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Dear VMFA Members:

Join us on this beautiful river cruise aboard the deluxe *AMADEUS QUEEN*, one of the finest ships to ply the waterways of Europe and the canals of this delightful land of polder. Celebrate the beauty of Holland and Flanders in blissful springtime—the ideal season for visiting, when the tulip fields are in full bloom. A special highlight is Floriade Expo 2022 “Growing Green Cities,” the world’s largest horticultural expo, held only once every 10 years.

Discover the true essence of *RIVER LIFE*® in the Low Countries.

Our expert-guided tours explore seven UNESCO World Heritage sites including Amsterdam’s 16th- and 17th-century house-lined canals, the medieval Flemish jewel of Bruges, and four of the historical belfries included in the Belfries of Belgium serial property. Experience this region’s pastoral idyll and fascinating history with visits to the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, the mercantile town of Antwerp and medieval Ghent. Visit the legendary 18th-century windmills of Kinderdijk, watch traditional craftspeople create the iconic “Delft Blue” porcelain and discover the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum. Learn more about the modern life and cultural heritage of the Netherlands during an exclusive *RIVER LIFE*® FORUM with local residents and encounter the rich history of the Flemish-speaking county of Flanders in its main cultural centers.

Unpack just once and delight in specially arranged *CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS*, including a privately chartered small boat canal cruise. Enjoy an included, guided excursion in every port, deluxe accommodations and all meals—an excellent value. VMFA is proud to be sharing this departure with travelers from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia and other fine organizations. Reserve now while space is still available.

Sincerely,



Adele “Hutch” Livingston

VMFA Coordinator of Member Travel

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. All passengers traveling on our programs are required to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials, as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable). Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

Photo below: See the Windmills at Kinderdijk, which once prevented flooding in the wetlands of Dordrecht.

Cover photo: Cruise through the Netherlands, where tulip blooms announce the arrival of spring.

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RIVER LIFE®

during

TULIP SEASON

Custom-designed and intimate, this signature travel program will immerse you in the daily life of the Low Countries. There is no better time to visit the Netherlands than during spring, when the legendary gardens of Keukenhof put on their glorious flower show—with over seven million tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and other flowers blossoming across 79 acres of woodland.

The Golden Age of the Netherlands is alive in the iconic works of its master painters—from Johannes Vermeer to Pieter Brueghel the Elder—and in its flourishing landscapes and remarkably preserved medieval towns, where gabled homes line cobblestone streets and peaceful canals. During this comprehensive cruise along the great Dutch and Flemish waterways, experience firsthand the distinct heritage, cultural traditions and friendly people of Holland and Flanders.

Photo above: *Discover Bruges' medieval architecture and the UNESCO World Heritage-designated belfry.*

Photo below: *Admire Ghent's Leie River promenade with well-preserved guildhalls and its medieval harbor.*



ITINERARY

Amsterdam® Pre-Program Option

- 1 Depart the U.S.
 - 2 Arrive in **Amsterdam, the Netherlands**
 - ◆ Embark the **AMADEUS QUEEN**.
- CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:**
- ◆ Private cruise of Amsterdam's canal district.

- 3 **Nijmegen**
 - ◆ Walking tour of Nijmegen.
- CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:**
- ◆ Guided tour of the extraordinary, world-class Kröller-Müller Museum.
 - ◆ Exclusive RIVER LIFE® FORUM.

- 4 **Kinderdijk®/Willemstad/Bruinisse**
 - ◆ Tour of the legendary windmills at Kinderdijk.
- CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:**
- ◆ Excursion to one of the Delta Works engineering projects.

- 5 **Ghent,® Belgium/Bruges®**
 - ◆ Walking tour of Ghent, including a visit to see the *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb*.
 - ◆ City tour of whimsical Bruges.

- 6 **Antwerp®**
 - ◆ City tour featuring a visit to the Cathedral of Our Lady, housing masterpieces by Peter Paul Rubens.

- 7 **Rotterdam, the Netherlands/Delft**
 - ◆ Visit to Delft to see traditional craftspeople create the iconic "Delft Blue" porcelain.
- CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:**
- ◆ Visit to the magnificent Keukenhof Gardens.

- 8 **Lelystad/Almere**
 - ◆ Excursion to the Floriade Expo 2022 to enjoy the exquisite floral and plant displays.

- 9 **Amsterdam**/Disembark ship/
Return to the U.S.

The Hague Post-Program Option

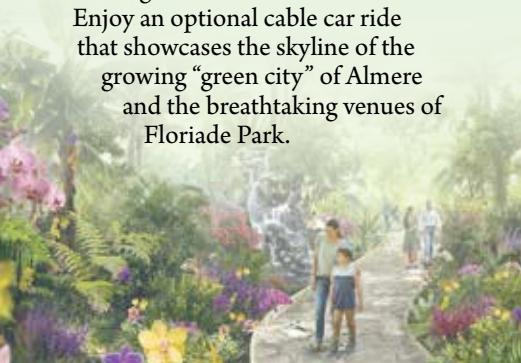


FLORIADE EXPO 2022

World's largest horticultural expo, held once every 10 years!

Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see flora and horticulture from countries around the world. With a theme of "Growing Green Cities," Floriade Expo 2022 inspires visions of a greener tomorrow—showcasing global innovations for a more sustainable, healthier and happier future. Explore Floriade Expo 2022's uniquely created Arboretum—a living library of more than 3,000 tree, plant and flower species alphabetically arranged by botanic name and filled with spectacular colors and scents. Marvel at nearly 2,000 trees on the expo grounds that have been sent from growers across the Netherlands.

Enjoy an optional cable car ride that showcases the skyline of the growing "green city" of Almere and the breathtaking venues of Floriade Park.



Amsterdam, the Netherlands

In Amsterdam, one of Europe's most enchanting cities, canals weave between handsome merchant houses, charming houseboats and world-renowned museums and galleries.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:

A private cruise through the UNESCO designated canal district offers a unique look at the integral role waterways have played in the culture of this city, which began as a simple fishing village and flourished into the 17th century's foremost economic center. Stroll through a vivid tableau of blooming tulips as far as the eye can see in the beloved Keukenhof Gardens.

THE NETHERLANDS



Nijmegen

A vibrant university town layered with history, attractive Nijmegen was originally settled by the Romans in the first century B.C. Discover an impressive array of pristinely preserved buildings, including the turreted 15th-century town hall and the 17th-century, Renaissance-style De Waagh. Overlooking the River Waal, Valkhof Hill features the captivating Barbarossa Ruins and ninth-century Carolingian chapel.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:

Meet and engage with locals during the specially arranged RIVER LIFE® FORUM.

Kröller-Müller Museum

Among the heathlands and dunes of the Netherlands' largest national park, De Hoge Veluwe, is the remarkable Kröller-Müller Museum, lauded for its collection of 90 Vincent van Gogh paintings and 180 of his drawings.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:

See works by Pablo Picasso, Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir and Édouard Manet, as well as captivating late-19th- to 21st-century pieces by Auguste Rodin, Henry Moore and Jean Dubuffet, wreathed in the idyllic woodland scenery of the 60-acre sculpture garden.

Kinderdijk

Designated a national monument and a UNESCO World Heritage site, Kinderdijk is home to Holland's greatest concentration of old windmills. Here, little has changed since the mid-18th century, when 19 wooden windmills were erected side by side to drain the Alblasserwaard, one of many regions in the Netherlands below sea level. Though no longer used to monitor water levels, the windmills are still one of Holland's most picturesque sights and represent exceptional examples of the achievements of 18th-century Dutch engineering.



Amsterdam's bridges and canals bring the intimacy of a small town to one of Europe's most celebrated cities.



The lively, medieval Market Square is the principal city square and gathering point in Bruges.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:

Excursion to the largest project of the Delta Works, hailed as one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Ghent, Belgium

The authentic city of Ghent is replete with medieval and classical architecture. The UNESCO-designated Belfry of Ghent serves as a historical testament to the winning of civil liberties across the region. Admire the elegant windows and fanciful steeples of St. Bavo's Cathedral, a Gothic masterpiece and the city's enduring symbol with origins that date from the 10th century. Proceed to the chapel to see the Van Eyck brothers' magnificent altarpiece *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb*—this polyptych is the most frequently stolen artwork of all time; in fact, one panel is still missing.

Bruges

Built around a double ring of charming canals connected by arched footbridges and renowned for its handcrafted chocolates, fairy-tale Bruges is a UNESCO World Heritage site of virtually untouched medieval architecture, including landmark Belfry of Belgium. Enjoy a walking tour from the Market Square to the magnificent Gothic-style Chapel of the Holy Blood to see the richly decorated stone guildhalls and opulent churches.

Discover the Netherlands' oldest city, Nijmegen, with its historical De Waagh, still a central gathering place.



Antwerp

The alluring Old Town of Antwerp preserves its distinct Flemish culture in a labyrinth of squares and cobbled streets that are studded with museums, mansions and churches—all leading to the vibrant Grote Markt, where the town hall's historical belfry, part of the Belfries of Belgium UNESCO World Heritage site, still stands tall.

Visit the Cathedral of Our Lady—with its UNESCO-inscribed belfry, the tallest church tower in Belgium—which preserves 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*.

Delft

Visit canal-ringed Delft to watch traditional craftspeople create iconic "Delft Blue" porcelain.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:

Excursion to magnificent Keukenhof Gardens, known as the "Garden of Europe," during the best time of year to see the colorful display of spring flowers in bloom.

Almere for Floriade

Experience the world's largest horticultural exhibition, held only once a decade—Floriade Expo 2022. Nations from around the world will gather in Almere, the youngest city in the Netherlands, to share examples of sustainable architecture and flowers, plants and trees unique to their respective countries.

Walk through an area as big as 16 soccer fields and enjoy a spectrum of colors, scents, flavors and international exhibitions with events that range from cultural showcases to art installations. Located in the province of Flavoland, Almere is also home to a stunning coastline and abundant flora and fauna.



EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, DELUXE AMADEUS QUEEN

The elegant and meticulously crafted AMADEUS QUEEN features all the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel.

The 81 stylish Staterooms and Suites are among the most spacious of any European river ship (172 to 284 square feet). Suites include a private balcony, and select Staterooms feature a unique floor-to-ceiling window that lowers to French-balcony height at the touch of a button. Accommodations have two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, sitting area and private bathroom with shower. Most have a minibar. The stylish restaurant offers scenic views through panoramic windows. Continental cuisine is served featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers' coffee, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner with complimentary wine and beer, and late-evening snack.

For your leisure time on board there are two bars, an open-air lounge, a beauty salon, a boutique, a massage room, a fitness studio, an indoor pool and the Sun Deck. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting) and an elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. There is no doctor on board.

The English-speaking, international crew provides warm hospitality. The Amadeus fleet has earned the important "Green Globe Certification" of environmental sustainability.

Stateroom



Panoramic Restaurant



Keukenhof Gardens

Affectionately known around the world as the "Garden of Europe" for its paramount beauty, Keukenhof, "kitchen garden," is a brilliant and breathtaking tapestry of color and fragrance when its over 1,000 floral varieties reach full bloom between mid April and early May.

Meticulously landscaped with tranquil ponds, placid streams and winding, tree-shaded paths, this vibrantly hued oasis was designed in 1857 by Jan David Zocher of Vondelpark fame.

The gardens of Keukenhof originally formed part of the Teylingen Castle Estate, where the early-15th-century Countess Jacoba of Bavaria added an herb and vegetable garden.



Included Features

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe **AMADEUS QUEEN**

- ◆ Seven-night river cruise round trip Amsterdam, the Netherlands with port calls at Nijmegen, Kinderdijk, Ghent (for Bruges), Belgium; Antwerp, Rotterdam (for Delft), the Netherlands; and Lelystad (for Almere and Floriade).
- ◆ **Deluxe, river-view accommodations.**
- ◆ All meals aboard ship.
- ◆ Complimentary wine and beer served with lunch and dinner.
- ◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- ◆ **Complimentary Wi-Fi** (conditions permitting).

Expert-Guided Excursions and Exclusive **CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS**

- ◆ Private cruise along Amsterdam's **UNESCO World Heritage-designated canal district.**
- ◆ Walking tour of **Nijmegen**, granted city status by the Roman Empire in A.D. 104.
- ◆ Guided tour of the world-class **Kröller-Müller Museum** for exploration of the Low Countries' rich artistic heritage.
- ◆ Exclusive **RIVER LIFE® FORUM** with local residents who will discuss life in the Low Countries.
- ◆ Tour of the 18th-century windmills at **Kinderdijk**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ Excursion to the complex **Delta Works**, an engineering marvel.
- ◆ Walking tour of medieval **Ghent**, featuring St. Bavo's Cathedral.
- ◆ Walking tour of the medieval, fairy-tale city of **Bruges**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ City tour of **Antwerp** featuring a visit to see three of Peter Paul Rubens' masterpieces in the 16th-century Cathedral of Our Lady.
- ◆ Visit to canal-ringed Delft to watch traditional craftspeople create the iconic "Delft Blue" porcelain.
- ◆ Excursion to the magnificent **Keukenhof Gardens** to see the world's largest and most colorful display of spring flowers in bloom.
- ◆ Excursion to the **Floriade Expo 2022** to enjoy the sustainable architecture and exquisite floral and plant displays.



Always Included

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Program Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.



The Golden Age of Amsterdam

Pre-Program Option

In historical Amsterdam, enjoy a guided walking tour of the tree-shaded canals and gabled 17th-century merchant houses of Jordaan, a vibrant center for artists, musicians and antique collectors. View the Rijksmuseum's Dutch Master collection, including works by Rembrandt van Rijn, Johannes Vermeer and Vincent van Gogh. Visit the Our Lord in the Attic, a museum and exquisite 17th-century house with an entire clandestine church in the attic. Spend two nights in the Five-Star RENAISSANCE AMSTERDAM HOTEL, ideally located in the city center.

The Hague

De Juwelen van Zuid-Holland

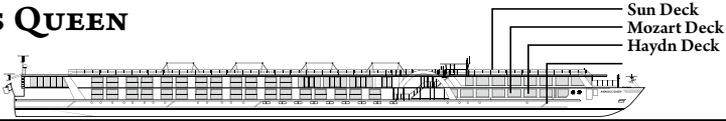
Post-Program Option

Conclude your Dutch Waterways experience in a center of resistance to the Spanish Habsburgs, headquarters of the International Court of Justice and seat of the Dutch government. The Hague showcases stately municipal buildings, elegant residences and picturesque cobblestone courtyards. Walk through Mauritshuis, a 17th-century Neoclassical mansion featuring a world-renowned collection of Dutch and Flemish art, including Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring* and a late-period Rembrandt self-portrait. Spend two nights in the deluxe, historical HOTEL DES INDES.

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



AMADEUS QUEEN



Category	LAND/CRUISE TARIFF <i>excluding taxes</i> <i>Per person, based on double occupancy</i>	Welcome Back Tariff	Full Tariff
7	Stateroom with panoramic window. <i>Haydn Deck, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$2995	\$3995
6	Stateroom with panoramic window. <i>Haydn Deck, forward.</i> (limited availability)	\$3395	\$4395
5	Stateroom with panoramic window. <i>Haydn Deck, midship.</i>	\$3795	\$4795
4	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to French-balcony height; minibar. <i>Strauss Deck, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$4495	\$5495
3	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to French-balcony height; minibar. <i>Strauss Deck, forward.</i> (limited availability)	\$4995	\$5995
2	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to French-balcony height; minibar. <i>Strauss Deck, midship.</i>	\$5495	\$6495
1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to French-balcony height; minibar. <i>Mozart Deck, midship and aft.</i>	\$5995	\$6995
Junior Suite	Suite with private balcony (sliding glass doors with railing), sofa, bath robes and minibar. <i>Mozart Deck, forward and midship.</i>	\$6695	\$7695

Single accommodations are available only in categories 2 and 5. Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, based on availability and usually sells out quickly.

Taxes are an additional \$130 per person.

AMADEUS QUEEN has been specially contracted for this program, and the deck plan is available online or request from Gohagan & Company.

RIVER LIFE® DUTCH WATERWAYS REGISTRATION FORM

Send to: Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
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Program reservations require a deposit of \$800 per person

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Make check(s) payable to **Gohagan & Company.**
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First participant's signature *Date*

Second participant's signature *Date*

Please make my/our reservation(s):

- Category:
1st Choice 2nd Choice
- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
 - Double occupancy (one queen bed).
 - Single accommodations.
 - Single but prefer to share and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

The Golden Age of Amsterdam Pre-Program Option

- Double at \$945 per person.
- Single at \$1545 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

The Hague Post-Program Option

- Double at \$995 per person.
- Single at \$1395 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

I/We want you to book my/our air from:

(fill in departure city)

- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

FINAL PAYMENT due in full at time of booking; make by check, ACH, or credit card. No cancellation fees until 96 days prior to May 2, 2022!

Requirement: VMFA travel opportunities are open to all members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. For additional information about joining the museum, please call 804-340-1519.

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