



VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

# European Tapestry

Amsterdam to Paris

April 15-26, 2021

**12 days for \$4,989 total price from Washington, DC**

(\$4,495 air & land inclusive plus \$494 airline taxes and fees)



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Members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**



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Dear VMFA Members,

Join VMFA on an exclusive small group tour through classic European cities – Amsterdam, Bruges, Luxembourg City, and Paris. Your group will relish rich culture and vibrant scenery, staying in well-located hotels.

Begin with three days in the Dutch capital of Amsterdam, enjoying highlights such as the Rijksmuseum, Royal Palace, Floating Flower Market, and a visit to the breathtaking 79-acre Keukenhof gardens. Travel to Kinderdijk to see the iconic windmills and take a walking tour of Bruges, followed by a leisurely boat cruise along the city’s romantic canals and touring of vibrant Ghent. Continuing on to Luxembourg, visit the Mardasson Memorial and the adjacent Bastogne War Museum, followed by the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial. End this memorable journey in cosmopolitan Paris, with an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension in the “City of Light.”

Space on this exciting program is limited and will fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up until 95 days prior to departure. Book risk-free today!

Sincerely,

Adele “Hutch” Livingston  
Coordinator of Member Travel

**VMFA RESERVATION FORM: EUROPEAN TAPESTRY**

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_(\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ person(s) on **European Tapestry**, departing **April 15, 2021**. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765.**

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request an air upgrade to \_\_\_\_\_

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

**Post-Tour “Paris – On Your Own” Extension:** Please sign me/us up

**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **European Tapestry, April 15-26, 2021**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

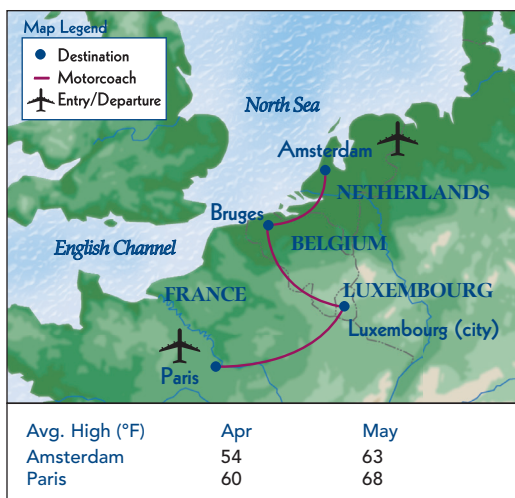
# European Tapestry

## Amsterdam to Paris

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*Europe of old – and new – springs to life on this relaxed journey through cities rich with art and architecture, vibrant street life, storied surroundings, and prized UNESCO sites. We travel from canal-laced Amsterdam and medieval Bruges to diverse Luxembourg and romantic Paris ... in our own moveable feast of culture, cuisine, and comfort.*



**Day 1: Depart U.S. for Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

**Day 2: Arrive Amsterdam** After arriving in the Dutch capital, there's time to relax at our center-city hotel before this afternoon's briefing about the journey ahead. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel. *D*

**Day 3: Amsterdam** We discover this canal-laced capital city on a morning tour, passing such highlights as the Royal Palace, Floating Flower Market, central Dam Square, and the historic canals lined with houseboats. Then we visit the renowned Rijksmuseum, where a guide illuminates for us the Golden Age of Dutch painting through works by Vermeer, Rembrandt, and other masters. Our tour ends here; we are free to continue exploring the museum on our own; tour the famed Anne Frank House; explore the Hermitage Amsterdam, a Western branch of the famed Russian museum; or to do anything else we wish. This evening we enjoy a canal cruise with wine and cheese before dinner on our own. *B*

**Day 4: Amsterdam** This morning we enjoy a half-day visit of the dazzling gardens at Keukenhof. With more than seven million tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths blanketing more than 79 acres with dazzling color, Keukenhof – also known as the “Garden of Europe” – ranks as the world's largest flower garden and one of the most beautiful spring gardens anywhere. Then the afternoon is at leisure for independent exploration. Tonight we enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 5: Amsterdam/Kinderdijk/Bruges, Belgium** Today we travel to the village of Kinderdijk to see The Netherlands' iconic windmills, approaching by boat. A local expert tells us about this UNESCO World Heritage site, whose 19 original windmills date to medieval times and still operate today. After lunch, we depart for Bruges, arriving late afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

**Day 6: Bruges** This morning we embark on a walking tour of this gem of a medieval city, then visit a chocolatier to watch the chocolate-making process and, of course, to sample the goods. Next: a leisurely

### Small Group Tour Highlights

Amsterdam touring, including guided visit to Rijksmuseum and canal cruise • Visit to Keukenhof flower garden • Medieval windmills at Kinderdijk • Three-night stay in medieval Bruges • Bruges touring and canal cruise • Champagne tasting • Visit to Mardasson Memorial and Bastogne War Museum • Paris city tour • Pleasing mix of guided touring and free time • Relaxed pacing • Centrally located lodgings

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Amsterdam		
2-4	Amsterdam	NH Collection Barbizon Palace	Sup. First Class
5-7	Bruges	Grand Hotel Casselbergh	Sup. First Class
8-9	Luxembourg City	Le Royal Luxembourg	Deluxe
10-11	Paris	Hotel Splendid Etoile	Sup. First Class
12	Depart Paris for U.S.		

*Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.*

Cover photo: We spend three nights in canal-laced Bruges, a UNESCO site.





We see the 19 windmills of Kinderdijk on Day 5.

private cruise along the city's romantic canals. After lunch on our own, the remainder of the afternoon is ours to do as we wish in this beloved city. We meet up tonight for dinner together at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 7: Bruges/Ghent** This morning is at leisure to enjoy Bruges on our own. With its historic city center now a UNESCO World Heritage site, treasure-filled museums, well-preserved historic architecture, and evocative network of canals, the intimate town offers diversions aplenty. This afternoon we visit vibrant Ghent, capital of Belgium's East Flanders region and known as the country's "flower city" for its renowned international trade. Our walking tour here includes a visit to St. Bavo's Cathedral, filled with priceless artworks including a 24-panel altarpiece by Jan van Eyck and works by Peter Paul Rubens. We return to Bruges in time for dinner together at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 8: Bruges/Bastogne/Luxembourg** We travel today to tiny Luxembourg, the world's only Grand Duchy and once the crossroads of Western Europe. En route we honor the 77,000 American troops killed or injured in the deadliest battle of WWII, which took place in the Ardennes, the deeply forested region flanking Belgium, France, and Luxembourg. The Battle of the Bulge, as it became known, left an indelible mark on the region, as we see on our visit to the Mardasson Memorial, commemorating those who died here. We also tour the adjacent Bastogne War Museum, which provides a dramatic look at the war through personal testimony, artifacts, and interactive exhibits and displays. We reach Luxembourg City this afternoon; dinner tonight is on our own. *B*

**Day 9: Luxembourg** Known for its rich history and surprising natural beauty, Luxembourg also boasts one

of the world's highest standards of living. We discover some of this tiny nation-state on today's city tour that features the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial, where the graves of 5,076 American soldiers lie along with that of General George S. Patton, who commanded the U.S. Third Army from Luxembourg City. Tonight we dine together at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 10: Luxembourg/Reims, France/Paris** En route to Paris today, we stop in the French city of Reims, the unofficial capital of the Champagne-Ardenne region, the only wine-growing region in the world producing authentic champagne. One of France's leading centers of traditional champagne production, Reims also is where the Germans surrendered to General Dwight D. Eisenhower on May 7, 1945. Here we visit Notre-Dame de Reims, the celebrated cathedral where kings of France were

### Post-Tour Extension

April 26-28, 2021

### Paris – On Your Own

3 days/2 nights for \$435 total price

Single Supplement: \$295

*Savor more time in the "City of Light,"  
at your own pace, in your own time.*

### Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Hotel Splendid Etoile (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport



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crowned and which Joan of Arc liberated. After lunch together at a local restaurant, we visit a champagne house in Épernay with its famed “Avenue de Champagne” for a tour and tasting of the prized libation. Then we continue on to Paris, one of the world’s most fashionable and illustrious capitals, where dinner is on our own tonight in this city renowned for its fine cuisine. *B,L*

**Day 11: Paris** We pass by many highlights on this morning’s city tour, including the Eiffel Tower, the Seine, and the Champs-Élysées. Then this afternoon is at leisure to enjoy Paris as we wish, perhaps boarding a *bateau mouche* for a cruise along the Seine, visiting one of the many museums, ascending to the top of the Eiffel Tower, sipping *café crème* at a Left Bank café, or admiring the 3,000-year-old obelisk from Luxor, Egypt, in historic Place de la Concorde. Tonight we celebrate our European adventure over a farewell dinner. *B,D*

**Day 12: Depart Paris for U.S.** We transfer to the airport this morning for our return flight to the United States. *B*



Spring flowers in bloom at Keukenhof



L'Arc de Triomphe, Paris

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 10 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels
- 18 meals: 10 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

### Tour Departs: April 15, 2021

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York	\$4,789
Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$4,989
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Miami, Orlando, Tampa	\$5,089
Denver, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$5,189
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,195

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$494, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,295. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,595 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,595 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrades are in addition to the costs above.

**For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765**

**Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time**

**For further information, contact VMFA Member Travel at**

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## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

*Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.*

**Not Included in Tour Price:** Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

**Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:** If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: full refund; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

**Responsibility:** The liability of VMFA, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

**Health and Medical Issues:** We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

**Air Transportation – Important Information:** Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

**COVID-19 and Planning Future Travel:** *We understand that travelers may have some concerns about booking future tours based on the current COVID-19 pandemic. As we look forward, we are hopeful that conditions will be favorable for international travel. However, the safety and security of our guests are always our top priorities and, should U.S. authorities – Department of State and the CDC – deem it unsafe to travel to any of the destinations in the brochure, we would cancel the trip no later than 45 days before departure. In the event of cancellation on our end due to COVID-19 concerns, we will refund all participants in full.*



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Reserve risk-free: Your deposit is fully  
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