

# Dutch Waterways

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## Dear University of Michigan Alumni Travelers,

Travel is an enriching part of our lives, connecting us to new worlds, new friends, and each other. Today, planning a trip requires a lot. At the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, we've spent 55-plus years planning, perfecting, and executing extraordinary trips for Michigan travelers — trips you'd expect from, and for, the Leaders and Best. These adventures will take you beyond an ordinary visit and dive into the culture, history, cuisine, and lives of the locals at your destination.

Here are a few of the highlights you can expect from us ...

**Convenience:** Our experience pays off. Every detail is planned and taken care of for you; all you have to do is pack your bag. The hard part is selecting where to go next.

**Educational Enrichment:** All trips include educational content, with some featuring expert U-M faculty and staff traveling with your group.

**Michigan Small Group Explorations:** Our tours are limited to 12-28 Michigan travelers, allowing for spontaneous encounters and a great deal of independence wherever your journey takes you.

We invite you to explore the range of our collection at [alumni.umich.edu/travel](http://alumni.umich.edu/travel).

Our travel team is also happy to assist you at 855.764.0064 or [alumnitravel@umich.edu](mailto:alumnitravel@umich.edu).

Rachele Neu  
Senior Travel Program Manager

NOTE: The Alumni Travel program is a member benefit of the Alumni Association. Travelers, regardless of alumni status, must be a member to participate in our trips.

### UNESCO World Heritage

1. The 17th-Century Canal Ring Area of Amsterdam inside the Singelgracht, Netherlands
2. Historic Center of Bruges, Belgium
3. Belfries of Belgium and France



Old Town, Bruges





# A World of Discovery



Embark on a carefree cruise brimming with Old World charm and history along the intimate waterways of the Netherlands and Belgium! You'll glide down Amsterdam's iconic canals, stroll amid a sea of brilliant tulips at Keukenhof Gardens and bask in the medieval character of Bruges and Antwerp. Discover enriching details from expert guides and lecturers during your travels, plus choose from included cultural and culinary experiences in selected ports!

Top: Keukenhof Gardens | Above: Enkhuisen

Cover: Amsterdam

Mail panel: Keukenhof Gardens | Binnenhof, The Hague

## Inspiring Moments



- Glide past elegant, gabled houses from the Dutch Golden Age on **Amsterdam's picturesque canals**.
- Marvel at the **glorious springtime display of tulips** and other cheerful blooms at Keukenhof Gardens.
- Delight in the romantic, cozy ambience of **canal-lined Bruges**, packed with wonderfully preserved Gothic architecture.
- Admire **Antwerp's medieval treasures** in the colorful old town.
- Take in the historic charm of beautiful **Enkhuisen** along scenic IJsselmeer Lake.
- Enjoy the relaxed pace of life in the seaside harbor town of **Veerse**.
- Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**.

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Old Town, Delft

## Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Amsterdam, Netherlands. 🌐

## Day 2 | Amsterdam, Netherlands

Upon arrival, transfer 🚗 to the ship at the pier.

**Enrichment:** *Contemporary Netherlands.*

**Canals of Amsterdam.** Get a delightful perspective of this romantic city on a guided cruise along its vibrant, leafy canals.

The ship moors overnight in Amsterdam.

## Day 3 | Amsterdam

**Keukenhof Gardens.** Revel in the enchanting beauty of this 80-acre garden overflowing with tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and other blooms.

Savor lunch with your fellow travelers.

**Free Time:** Explore Amsterdam independently.

Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

## Day 4 | Enkhuizen • Hoorn

Arrive in Enkhuizen, set on the banks of the IJssel and filled with impressive architecture from the 16th and 17th centuries.

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **Enkhuizen Walking Tour & Zuiderzee Museum.** See Enkhuizen's stately landmarks from the Dutch Golden Age, and learn about daily life by the sea at Zuiderzee's recreated village of more than 140 historic buildings.
- **Historic Hoorn Walking Tour.** Charming Hoorn was a major Dutch East India Company port in the 17th century. In its heyday, ships returned here from around the world with valuable cargo such as pepper, nutmeg and cloves. Relish its lovely highlights on a stroll.

- **West Frisian Bicycle Tour.** Ride through the breathtaking countryside near Enkhuizen, and pedal past little villages, churches and the pastoral dikes of the IJssel, the Netherlands' largest manmade lake. *(Active)*

Return to the ship for lunch.

**Free Time:** See more of Enkhuizen after lunch.

## Day 5 | The Hague • Delft • Gouda

**Enrichment:** *The Dutch Masters.*

🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- **The Hague & the Mauritshuis.** See top sites including the Binnenhof, the center of Dutch politics, and the Peace Palace, on a scenic tour. Next, view the remarkable paintings and sculptures of the famed Mauritshuis, which houses Vermeer's "Girl with a Pearl Earring."
- **Old Delft & the Porcelain Factory.** Take a guided stroll in Delft's old town, then tour the Royal Delft Porcelain Factory, founded in 1653. Watch a master artisan hand-paint the famous blue-and-white pottery and view a fine collection of antique Delft earthenware.

Gouda cheese, Gouda





Old Town, Bruges

• **Gouda – City of Cheese.** See the bustling market square and the 15th-century town hall before admiring the exquisite, 16th-century painted-glass windows inside Sint Janskerk. Finish with a tasting of fresh Gouda cheeses.

Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon of cruising toward Veere.

#### Day 6 | Veere

**Free Time:** Join the half-day Elective Activity or explore on your own in Veere for the day.

🕒 **Elective | Neeltje Jans & Delta Expo.**

Travel along the Zeeland coast to the artificial island of Neeltje Jans. Learn about the Delta Works, the massive dams and storm surge barriers that protect the third of Netherlands’

Windmill near Veere



landmass below sea level. Then, experience the impact of the devastating 1953 North Sea flood in a gripping, 4D panoramic animation. The ship remains in Veere overnight.

#### Day 7 | Bruges, Belgium | Antwerp

🕒 **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

All excursions include a guided walk in Bruges’ Old Town. See the Basilica of the Holy Blood, the medieval guild hall buildings and the Belfry Tower. Afterward, begin your selected tour.

- **Cultural Bruges.** Study fascinating artwork from the Flemish primitive and expressionist periods at the Groeninge Museum. *(Active)*
- **Bruges & Beer.** Delve into Belgian brewing traditions at the family-owned De Halve Maan Brewery. Sample their beer and enjoy the city views from the rooftop. *(Active)*
- **Bruges & Belgian Chocolate.** Cocoa beans were first introduced in Belgium in the 17th century. At a chocolatier’s shop, learn what makes Belgian chocolate special and indulge in a sweet sample. *(Active)*

Town Hall, Antwerp



## Included Features






### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- Unpack once and sail for **7 nights** aboard the **exclusively chartered**, first-class MS Amadeus Queen.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 7 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
-  **Personalize Your Journey | PYJ |** A choice of excursions in selected locales.
-  **Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
-  **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.



Make your own lunch plans in Bruges. Later, rejoin the group and meet the ship in Antwerp, where it will dock overnight.

### Day 8 | Antwerp



**Enrichment:** *Contemporary Belgium.*

**Antwerp Walking Tour.** Located on the Scheldt River near the North Sea, Antwerp has long been a prominent center of trade. More recently, it has become a fashion design hub. On a guided walk, appreciate its bounty of medieval architecture. See the Gothic Cathedral of Our Lady, the 16th-century town hall festooned with flags and Grote Markt square lined with narrow guild halls.



**Free Time:** Spend the afternoon pursuing your own interests in Antwerp.


Tonight, share in a festive Farewell Reception and Dinner to commemorate your journey.


### Day 9 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer  to the Brussels airport for the return flight  to your gateway city.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

 Flights and  transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

 PYJ experiences are included.

 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

### Note About Activity Levels

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

#### Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats



Cathedral of Our Lady, Antwerp

## **EXTEND YOUR STAY**



### **Amsterdam | 2 Nights**

{ Elective PRE-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

Explore alluring Amsterdam's lively districts and world-class museums! This extension includes two nights at the centrally located, first-class Amsterdam Marriott; a guided walk and visit to the National Maritime Museum; daily breakfasts; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; guide gratuities; baggage handling between the hotel and ship; and all taxes and service charges.

**\$995 per person, double occupancy | \$1,470 single occupancy**



### **Antwerp | 2 Nights**

{ Elective POST-Trip Extension at an additional cost }

Delight in the intriguing museums and tantalizing food of this inviting, walkable city! This extension includes two nights at the first-class Hilton Old Town Antwerp; daily breakfasts; a guided tour of medieval Ghent; deluxe motor coach to/from Ghent; gratuities for guide and driver; the services of an AHI Travel Director and AHI Hospitality desk; baggage handling between the ship and hotel; and all taxes and service charges.

**\$995 per person, double occupancy | \$1,390 single occupancy**

# Reserve your trip today!

To book your journey,  
please call our AHI Travel Experts  
at **800-492-8155** or  
visit **umich.ahitravel.com**.

## Program Dates

### Travel dates †

**April 8-16, 2025**

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

### Tour dates\*

**April 9-16, 2025**

\* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

## Cruise Program

Category-Deck	Full Price	Early Booking Special Price*
E-Haydn (Mid Aft)	\$4,240	<b>\$3,490</b>
D-Haydn (Midship)	\$4,440	<b>\$3,690</b>
C-Strauss (Aft)	\$4,840	<b>\$4,090</b>
B-Strauss (Midship)	\$5,040	<b>\$4,290</b>
A-Mozart	\$5,540	<b>\$4,790</b>
Suite-Mozart (Midship)	\$6,040	<b>\$5,290</b>

**Early Booking Special Price includes \$750 special savings.**

\*Early Booking Special Price valid if booked by date on address panel and paid in full at booking. If you pay only your deposit by early booking date, you still save \$250 per person.

Suite category features a balcony. Categories A, B and C feature a drop-down panoramic window. Categories D and E feature a panoramic window.

\*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT & Port Charges in the amount of \$395 per person is included in the above prices. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated). Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

**Single supplement waived for solo travelers!** This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

**Please note:** Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://umich.ahitravel.com/destinations/1871A?schooldd=95>. You can also request a copy from our travel experts. Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.



## MS Amadeus Queen



Aboard this elegant, 81-cabin ship, cruise in exceptional comfort and style while enjoying warm hospitality and personalized attention from its seasoned crew. The ship features beautifully appointed public spaces with large windows for expansive, scenic views and an indoor pool with a retractable roof. Savor delectable breakfast and luncheon buffets and indulge in sophisticated, regionally inspired dinner menus. Wine, beer and soft drinks complement both lunch and dinner. Each evening, relax in your inviting cabin or suite, which includes a private bathroom with a shower, satellite TV and complimentary Wi-Fi.

### AHI FlexAir

#### Let us arrange your flights

**Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:**

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays



*Belfry, Bruges*

### AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

#### *Before you go:*

**Travel Consultants** stand ready to answer your questions as they guide you through the reservation process.

**Travel & Air Coordinators** each offer their personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

**Travel Information** provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

#### *Once you arrive:*

**Your Travel Director**, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

**Handpicked Expert Guides** offer fascinating insights and share their passion for their country with you.

**Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



*De Halve Maan Brewery, est. 1856, Bruges*



*Belgian chocolate*



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