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RIVER LIFE®
along the

Dutch Waterways

aboard the Exclusively Chartered Deluxe AMADEUS BRILLIANT

April 28 to May 6, 2020

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Dear York University alumnus/alumna,

Join fellow York U alumni and their friends on this Dutch Waterways – exclusively chartered – river cruise aboard the deluxe AMADEUS BRILLIANT, one of the finest ships to ply the waterways of Europe and traverse canals – there’s truly no better way to enjoy tulip fields in full bloom!

Celebrate the beauty of Holland and old-world Flanders in blissful springtime – the ideal season for this comprehensive itinerary.

Unpack just once, and delight in specially arranged CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS, including a privately chartered small boat canal cruise and an exclusive musical concert. Enjoy an included, guided excursion in every port, deluxe accommodations and all meals – an excellent value.

Discover the true essence of river life in the Low Countries. Gohagan’s expert-guided tours explore three UNESCO World Heritage sites: Amsterdam’s 16th- and 17th-century house-lined canals, the medieval Flemish jewel of Bruges and four of the historic belfries included in the Belfries of Belgium serial property. Experience this sublime region’s pastoral idyll and fascinating history with visits to “Golden Age” Hoorn, the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, the old Hanseatic city of Kampen, seldom-visited ancient Maastricht, the mercantile town of Antwerp and medieval Ghent, home to the Van Eyck brothers’ Adoration of the Mystic Lamb – the world’s most coveted masterpiece. Walk through the poignant World War II American Military Cemetery in Margraten and discover the artistic legacy of 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 centres.

This tour is a perennial favourite; reserve now while Early Booking Savings and space are available. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact me at 416-736-2100 ext. 22360 or 1-866-876-2228 or mcleanm@yorku.ca.

Warmest regards,

Melanie McLean
Affinity and Travel Planner, Alumni Engagement
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Cover photo: Cruise through the Netherlands, where tulip blooms announce the arrival of spring. Photo below: Look out onto the storied River Meuse from the picturesque town of Maastricht.
Custom-designed and intimate, this hallmark 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 32 hectares of woodland. The Golden Age of the Netherlands is alive in the iconic works of its master painters—from Vermeer to Brueghel—and in its flourishing landscapes and remarkably preserved medieval towns, where gabled homes line cobblestone streets and peaceful canals. During this comprehensive reis (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’s medieval architecture and look for the 13th-century UNESCO World Heritage-designated belfry, which houses a 47-bell carillon and employs a full-time carillonneur.

Photo below: From 1532 to 1614, Hoorn’s Hoofdtoren Tower defended the city and its harbour, the centre of trade.
Ghent
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 back to 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, fairytale Bruges is a UNESCO World Heritage site of virtually untouched medieval architecture, including a 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.

Antwerp
The alluring Old Town of Antwerp preserves its distinct Flemish culture in a labyrinth of squares and cobbled streets, studded with museums, mansions and churches that lead to the vibrant Grote Markt, where the town hall’s historic 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.

Maastricht
Settled by the Romans around 50 B.C., the fabled city of Maastricht embraces its

Keukenhof Gardens
Affectionately known around the world as the “Garden of Europe” for its paramount beauty, Keukenhof is a brilliant and breathtaking tapestry of colour and fragrance when its over 1000 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 (“kitchen garden”) originally formed part of the Teylingen Castle Estate, where the early 15th-century Countess Jacoba of Bavaria tended an herb and vegetable garden.

Admire Kampen’s medieval gate, Koornmarktspoort, dominated by the Gothic spires of the stately Bovenkerk.
status as the cradle of the European Union and a hub of arts and culture.

Visit the Romanesque Basilica of Our Lady, built in A.D. 1000, and the Basilica of St. Servatius, where Charlemagne is said to have attended Mass and where the 11th-century sarcophagus of the city’s patron saint is enshrined. Stand on the 13th-century city wall for a scenic view across the River Meuse. In nearby Margraten, walk through one of Europe’s largest American military cemeteries, where the brave Allied soldiers who gave their lives for the liberation of the Netherlands during World War II rest in peace.

Nijmegen
A vibrant university town layered with history, attractive Nijmegen was first settled by the Romans in the first century B.C. Explore a cornucopia of pristinely preserved buildings, including the turreted 15th-century town hall—plucked straight from a child’s picture book—and the 17th-century, Renaissance-style De Waagh, which served as a weighing house and continues to be a focal point in the community. Overlooking the River Waal, Valkhof Hill features the impressive Barbarossa Ruins and ninth-century Carolingian chapel.

Kröller-Müller Museum
Among the heathlands and dunes of the Netherlands’ largest national park, De Hoge Veluwe, is the superlative Kröller-Müller Museum, lauded for its chronological collection of 90 Van Gogh paintings and 180 of his drawings.

Cultural Enrichment: On an expert-guided tour of the museum, see works by quintessential artists such as 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 24-hectare sculpture garden.

Kampen
Medieval gates, towers and walls crowned with whimsical spires and turrets grace the skyline of picturesque Kampen, a former Hanseatic League city, which hosts one of the Netherlands’ best-preserved town centres. See the Gothic masterpiece of the Old Town Hall, the leaning 17th-century New Tower—whose carillon of 48 bells is played on market days—and the aesthetic harmony of the IJssel drawbridge, built in 1998 to reflect the original 15th-century structure.

Cultural Enrichments: During a private, specially arranged concert in the Gothic Bovenkerk, or Upper Church, listen to the intonation of more than 3000 pipes resonating from the 18th-century Hinsz organ.

Hoorn
The “trumpet of the Zuider Zee,” according to poet Joost van den Vondel, Hoorn formed the epicentre of the Dutch East India Company’s trade routes during the 17th century. Golden Age wealth and grandeur prevail in the quaint buildings of Roode Steen Square and the city’s photogenic harbour, overlooked by the 16th-century Hoofdtoren tower, one of Hoorn’s last preserved defenses.

Amsterdam
In Amsterdam, one of Europe’s most enchanting cities, a skein of canals weaves between handsome 17th-century merchant houses, charming houseboats and world-renowned museums and galleries.

Cultural Enrichments: Stroll through a vivid tableau of blooming tulips as far as the eye can see in the beloved Keukenhof Gardens. A private cruise through the UNESCO-designated canal district offers a unique look at the integral role waterways have played in the life of Amsterdam, which began as a simple fishing village and flourished into the 17th century’s foremost economic centre. Meet and engage with locals during the specially arranged River Life® Forum.
The elegant and meticulously crafted Amadeus Brilliant features all the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel. The 76 stylish Staterooms and Suites are among the most spacious of any European river ship at 15 to 23 square metres. Suites and select Staterooms feature a French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors). Accommodations have two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, sitting area and private bathroom with shower. Suites have a minibar.

The stylish restaurant offers scenic views through panoramic windows. Continental cuisine featuring fresh, local ingredients is served. Daily meals include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner with complimentary wine and beer, and a late-evening snack.

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

The Amadeus fleet has earned the important “Green Globe Certification” of environmental sustainability.

Ghent’s Leie River promenade is celebrated for its beautifully preserved guildhalls and its medieval harbour, Graslei.
Included Features
On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe AMADEUS BRILLIANT
◆ Seven-night cruise from Ghent, Belgium, to Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
◆ 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
◆ Walking tour of Ghent, featuring St. Bavo’s Cathedral.
◆ Walking tour of the medieval, fairytale 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 the Netherlands American Cemetery, honoring Allied World War II operations, in Margraten, near Maastricht.
◆ Tour of idyllic Maastricht, a city of intriguing history, contemporary art and charming culture.
◆ 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.
◆ Walking tour of the former Hanseatic League city of Kampen.
◆ Specially arranged, private organ concert featuring an 18th-century Hinsz organ in Kampen’s Bovenkerk.
◆ Walking tour in the charming former “Golden Age” trading town of Hoorn, made famous during the 17th-century era of the Dutch East India Company.
◆ Excursion to the magnificent Keukenhof Gardens to see the world’s largest and most colourful display of spring flowers in bloom, weather permitting.
◆ Private cruise along Amsterdam’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated canal district.
◆ Exclusive River Life® Forum with local residents who will discuss life in the Low Countries.
◆ Time at leisure to explore Kampen and Antwerp.
◆ Opportunity to learn useful Dutch phrases.
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.
◆ 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 USD flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
In the world-class Rijksmuseum, view Dutch Golden Age masterpieces, including Rembrandt’s The Night Watch.

The Golden Age of Amsterdam
Continue exploring historic Amsterdam on this ideal Post-Cruise Option. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the tree-shaded canals and gabled 17th-century merchant houses of Jordaan, a vibrant centre for artists, musicians and antique collectors. View the Rijksmuseum’s Dutch Master collection, including works by Rembrandt, Vermeer and 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 centre.

Delft • Kinderdijk • The Hague
De Juwelen van Zuid-Holland
Prior to your Dutch Waterways cruise, join us on this fascinating Pre-Cruise Option in The Hague, a centre 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. Visit canal-ringed Delft to watch traditional craftspeople create the iconic “Delft Blue” porcelain and in Kinderdijk, tour an 18th-century windmill—a remarkable innovation of Dutch engineering and part of a network that is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Spend two nights in the deluxe, historic Hotel Des Indes.

Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Visit the windmills of UNESCO-inscribed Kinderdijk, where hydraulic installations have existed since the Middle Ages.
**LAND/Cruise Tariff** excluding taxes*  
In U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy

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**RIVER LIFE®** along the DUTCH WATERWAYS reservation form

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**Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:**

1st choice _____ 2nd choice ______

- Double occupancy
- Double occupancy
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**Please make my/our reservation(s):**

- Delft • Kinderdijk • The Hague Pre-Cruise Option
- Delft • Kinderdijk • The Hague Post-Cruise Option
- The Golden Age of Amsterdam Pre-Cruise Option
- The Golden Age of Amsterdam Post-Cruise Option

**Note:** Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

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