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RIVER LIFE® ALONG THE DUTCH WATERWAYS*
Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe, Small River Ship AMADEUS BRILLIANT
April 21 to 29, 2020
From approximately $2695 plus air

U.S./Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Days 1 and 2
Depart the U.S. for Amsterdam’s canal district—a UNESCO World Heritage site where concentric canals weave between 16th- and 17th-century merchant row houses, charming houseboats and world-renowned museums—is brimming with history and artistic wealth.

In the afternoon, board private canal cruise that offers a unique look at the integral role waterways have played in the life of this city, which began as a simple fishing village and flourished into the 17th century’s foremost economic center, producing master artists such as Rembrandt and Van Gogh. After the cruise enjoy an exclusive RIVER LIFE® FORUM with local residents who will discuss life in the Low Countries.

Embark the AMADEUS BRILLIANT and attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception. (R,D)

Amsterdam for Keukenhof Gardens/Hoorn
Day 3
In the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, stroll through a vivid, sprawling tableau of colorful blooming tulips.

Drive to a prominent harbor in the 17th century, Hoorn one of Holland’s most important centers of trade during the Golden Age as the home of the Dutch East India Company, the first multinational corporation in the world. Walk along the charming, lively harbor and admire the landmark 16th-century Hoofdtoren tower, one of the city’s last preserved defenses. (B,L,D)

Kampen
Day 4
Explore Kampen’s nautical heritage—which extends from the Kogge Shipyard to the fine local fish cuisine—at your leisure. A quintessential Dutch town of color and charm, the old Hanseatic League city of Kampen on the River IJssel maintains one of the best-preserved old town centers in the Netherlands. See the remnants of the medieval city walls, the Old Town Hall and the 17th-century New Tower.

During a private, specially arranged concert in the Gothic Bovenkerk (church), listen to the intonation of more than 3000 pipes resonating from the 18th-century Hinsz organ. (B,L,D)

Nijmegen for Kröller-Müller Museum
Day 5
Visit the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum among the heathlands and dunes of the Netherlands’ largest national park, De Hoge Veluwe. The museum is lauded for its chronological collection of van Gogh’s masterpieces, the second largest collection in the world. By a specially arranged opening of the museum, see works by Picasso, Monet, Renoir and Manet, as well as captivating late 19th- to 21st-century pieces by Rodin, Moore and Dubuffet, wreathed in the idyllic woodland scenery of the 60-acre sculpture garden.

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Scenic Nijmegen, one of the oldest cities in the Netherlands, was settled in the first century B.C. and hosts many well-preserved buildings, including the 15th-century town hall and Latin school, the 16th-century, Renaissance-style Waag (weighing hall) and a series of quaint, 17th-century houses. Overlooking the River Waal, Valkhof Hill features the impressive ancient Barbarossa Ruins and ninth-century Carolingian chapel. (B,L,D)

**Maastricht**
*Day 6*
In Margraten, walk through one of Europe’s largest American military cemeteries honoring the allied operations during World War II.

Enjoy a walking tour of Maastricht, a town founded by the Romans and later a destination for pilgrims seeking the tomb of St. Servatius, today the fabled city of Maastricht is an epicenter of art and culture. See the towering, castle-like Basilica of Our Lady, built in one of Maastricht’s cobblestone town squares in the year 1000, and stand on the 13th-century city wall for a scenic view across the River Meuse.

During your leisure time, enjoy a traditional slice of *vlaai* (sweet flan) and coffee amid medieval scenery. (B,L,D)

**Antwerp, Belgium**
*Day 7*
The Old Town of Antwerp preserves its charming Flemish culture in a labyrinth of squares and passages that lead to the vibrant Grote Markt, where beautifully preserved guildhalls once bustled with 16th-century merchants. Visit the Cathedral of Our Lady, where a delicately ornamented spire soars at 401 feet and a remarkable carillon rings with 47 bells, see the 17th-century Baroque masterpieces of the city’s native son, Peter Paul Rubens, including paintings of the *Assumption of the Virgin Mary*, *The Raising of the Cross* and *The Descent from the Cross*. Explore Antwerp at leisure, pausing to admire the centuries-old Diamond District or Flemish Renaissance architecture.

Enjoy the Captain’s Farewell Reception on board this evening. (B,L,R,D)

**Ghent/Bruges**
*Day 8*
The industrial history of Ghent is evident in the 12th- to 17th-century guildhalls lining the quay. In St. Bavo’s Cathedral, see the Van Eyck brothers’ magnificent altarpiece of the *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb*—this polyptych is the most often stolen artwork of all time and is still missing one panel.

Built around a double ring of charming canals connected by arched foot bridges, fairytale Bruges is a UNESCO World Heritage site of virtually untouched medieval architecture and renowned, hand-crafted chocolates. Enjoy a walking tour from the Market Square to the magnificent Gothic-style Chapel of the Holy Blood to see timeless and deftly crafted stone guildhalls and opulent churches. (B,L,D)

**Ghent/Brussels/U.S.**
*Day 9*
Continue on to the Hague Post-Cruise Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. (B)

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