

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Tulips of Northern Holland **10 DAYS: Friday, April 13-Sunday, April 22, 2018** **Cruise from Amsterdam to Amsterdam**

Explore the well-known sites of Holland, plus some off the beaten path, for a unique and fascinating river cruise vacation! In Northern Holland, you may opt to see the colorful fields of tulips which make this part of the country so beautiful. Alternatively, in Enkhuizen, a picturesque town with one of the largest marinas in the country, you may prefer to visit the Zuiderzee Museum to experience the local culture and history. Also, there's an opportunity to meet some of the locals before continuing your river cruise through the area of Friesland, best known internationally for its black and white Friesian cattle and black Friesian horses. Here, you'll visit the Royal Planetarium, nominated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In Lelystad, visit the Batavia shipyard and board an exact replica of the Batavia ship itself—originally constructed in 1628 and wrecked on its maiden voyage. Get a true taste of the culture with an introduction to local cheese and Genever! Cruise through the modern harbor of Rotterdam and go on a guided excursion to Gouda, famous for its cheese of the same name, as well as syrup waffles, clay pipes, and the 15th-century City Hall. For garden enthusiasts, you may, instead, choose to see the breathtaking colors of Keukenhof, also known as the "Garden of Europe." With over 70 acres of parkland and lakes, it's one of the world's largest flower gardens. A river cruise through Holland would not be complete without some time in Holland's popular, modern capital of Amsterdam. The city combines its historical 17th-century buildings, sculptures, and museums with a modern feel. See the most fascinating areas of the city on a canal cruise along the elegant grachten lined with homes dating back to the city's "Golden Age."

Highlights & Sightseeing

Day 1 Amsterdam–Transfer to Haarlem (Embarkation): welcome reception

Day 2 Hoorn–Enkhuizen: choice of visit either to the famous tulip fields or guided visit to the Zuiderzee Museum in Enkhuizen

Day 3 Enkhuizen–Sneek, Friesland: choice of guided walk of Enkhuizen or "Experience the Dutch" outing; Friesland excursion, visit the planetarium

Day 4 Lelystad–Kampen: guided visit of the Batavia shipyard and Batavia in Lelystad; cheese & genever tasting

Day 5 Gelderse IJssel–Arnhem: onboard lecture; special tasting of local specialties; visit Museum Hartenstein or the Kröller-Müller Museum

Day 6 Rotterdam: harbor cruise in Rotterdam; choice of excursion to Keukenhof Gardens or to the city of Gouda

Day 7 Amsterdam: canal cruise

Day 8 Amsterdam (Disembarkation): your vacation ends this morning

Meals

- Captain's welcome & farewell receptions with sparkling wine and canapés
- Welcome dinner
- Farewell dinner
- Daily full buffet breakfast with made-to-order egg station, hot and cold menu items
- Early and Late Riser breakfast
- Daily lunch buffet with pasta or carving stations
- Alternative light lunch or (weather permitting) grill fare at the Sky Bistro on the Sky Deck
- Daily four-course à la carte dinner in the main dining room
- Alternative dinner of petite portions or regional specialties with wines, in the Panorama Bistro
- Daily Afternoon Tea
- Daily Night Fare
- Complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast; wine, beer, or soft drinks with lunch and dinner are included daily on board your vessel

Day-By-Day Itinerary

Day 1 Overnight flight from Boston

Day 2 Arrive in Amsterdam, Holland. Transfer to hotel for included overnight.

Day 3 Transfer to Haarlem (Embarkation)

This afternoon, drive to Haarlem, where your river cruise vessel is docked. Before dinner, meet your crew at an evening welcome reception as your ship sets sail. (Dinner)

NOTE:

Flights into Amsterdam must arrive by 2 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

Day 4 Hoorn-Enkhuizen

Enjoy a free morning to explore Hoorn at your own pace. Rejoin your ship for lunch and sail to Enkhuizen, situated at the most easterly point of North Holland. Enkhuizen is a quintessential fishing town with cobblestone streets, a quaint town center, and one of the largest marinas in the Netherlands. It owes its prosperity to the Zuider Zee (now known as the IJsselmeer) during the "Golden Age." This afternoon, visit the ZUIDERZEE MUSEUM, dedicated to the culture and history of this area. The museum focuses on the past and present of the IJsselmeer, and features living history, heritage, and crafts combining works from the past with works from the present. TULIP FIELDS abound in this part of the country, so alternatively you may prefer to join an excursion which takes you along the growing areas that look from afar like carpets of color. Take pictures and learn more about these flowers and how they were introduced into Holland from the Ottoman Empire (Turkey) in the 17th century. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 5 Enkhuizen-Sneek, Friesland

This morning you have a choice between an included GUIDED WALK of Enkhuizen or you may wish to join a "DUTCH EXPERIENCE" to meet some locals. Then, cruise across the IJsselmeer to southwest Friesland, a province rich in history and legends. As you sail, enjoy the scenic rural landscape along the river. Dock in Lemmer, from where our Friesland excursion departs. Primarily an agricultural region with a long history, Friesland is best known internationally for its famous black-and-white Friesian cattle and black Friesian horses. Visit the 18th-century ROYAL EISE EISINGA PLANETARIUM, which has been nominated as a

UNESCO World Heritage Site. Rejoin your ship in Sneek, where you dock overnight. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 6 Lelystad–Kampen

Today, enjoy a peaceful morning of cruising through this delightful area of Friesland. Spring is in the air, and the lush green landscape is coming alive. After docking in Lelystad, visit the BATAVIA SHIPYARD, where ships that were important to the Netherlands' maritime industry during the "Golden Age" are faithfully reconstructed by hand. Then, board the BATAVIA itself. Originally built in 1628 to sail to and from the East Indies, the Batavia wrecked on its maiden voyage on June 4, 1629 off the coast of Western Australia. It took 10 years—from 1985 to 1995—for a crew to reconstruct the ship using traditional construction materials. Back on board, we'll introduce you to LOCAL CHEESE and GENEVER, traditionally drunk neat from a shot glass, as you sail to Kampen, where you dock overnight. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 7 Gelderse IJssel–Arnhem

Another relaxing morning on board as you sail along the IJssel River, also known as the Gelderse IJssel, which is a branch of the Rhine River. Learn more about Holland at an ONBOARD LECTURE and taste a sweet LOCAL SPECIALTY. After lunch, visit the AIRBORNE MUSEUM HARTENSTEIN, dedicated to the Battle of Arnhem, one of the major tragedies of WWII. Alternatively, you may prefer to visit the KRÖLLER-MÜLLER MUSEUM. Later, rejoin your ship in Arnhem. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 8 Rotterdam

This morning, sail through the HARBOR OF ROTTERDAM, said to be the world's busiest port. Levelled by German bombs in WWII, Rotterdam now has a modern, high-tech look. After an early lunch you may opt to join a guided excursion to GOUDA, famous for its gouda cheese, syrup waffles, clay pipes, and elaborate city hall. It is a typical Dutch city with many old buildings and pretty canals. Alternatively, you may wish to visit the gardens of KEUKENHOF near Lisse, which encompass over 70 acres of parkland with lakes, sculpture gardens, greenhouses, and a windmill to explore. Every year, 7 million flower bulbs are planted, and you have the opportunity to see the spectacular display of colors not only from the tulips, but also from hyacinths, daffodils, and more. If you're a garden enthusiast, you may opt for an extended visit to Keukenhof, with lunch on your own in the gardens. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 9 Amsterdam

After breakfast, arrive in Amsterdam, where GUIDED SIGHTSEEING is provided by CANAL BOAT. Cruise through the elegant grachten, lined with stately homes dating back to Amsterdam's "Golden Age." This afternoon is free or you may choose from a selection of optional excursions to make the most of your last day in Holland. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 10 Amsterdam (Disembarkation)

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (Breakfast)

- Panoramic windows throughout the ship
- Elegant, contemporary design & decor
- Friendly, English-speaking crew & Cruise Director
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- Avalon FreshSM healthy cuisine options
- Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks at lunch & dinner
- Avalon Choice[®] cruising experience
- Included sightseeing with headsets by Certified Local Guides

- Complimentary Nordic walking sticks
- Complimentary bicycles available for time on shore
- Local FavoritesSM - onboard cultural & artisan experiences
- Sky Deck shade system & premium lounge chairs
- Well-stocked library with books, cards, and games
- Comfort Collection BedsSM
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Premium L'Occitane bath products & hairdryer
- Large bathroom featuring shower with glass door
- Flatscreen satellite TV with free movie channels
- Individual climate control
- Complimentary bottled water daily
- Club Lounge with 24-hour, self-serve beverage station
- Premium coffees, cappuccinos, lattes, hot chocolate & teas
- Cookies & fresh fruit available throughout the day
- And, much more

Luminary

Cruising on the Avalon Luminary is the ideal way to experience the majesty, extensive history and fascinating culture of some of Europe's oldest cities along its legendary rivers. Built in 2010, the Avalon Luminary holds a maximum of just 138 passengers. Visit multiple countries and cities and unpack only once, so you spend your time experiencing and enjoying Europe rather than dealing with the logistics of travel. Enjoy a highly personalized cruise experience, spacious deluxe staterooms and suites, contemporary décor, and popular onboard amenities, including a large Sky Deck with whirlpool and Sky Bistro, lounge and a bar serving premium spirits, complimentary computer use in public areas and free Wi-Fi throughout the ship, Fitness Center with state-of-the-art equipment, hair salon, and elevator.

Included Amenities

- Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows
- Non-smoking interior and staterooms
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Headsets for guided shore excursions in Europe
- Sightseeing with Certified Local Guides
- Room service for Continental breakfast & beverages (service fee applies)
- Complimentary computer use in public areas
- Hair salon
- Self-serve beverage station with complimentary tea, hot chocolate & premium coffees, including decaf options
- Bicycles available onboard for complimentary check-out
- Behind-the-scenes galley tour
- Nordic walking sticks available onboard for complimentary check-out
- English-speaking TV channels with over 100 free movie options
- Sky Deck game area
- Well-stocked library
- Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs and shade awnings
- Elevator
- Outside viewing deck
- Friendly, English-speaking crew and Cruise Director
- Onboard lectures, activities & nightly entertainment

- Sky Deck whirlpool
- Fitness Center
- Lounges and upscale bar serving premium spirits
- Additional biking excursions available in Amsterdam, Breisach and Bernkastel
- Avalon Choice® cruising experience
- Choice of Leisurely, Traditional or Independent sightseeing pace options
- Local FavoritesSM onboard experiences to bring the customs, cultures and tastes of your destinations to life, including local entertainers, artisans & experts
- Onboard assistance is available to recommend, reserve and further personalize your cruise
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access
- Fresh fruit available throughout the day

STATEROOMS & SUITES

Avalon Deluxe Stateroom (Cat. E) - 172 sq. ft.



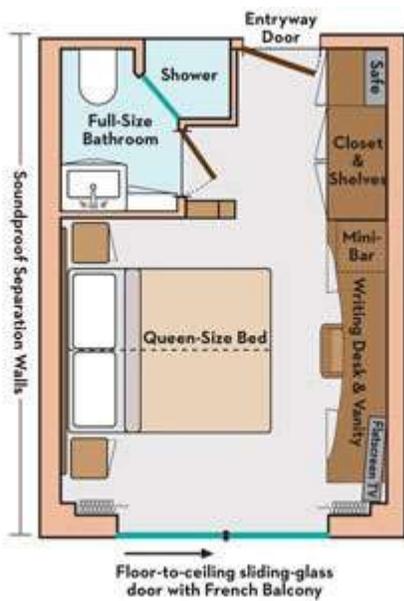
Features

- Comfort Collection BedsSM
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens

- Soft & firm pillows
- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps
- L'Occitane bath products
- Easy under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Complimentary bottled water
- Individual climate control
- Large mirror in bathroom
- Full shower with glass door
- Vanity and lighted makeup mirror
- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with movie channel
- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Two windows
- Writing desk and chair

Avalon Deluxe Stateroom (Cat. A, B, P) - 172 sq. ft.





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- Flatscreen satellite TV with movie channel
- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Floor-to-ceiling sliding-glass door with French Balcony
- Writing desk and chair

Avalon Suite - 258 sq. ft.

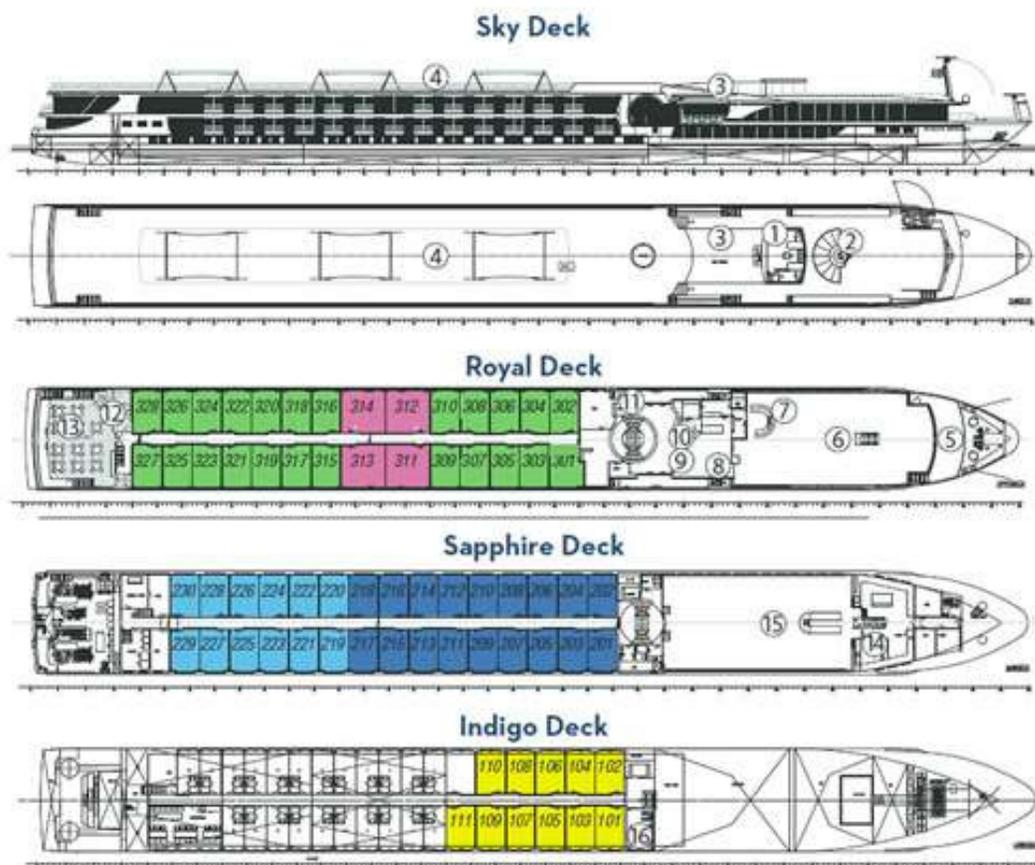


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- Complimentary bottled water
- Individual climate control
- Large mirror in bathroom
- Floor-to-ceiling sliding-glass door with French Balcony
- Writing desk and chair
- Sofa

- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with movie channel
- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Marble countertops in bathroom
- Full shower with glass door
- Vanity and lighted makeup mirror
- Coffee table

DECK PLANS



Deck Plan

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| 1 Navigation Bridge | 9 Reception/Guest Services |
| 2 Whirlpool | 10 Atrium |
| 3 Sky Bistro | 11 Elevator |
| 4 Premium Lounge Chairs and Shade Awnings | 12 Hair Salon |
| 5 Observation Lounge | 13 Club Lounge |
| 6 Panorama Lounge | 14 Galley |
| 7 Bar | 15 Dining Room |
| 8 Internet Corner | 16 Fitness center |

Categories

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| S Suite | Royal Deck |
| P Cat. P | Royal Deck |
| A Cat. A | Sapphire Deck Forward |
| B Cat. B | Sapphire Deck Aft |
| E Cat. E | Indigo Deck |