. With a limited number of passengers you will be treated to a life of luxury and unparalleled sightseeing, but you must reserve now, before all spaces are gone. We have been able to negotiate early-reservation savings - another reason for reserving now.

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE Special prices above include all of the following: roundtrip air from Wichita (other cities available with adjusted pricing) , government/air fees/port charges/etc., and airport to ship to airport transfers. The prices reflect air costs in effect at time of brochure printing , and are subject to change, unless air is portion of cruise/tour is paid in full. Immediate deposits are recommended as spaces are limited and demand is great. **TRIP PROTECTION** Travel Guard trip protection insurance is included in the cost of the tour. Reserve immediately for best selection of cabins and air schedules.

**DEPOSIT AND CRUISE SAVINGS:** Regular deposit is only **\$750** per person

**CANCELLATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS:**

<b>Date of deposit - October 31</b>	<b>Reservation deposit amount</b>
<b>November 1 - December 15</b>	<b>50% of total cruise/tour cost</b>
<b>December 16 - January 1</b>	<b>85% of total cruise/tour cost</b>
<b>January 2 - Date of departure</b>	<b>100% of cruise/tour cost</b>

***Very important: An outstanding advantage of this special departure is that the above Cancellation and Assessment amounts are avoided for Please Go Away™ Vacations clients "for covered reasons" as determined by TravelGuard, the company providing the insurance protection. This means that Please Go Away™ Vacations clients having to cancel before or during the cruise/tour "for covered reasons" will receive full refunds less the cost of the applicable insurance premium, the cost of which is already included in the price of this special cruise/tour.***

**COST:** The all-inclusive cost of this outstanding travel experience is only **\$4389** per person, double occupancy in a Lower Deck Outside Cabin. For a Middle Deck Outside Cabin add \$250 per person. Air cost is subject to change until paid in full. If you would like to "lock in" your air price visit with the full time travel professionals of Please Go Away™ Vacations.

## **MS AMADEUS PRINCESS**

This beautiful river vessel will be your home away from home on this exciting cruise. Unpack and pack only once. Relax and enjoy. View a movie of the MS AMADEUS PRINCESS, and its understated casual elegance and relaxed atmosphere, by entering <http://www.lueftner-cruises.at/xxl/en/video/index.html> on your computer. You can also take a virtual tour of the entire ship, including cabins, by entering [http://vtl.moving-pictures.de/vrtour\\_v4/lueftner\\_cruises\\_princess/index.php](http://vtl.moving-pictures.de/vrtour_v4/lueftner_cruises_princess/index.php) on your computer (you may need to easily download Java - our web consultant has advised Java is a perfectly safe system). Launched in March 2006, the MS Amadeus Princess is the most luxurious vessel in the Austrian owned Lueftner Cruises fleet. The unusually large passenger cabins and suites all have outside views and are beautifully appointed. Cabins on the Haydn deck have a large picture window and cabins on the Mozart and Strauss decks have French balconies. Suites have a lounge area with comfortable seating, deck, minibar and safe. All cabins and suites have a private shower and toilet, colour satellite television and video, individual climate control and direct-dial telephone. The well designed public areas are spacious and include a single-sitting dining room offering international cuisine, a lounge and bar, Lido bar, shop and hairdressers. On the top deck there are lounge-chairs and spacious observation areas. Shipboard dress will be casual. Moderate physical activity while on included land tours, with opportunity to relax on board instead, will be present.

