

10 DAY THE NETHERLANDS IN BLOOM (WDD)





If you're dreaming of flowers waving and windmills whirling, cobblestones and canals, and delicious Dutch treats, this Avalon cruise through the Netherlands brings it all to life. Sail while Holland is blooming during tulip season to see your visions blossom with history, beauty, and breathtaking natural splendor for the senses. From maritime marvels of a proud fishing tradition of the harbors of the "low countries" to the heights of modern science and engineering from A to Zuiderzee!

10

DAYS



2

COUNTRIES

Netherlands

Belgium

DAY-BY-DAY

ITINERARY

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AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to Holland. Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding.

Flights into Amsterdam must arrive by 3:30 pm.

Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

Your day in Amsterdam is free to explore at your leisure.

You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to beautiful Zaanse Schans to wander through its wonderful collection of well-preserved, historic windmills and Dutch houses.

Enjoy dinner and explore the ship on your first night on board.

EVENING CRUISE TO HOORN



Dinner

While we include your choice of many excursions on your trip, you may wish to explore other options to enhance your free time. Below is a selection of excursions that may be available for purchase on your cruise.

Windmills, Canals & Cheese of The Netherlands

Discover the Netherlands legendary story of land reclaimed from the sea in the stunning Beemster Polder, where windmills stand as they have for centuries amid cheese farms and captivating landscapes

4h 0m

Price Range: \$\$



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HOORN - ENKHUIZEN

Maritime Atmosphere and Vibrant Culture



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Take a Bike Tour with your Avalon Adventure Host to explore this lovely town and discover its typical Dutch atmosphere, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a fascinating Guided Walking Tour through picturesque Hoorn, a bustling base for the Dutch East India Company during the Golden Age.

This afternoon, enjoy leisurely sailing to Enkhuizen.

ENKHUIZEN

Home and Hearth in a Dutch Harbor Town



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided Walking Tour to experience the charm and beauty of this historic harbor village.

Later, enjoy onboard live entertainment.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ENKHUIZEN



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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ENKHUIZEN

Tulips Fields, Flower Farms and the Zuiderzee

Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a guided tour of Zuiderzee Museum to discover cultural traditions and maritime history, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join a Guided Tour of local tulip fields and Dutch flower farms.

This afternoon, enjoy a relaxing afternoon of sailing.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO NIJMEGEN



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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NIJMEGEN

WWII Valor and Climate Research



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Explore the beautiful landscape of lush fields and blue water on a bike ride through The Ooijpolder Nature Reserve, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Tour of Nijmegen—the oldest town in the Netherlands—first built by the Romans more than 2,000 years ago. See the archaeological Roman-era ruins in the city that was also damaged in WWII.

This afternoon, enjoy free time on your own and relax at one of the numerous cafes.

Later enjoy live entertainment on board.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO MAASTRICHT



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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Nijmegen Brewery Tour

Go behind the scenes on a guided tour and tasting in the oldest craft beer brewery in the Netherlands.

2h 0m

Price Range: \$



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MAASTRICHT

Dutch History, School Spirit, and an Architectural Feast

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Discover this vibrant university town with its lovely cathedrals, old houses, and historical buildings, and remarkable cobblestoned town center.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ANTWERP



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Cathedrals, Carats and Crêpes



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Explore Antwerp by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided Tour of this sophisticated city to visit the central Grote Markt, lined with 16th-century guildhall houses. You'll also see the beautiful city hall and the Cathedral of Our Lady with its stunning altarpiece paintings by Rubens.

During free time, you might take time on your own to indulge in Antwerp's signature Belgian waffles and crêpes—or explore this bike-friendly city from its old wharfs to its legendary diamond district.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO WILLEMSTAD



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

Historic Harbor and Dutch Specialties



ACTIVE EXCURSION

See Willemstad by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Walking Tour of Willemstad and discover its many beautifully restored buildings from the 17th and 18th Century.



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Later, enjoy a Cheese Tasting on board as you prepare to sail to Kinderdijk.

KINDERDIJK

Harnessing the Wind for 300 Years



ACTIVE EXCURSION

See the windmills of Kinderdijk by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Tour of Kinderdijk where 19 windmills were built in 1740 as flood prevention and water management. You'll hear about the windmill's vital role in the Netherlands' history and why it became a national symbol of Holland.

This evening, enjoy a quick sailing to Rotterdam.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ROTTERDAM



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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ROTTERDAM

Dutch Treats and Flowers Sweet



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Enjoy Rotterdam by bike with your Adventure Host—cycling in and around is the best way to explore the city, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a full- or half-day Guided Tour of breathtaking Keukenhof—known as the “Garden of Europe”—for its 70 acres of lush parkland, lakes, and the world's largest flower gardens—with more than seven million tulips, daffodils and hyacinths as well as other bulbs, planted each year, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Rotterdam featuring innovative architecture, including the marvelous Erasmus Bridge.



CLASSIC EXCURSION

As an alternative to the full-day tour, you can join an exciting Guided Walking Tour to discover the city of Gouda, famous for its legendary cheese. Join an expert guide to explore some of the 330 historic buildings and monuments that make up this showcase of medieval architecture.

Before dinner, enjoy a cruise through Rotterdam harbor.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO AMSTERDAM



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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AMSTERDAM

Canals of Captivating Amsterdam



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Start your day joining your Adventure Host on a morning walk in Amsterdam, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age."

This afternoon, choose among the Guided Optional Excursions available, or take some free time to explore Amsterdam's vibrant streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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Medieval Muiderslot Castle

From Golden Age paintings to 13th-century arms and armor, discover the wonders of Muiderslot Castle, one of Holland's most beautiful medieval castle fortresses, on this captivating half-day guided tour.

4h 0m

Price Range: \$\$



Bites & Highlights of Amsterdam

Discover Amsterdam's charming Jordaan district, and taste the authentic foods the locals know and love on this enjoyable guided foodie walking tour.

3h 30m

Price Range: \$\$\$



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AMSTERDAM (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.



Breakfast

NOTES

- In the event of technical or water level issues, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or alter the program, including hotel overnight when necessary.
- Guided Tours, Optional Excursions, activities, sailing and docking schedules may be contingent on weather conditions or other issues outside of our control and could therefore be subject to change at any time.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.

HAND-PICKED

HOTELS

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

Amsterdam



Westcord Jakarta

Javakade 766



WiFi



SuperiorFirst-Class Hotel as shown or similar

A unique sustainable hotel in Amsterdam, where two worlds connect. At the former location where ships left for Jakarta, lies a green oasis in the centre of the city. Hotel offers 200 luxurious rooms with a Indonesian influenced style. Enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner at Café Jakarta or get a drink at the Malabar. Be pampered in luxury and relax in our wellness and swimming pool with views towards the river IJ.

Hotel Amenities

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| • Spa Services | • Fitness Room |
| • Elevator | • Laundry Available |
| • Concierge Desk | • Restaurant On-Site |
| • Free WiFi | • Luggage Storage |
| • Beauty Salon | • Pool |
| • Bar/Lounge | • Parking/Valet |

Room Features

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| • Complimentary Newspaper | • Coffee Maker |
| • Non-Smoking Rooms | • Desk |
| • Voicemail | • Phone |
| • Television | • Hair Dryer |
| • Mini-Bar | • Iron/Ironing Board |
| • In-Room Safe | • Room Service |
| • Wake-Up Calls | • Window Opens |
| • Alarm Clock | • Internet Access |
| • Pay Movies | • Cable/Satellite |
| • Air Conditioning (Seasonal) | • Climate Control |
| • Disabled Access / Rooms | • Complimentary Toiletries |
| • Air Conditioning | |