Grand Circle Travel welcomes The Osher Institute @ the University of Richmond to

**Holland & Belgium in Springtime**

**Belgium:** Antwerp, Ghent • **The Netherlands:** Veere, Kinderdijk, Rotterdam, Arnhem, Enkhuizen, Amsterdam

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**IT’S INCLUDED**

- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- **Accommodations** for 10 nights aboard a private river ship with wireless Internet access in all common areas and cabins
- **29 meals:** Daily breakfasts, 10 lunches, 10 dinners—plus all onboard house beer, wine, and soft drinks
- **10 included tours** with personal headsets and 3 exclusive Discovery Series events—Home-Hosted Op de Koffie • Tulip farm visit • Operation Market Garden discussion
- **Local Program Directors, a Grand Circle Cruise Line exclusive:** These dedicated experts are with you and your group of 38-45 travelers from beginning to end to provide insider’s knowledge and the perspective that will enrich your experience
- **Gratuities** for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- All port charges
- **Baggage handling** for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- **5% Frequent Traveler Credit** toward your next Grand Circle vacation—an average of $207

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**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

- **Bruges, Belgium**
  - 3-night pre-trip from $745
- **Amsterdam, the Netherlands**
  - 3-night post-trip from $895

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**PLEASE MENTION THIS CODE WHEN BOOKING**

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Reservations & Information **800-221-2610**

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Group Size
• This trip has a group size of 38-45 travelers

Pacing
• 11 days, with 10 nights aboard a private river ship

Physical Requirements
• Walk 2 miles unassisted and participate in 2-3 hours of physical activities each day, including stairs
• Agility and balance for boarding Amsterdam’s canal boats
• Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
• Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion
• We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group’s experience

Terrain & Transportation
• Uneven walking surfaces, including unpaved paths, hills, stairs, and cobblestones
• Travel by 140- to 162-passenger river ship, 47-seat coach, and canal boat
• Changes in water-level depths may require adjustments to your itinerary, including the Amsterdam canal cruise

Climate
• Spring daytime temperatures range from 48-70°F
• March weather can be unpredictable and change quickly
• Brisk breezes should be anticipated in Holland

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 Depart U.S.

DAY 2 Brussels, Belgium • Antwerp • Embark ship
Arrive in Brussels, where you’ll be met at the airport and assisted with the transfer to your ship in Antwerp. After some free time, you’ll meet up with your Program Directors, and those travelers who took the pre-trip extension to Bruges, Belgium for a Port Talk and dinner onboard.
D—River Ship

DAY 3 Antwerp
Explore Belgium’s second-largest city, famous for its 16th-century architecture, on a walking tour. Its centerpiece is the stunning Gothic Antwerp Cathedral, dating to the 14th century and adorned with paintings by the Flemish master Peter Paul Rubens.
The afternoon is yours. This evening, as you cruise, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Drink followed by your Captain’s Welcome Dinner.
B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 4 Ghent
Explore one of Belgium’s oldest cities, Ghent, “the Jewel of Flanders,” on a morning walking tour that will immerse you in its rich history. Medieval and Renaissance buildings tell the story of city’s past reign as a textile capital from the eleventh century onward, both more populous and wealthier than London for several centuries.
Continue discovering Ghent on your own this afternoon.
B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 5 Veere, the Netherlands • Optional Delta Works tour • Rotterdam
Arrive in the Netherlands this morning to visit the picturesque, artist-friendly village of Veere during a walking tour followed by a bit of time to continue exploring on your own.
Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Or, join an optional excursion to the Delta Works, an engineering marvel designed to protect the Netherlands from destructive North Sea floods.
B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 6 Kinderdijk • Optional Delft Porcelain Factory Tour and Market Visit • Rotterdam
Spend the morning in Kinderdijk, discovering its famed 19 windmills. These well-preserved, historic structures became protected by UNESCO in 1997. Make sure to take note of the Blokker Windmill, which is supported in part by Grand Circle Foundation.
Stroll around the site, with plenty of time to take photos of these nostalgic, yet pragmatic creations.
Embark the ship for a short cruise to Rotterdam—setting off after lunch for a walking tour of the city, which was almost completely destroyed during World War II. The reconstructed city is now known for its crisp, modern architecture.
Enjoy free time this afternoon, or join an optional tour to the famous Delft porcelain factory.
B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 7 Arnhem • Operation Market Garden discussion • Optional Van Gogh’s Surroundings tour
One of the oldest cities in the Netherlands, Arnhem played a
significant role in the Allies’ Operation Market Garden. You’ll hear more about this ill-fated maneuver this morning, which was an attempt to bring the war to an earlier end, in an onboard **Exclusive Discovery Series** event after breakfast.

Later this morning, set across the banks of both the Nederrijn and Sin-Jansbeek rivers for a morning walking tour of Arnhem. In the time since Operation Market Garden, the city has reemerged as a lively cultural center with an eye for fashion and design. Following your tour, enjoy lunch onboard your river ship, and free time to explore this charming city independently.

Or, choose to join our optional tour, *Van Gogh’s Surroundings*. Walk in the footsteps of the famous Dutch Impressionist painter during a visit to the town of Nuenen, where you’ll see the pastoral sights that inspired Vincent Van Gogh—such as the iconic Watermill of Opwetten. You’ll also have the opportunity to visit Nuenen’s new Vincentre—a museum dedicated to the works and life of Van Gogh.

**B,L,D—River Ship**

**DAY 8 Enkhuizen**

Today’s discoveries include a walking tour of medieval Enkhuizen, and following lunch onboard, a visit to the Zuiderzee Museum, an open-air complex that depicts life in this region in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

**B,L,D—River Ship**

**DAY 9 Enkhuizen • Home-Hosted Op de Koffie • Amsterdam**

This morning, enjoy a special **Exclusive Discovery Series** Home-Hosted *Op de Koffie* with a local family, during which you can share stories over coffee and cake.

Return to your ship and enjoy lunch as you set sail for Amsterdam. Upon arrival, take part in a vicinity walk.

**B,L,D—River Ship**

**DAY 10 Optional Aalsmeer Flower Auction excursion • Amsterdam**

Early this morning, you can choose to immerse yourself in the spectacle of the Aalsmeer Flower Auction (the world’s largest) during an optional outing.

Then, get acquainted with the Netherlands’ capital this morning on an Amsterdam canal cruise. While traversing these 400-year-old canals—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—you’ll view such landmarks as the 17th-century Royal Palace and the Mint Tower, which has retained its name even though gold and silver coins were minted here for only a couple of years.

The rest of the day is yours to continue exploring Amsterdam on your own.

**B,L,D—River Ship**

**DAY 11 Amsterdam • Keukenhof Flower Park • Tulip farm visit • Captain’s Farewell Dinner**

Set in the heart of the western Netherlands’ tulip-growing region, you’ll have the opportunity to stroll through the park’s 70 acres of lovely, tree-shaded grounds with ponds, winding paths, streams, and fountains, and enjoy boxed lunch on site.

Continue in the springtime spirit with an **Exclusive Discovery Series** visit a local tulip farm to learn how modern-day farmers prepare the tulips to be picked and sold.

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for your Captain’s Farewell Dinner.

**Please note:** Weather conditions and seasonal fluctuations may affect flower-blooming season. The lush blooming of the park and farm usually peaks in mid-April. Not all blooms will be visible in March and May.

**B,L,D—River Ship**

**DAY 12 Amsterdam • Disembark ship • Return to U.S.**

Disembark the ship this morning and transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or, experience more of this region on our optional Amsterdam, the Netherlands or Berlin, Germany extensions.

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**EXPAND YOUR DISCOVERIES WITH THESE OPTIONAL TOURS**

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**Please note:** The Aalsmeer Flower Auction is only open on weekdays, so the day of your visit may vary.
**IT'S INCLUDED**

- Accommodations for 3 nights
- All breakfasts
- Included tour: Bruges
- Dedicated services of a local Program Director
- Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- All transfers

**FEATURED HOTEL**

Grand Hotel Casselbergh Bruges • Bruges Belgium

First Class

Situated in Bruges' Old Town, Grand Hotel features a library, wellness center with sauna and steam room, and a cozy bar and lounge. Each air-conditioned room includes a flat-screen TV, coffee- and tea-making facilities, and a spacious private bath with hair dryer.

**ITINERARY**

**DAY 1 Depart U.S.**

**DAY 2 Brussels, Belgium • Bruges**

You’ll be met at the airport and assisted to your hotel. Later, enjoy a Welcome Drink with your fellow travelers.

Grand Hotel Casselbergh Bruges or similar

**DAY 3 Bruges**

Enjoy a guided tour of Bruges, where you’ll visit the historic city center and the city’s two interlocking central squares, the Markt and the Burg. Then enjoy a boat ride through its narrow canals and a visit to a lace shop. The afternoon and evening are at leisure.

B—Grand Hotel Casselbergh Bruges or similar

**DAY 4 Bruges • Optional Flanders Fields tour**

After a free morning, join an optional Flanders Fields tour that includes dinner. You’ll visit Ypres, the site of three great battles of World War I, and the World War I Memorial Museum.

OPTIONAL TOUR: $130 per person

B—Grand Hotel Casselbergh Bruges or similar

**DAY 5 Bruges • Optional Scenic Belgium tour • Antwerp**

The day is yours in Bruges. Or, join an optional half-day tour of Scenic Belgium, visiting Raversijde, taking a scenic drive to the seaside town of Damme, and returning to Bruges via boat. Later, meet your fellow travelers and begin your Holland & Belgium in Springtime River Cruise.

Please note: Visit to Damme and boat ride is not available on trips departing before April 1. Instead, travelers will sample artisanal beers during a visit to a local craft brewery.

OPTIONAL TOUR: $85 per person

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This extension may not be available on all departures. Additional taxes and fees apply. Ask your Travel Counselor for details. Bruges is a pre-trip extension on the Antwerp to Amsterdam itinerary and a post-trip extension on the Amsterdam to Antwerp itinerary.
POST-TRIP EXTENSION
Amsterdam, the Netherlands

3 nights from $895
FREE Single Supplement

IT’S INCLUDED
Accommodations for 3 nights
Daily breakfasts, 2 dinners
Included tours: Zaanse Schans • Haarlem
Dedicated services of a local Program Director
Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers
All transfers

FEATURED HOTEL
DoubleTree by Hilton Amsterdam • Amsterdam the Netherlands
Superior First Class
The DoubleTree by Hilton Amsterdam hotel is located in the historic heart of the city in close proximity to many shops, museums, and other local attractions. Hotel amenities include a fitness center, bar, and restaurant, while each of its air-conditioned guest rooms features an in-room safe, TV, wireless internet, coffee- and tea-making facilities, and an en suite bathroom with hairdryer.
Select departures feature similar accommodations.

Watch our extension video at www.gct.com/shh-amsterdam

ITINERARY

DAY 1 Amsterdam, the Netherlands • Haarlem
This morning, enjoy an included tour of nearby Haarlem on which you’ll discover the city’s rich history and notable sights like the 14th-century City Hall and Amsterdamse Poort.
Upon returning, the rest of the day is yours in Amsterdam.
D—DoubleTree by Hilton Amsterdam or similar

DAY 2 Amsterdam • Optional Volendam tour
After breakfast, enjoy a comprehensive city tour of Amsterdam by public transportation.
This afternoon, join an optional Volendam tour to witness traditional Dutch life as it is today. Begin in the fishing village of Volendam. Then take a ferry to Marken to see its clusters of wooden cottages.
OPTIONAL TOUR: $55 per person
B—DoubleTree by Hilton Amsterdam or similar

DAY 3 Amsterdam • Farewell Dinner
Today, enjoy making discoveries on your own in Amsterdam. In the evening, toast your Dutch discoveries over a Farewell Dinner.
B,D—DoubleTree by Hilton Amsterdam or similar

DAY 4 Amsterdam • Return to U.S.
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Holland & Belgium in Springtime

**Good Buy Plan**
The earlier you pay, the more you save

Here’s how you’ll save with our exclusive Good Buy Plan:

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Good Buy Plan savings is calculated based on total reservation cost.

For more information, visit [www.gct.com/gbd](http://www.gct.com/gbd)

**Deposit:** $350 per person.

**Single Supplement:** $995. **Single accommodations are limited.** To avoid the single supplement, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

**Depart from:** Richmond, VA

**April 2020**

$1000

Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

**Reservations & Information:**
800-221-2610

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