

HOLLAND & BELGIUM IN BLOOM



12 DAYS APRIL 1-12, 2025

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8/31/2024



Featuring 2 nights in Valkenburg, 1 night in Amsterdam
& a 7 night Luxury Cruise through Holland and Belgium

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A fascinating trip through time, this wonderful itinerary acknowledges the history of working Dutch communities, dating as far back as the 13th century. Discover what attracts art-lovers to Antwerp's intriguing medieval heart, before technicolor Amsterdam and Keukenhof Gardens create a lasting impression on the senses.



DAY 1: DEPART USA

Overnight Flight

DAY 2: ARRIVE AMSTERDAM

Arrive Amsterdam and connect with your MGT Tour manager. Transfer to Valkenburg for 2-night stay. Welcome dinner.

Overnight: Valkenburg (D)

DAY 3: EXPLORE BENELUX (Belgium, Netherlands & Luxembourg)

Depart Valkenburg and visit the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial located in Belgium. This monument honors American soldiers who died in the region during the war, notably those who fought in the Battle of the Bulge. The cemetery is beautifully maintained and features rows of white marble crosses and Stars of David, marking the graves of over 7,900 soldiers. Next travel to Clervaux for a short visit. Nestled in the heart of the Luxembourg Ardennes, Clervaux is a charming town renowned for its picturesque beauty and rich historical heritage. The town is home to cultural treasures housed within the majestic Clervaux Castle and the Saint-Maurice and Saint Maur Abbey. Continue to Bastogne and encounter poignant reminders of its wartime past, from historic monuments to preserved tanks and artillery scattered throughout. The Bastogne War Museum provides immersive insights into the conflict, particularly The Battle of the Bulge, while the Mardasson Memorial stands as a solemn tribute to the Allied soldiers. Continue to Valkenburg for an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Valkenburg (B)

DAY 4: AMSTERDAM

After breakfast, travel to Amsterdam. Upon arrival, enjoy a canal cruise and tour. Drift along picturesque canals lined with historic buildings, charming houseboats, and iconic bridges, and learn fascinating insights into Amsterdam's rich history and architectural wonders. After free time to explore, we visit the Anne

Frank House. As you step into the preserved building in Amsterdam, you're instantly transported back to the harrowing years of World War II. Walking through the concealed annex where Anne Frank and her family hid from Nazi persecution, you're struck by the stark contrast between the clandestine living quarters and the bustling city outside. The museum's exhibits offer an insight into the Holocaust, contextualizing Anne's story within the broader tragedy of millions who perished. Later check into your hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure in this great city.

Overnight: Amsterdam (B)

DAY 5: AMSTERDAM AT LEISURE - BOARD LUXURY CRUISE SHIP

Amsterdam at leisure. Stroll the cobblestone streets, enjoy a canal side café, or one of Amsterdam's renowned museums, such as the National Holocaust Museum, Van Gogh Museum or the Rijksmuseum, where exhibits await to inspire and captivate. Later today board your cruise ship for a week long cruise through Holland and Belgium.

Overnight: Emerald Sky (B,D)

DAY 6: AMSTERDAM - ZAAANSE SCHANS:

This morning, you will have the opportunity to visit one of Holland's main attractions as you venture to Zaanse Schans. Historic windmills, distinctive wooden houses, and artisan workshops make up this quintessentially Dutch town, where the smell of freshly baked goods and the sight of spinning windmills offers a truly memorable experience. Alternatively, enjoy a guided bike tour to Waterland, passing picturesque scenery and iconic fields of tulips. Relax on board your Star-Ship this afternoon, as we welcome a local clog painter on board for a demonstration.

Overnight: Emerald Sky (B,L,D)

DAY 7: ROTTERDAM:

Rotterdam is a unique example of a Dutch city. Following the air raids of WWII, reconstruction efforts utilized a patchwork of architectural styles, forever altering the skyline. Today, you'll have the opportunity to explore this contemporary city, which currently boasts the tallest commercial and residential buildings in the Netherlands. The reputation as the city of high rises has historical roots, beginning with the construction of the 45-metre-high office building, the Witte Huis, which, for quite some time, was the tallest office building in Europe.

Overnight: Emerald Sky (B,L,D)





DAY 8 THE HAGUE:

Today, you will visit the royal and administrative capital of the Netherlands, The Hague. Situated on the North Sea coast, the city is home to a thriving cultural and culinary scene, a lengthy coastline, and several historical monuments. It's also famously home to the Peace Palace housing the United Nations International Court of Justice, sometimes known as the World Court. Within your guided tour, you'll visit the beautiful Mauritshuis museum, home to the best of Dutch painting from the age of Rembrandt and Vermeer. In the afternoon, those feeling more active can enjoy a guided bike tour through the Dutch countryside. Overnight: Emerald Sky (B,L,D)

DAY 9: ANTWERP:

This morning, you'll arrive in Belgium's largest port Antwerp. Located on the River Scheldt, the city's large harbor provides a link to the sea. Home to the famous Baroque artist Pieter Paul Rubens, Antwerp attracts art-lovers from all over the world. Enjoy a guided tour of the city center, with its café-lined cobbled lanes. Admire the Renaissance city hall and Hat Steen, a medieval fortress that was built during the early Middle Ages and one of the oldest buildings in Belgium. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore Antwerp at your leisure. Overnight: Emerald Sky (B,L,D)

DAY 10: ARNHEM:

Relax in the comfortable surrounds of your Star-Ship this morning as you sail along the Dutch waterways, passing quaint, time-honored villages. Visit the Paleis Het Loo, which once served as the summer residence of the Dutch royal family. Today, the palace stands as a magnificent museum. The palace's decorations and its gardens are bound to stun. Alternatively, embark on a guided bike tour of Arnhem, famous for its postcard-worthy streets, scenic parks, and fine museums. Overnight: Emerald Sky (B,L,D)

DAY 11: AMSTERDAM:

Experience traditional Holland today during a visit to the beloved Keukenhof Gardens. Nestled in the middle of the region's tulip farms, where row-upon-row of technicolor flowers stretch as far as the eye can see, the gardens boast incredible displays of millions of bulb varieties, all perfectly assembled by an expert landscape architect. Overnight: Emerald Sky (B,L,D)

DAY 12: AMSTERDAM:

After breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to your fellow guests as you disembark your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport, taking memories of wooden windmills and blossoming flowers with you. (B)

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 Nights Valkenburg
- Henri-Chapelle US Cemetery
- Clervaux, Luxembourg
- Bastonge (Battle of the Bulge)
- 1 Night Amsterdam
- Amsterdam Canal Cruise
- Anne Frank House
- Amsterdam at Leisure
- 7 Nights Holland & Belgium River Cruise
- Zaanse Schans
- Rotterdam
- The Hague
- Mauritshuis Museum
- Antwerp
- Arnhem
- Paleis Het Loo
- Keukenhof Gardens

TRIP INCLUSIONS

- 24 Meals: 10B, 6L and 8D
- 3 Nights Land Program
- 7 Nights Luxury Cruise
- All port charges
- First-Class Service
- All Shipboard Gratuities Included
- Shore Excursions with Experienced Local Guides
- Personal Listening Device for Shore Excursions
- All meals Included On board
- Complimentary Regional Wines, Beer and Soft Drinks with On board Lunches and Dinners
- Complimentary Bottled Water in your Stateroom
- Complimentary WiFi On board
- Complimentary Bicycles On board

NOT INCLUDED

- Travel Protection
- Tour Manager Gratuities for the Pre-cruise Land Program
- Shore Excursion Gratuities

FREE ROUND TRIP AIR DETAILS

***FREE AIRFARE for reservations made by August 31, 2024. In lieu of Free Air, save \$1000 per person when booking your OWN AIR (must register by August 31, 2024). Bookings made after August 31, 2024 can purchase a group airfare package for \$1,600 per person. Airfare is economy class, and seat assignment requests cannot be guaranteed. Air itineraries may not be available until final trip documents are available.**

ACCOMMODATIONS

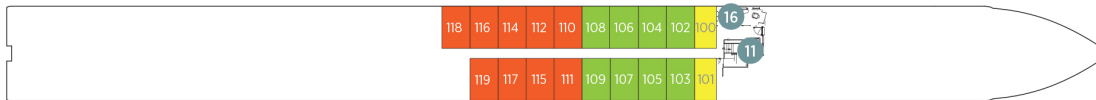
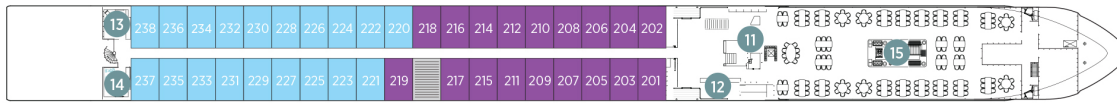
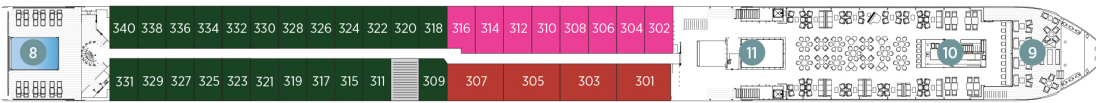
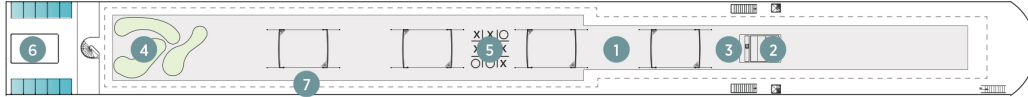
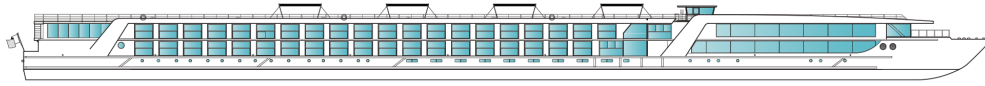
- **2 Nights - Valkenburg/Parkhotel Valkenburg or similar**
- **1 Night - Amsterdam/NH Collection Flower Market or similar**
- **7 Nights - Luxury Cruise/Emerald Sky Cruise Ship**

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS/NOTES

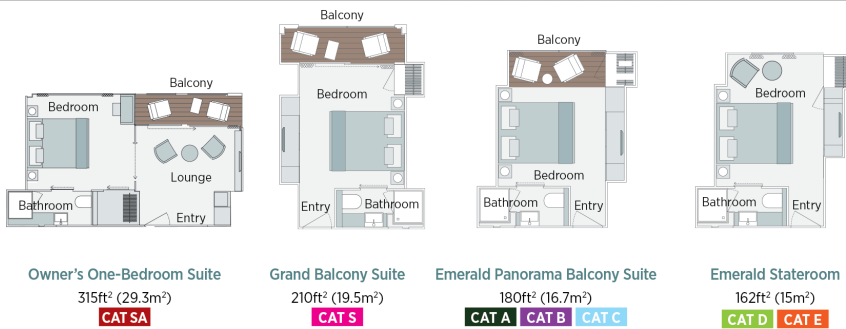
Please Note: When traveling outside the United States, a passport is required for U.S. citizens & some countries require a visa. A valid passport & travel visa (when necessary) is the responsibility of each passenger.

- Airline checked luggage fees are not included and will apply at time of check-in
- Tour manager, itinerary, ship and hotels are subject to change.
- Specific staterooms can only be assigned once reservations and deposits are provided to MGT

CRUISE SHIP INFORMATION - EMERALD CLASS



1. Sun Deck with Deck Chairs
2. Navigation Bridge
3. Sky Barbeque
4. Golf Putting Green
5. Games Area
6. Retractable Glass Roof
7. Walking Track
8. Daytime Pool / Evening Cinema
9. The Terrace
10. Horizon Bar and Lounge
11. Elevator
12. Reception
13. Wellness Area
14. Fitness Area
15. Reflections Restaurant
16. Hair Salon



TRIP PRICING - Per Person Double

- E** \$6,799 - CAT E/Riviera Deck - Emerald Stateroom (+\$3,795 single)
- D** \$6,999 - CAT D/Riviera Deck - Emerald Stateroom (+\$4,095 single)
- C** \$7,799 - CAT C/Vista Deck - Panorama Balcony Suite (+\$4,745 single)
- B** \$7,999 - CAT B/Vista Deck - Panorama Balcony Suite (+\$4,945 single)
- A** \$8,299 - CAT A/Horizon Deck - Panorama Balcony Suite (+\$5,095 single)
- S** \$9,599 - CAT S/Horizon Deck - Grand Balcony Suite (single NA)
- SA** \$10,399 - CAT SA/Horizon Deck - Owners Suite (single NA)

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

- Non-Refundable Deposit (\$500 per person) is due with reservation to secure space.
- Final payment is due 120 days before departure

SHIP FACTS: Built: 2014-20 • Speed: 15.5 mph • Staterooms: 19 • Suites: 72 • Length: 443 ft. • Crew: 47

Important Information: On Emerald Sky and Emerald Star, Cabin 202 has a modified entry, bathroom configuration with personal assistance fittings and has no decked area with table and chairs. The cabin and deck plans, sizes and photographs are an indication only and subject to variation.

-Due to safety, the Sun Deck will be closed when traveling under low bridges.

-Cabin 316 has a slightly varied layout

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

We recommend all travelers protect their travel investments and themselves while they are away with a Travel Protection Plan.

REFUNDS & CANCELLATION FEES:

All tour deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE. Cancellations must be received in writing (certified mail or email) to Meridian Guided Travel. If a Travel Protection Plan is not purchased, the following fees apply for cancellations:

DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE/REFUND AMOUNT

Up to 120 days /Deposit Amount is retained
119-90 days/50% of total trip price is refunded
Less than 90 days/No Refund

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