

# Holland & Belgium in the Spring

March 31-April 9, 2026



**In the Netherlands, flowers are a way of life. This Tauck cruise offers a kaleidoscope of colorful images...walking tours & bicycle rides...seasonal pageantry of floral color in Keukenhof Gardens...Kinderdijk windmills...private dinner at the Hague's Mauritshuis Museum, and of course, chocolates in Belgium.**

**DAYS 1-2 – DEPART FOR AMSTERDAM** | Upon arrival in Amsterdam, a transfer is included from the airport to our Tauck riverboat. After settling in your cabin, attend a briefing before a welcome reception & dinner with Dutch entertainment aboard the riverboat. (Meals: D).



**DAY 3 – EXPLORE AMSTERDAM** | Disembark for a guided canal boat cruise along the 17<sup>th</sup> century canals of the city. The three main canals, dug during the Dutch Golden Age, form concentric belts around the city. The cruise ends with a tour of the **Rijksmuseum** to see works by the Old Masters, including Rembrandt, Vermeer, & Van Gogh. **Alternatively**, you can choose to enjoy a full day in the Dutch countryside, with a guided tour of a tulip nursery. Then enjoy free time in Amsterdam to explore sights as you wish. (Meals: B/L/D)

**DAY 4 – ENKHUIZEN** | Once the most important port cities in the Netherlands, **Enkhuizen** retains much of its quaint charm & provides a clear window into its maritime history. Acquaint yourself with the history with a guided visit of the **Zuiderzee Museum**, devoted to preserving the cultural heritage & maritime history of the old Zuiderzee region. After lunch aboard the ship, we set off on a **choice of excursions**: 1) Schooner cruise on **IJsselmeer Lake**, where you take part in running the 100-year old sailboat, **OR 2)** Enjoy free time to explore **Enkhuizen**. (Meals: B/L/D)

**DAY 5 – KEUKENHOF GARDENS & THE HAGUE** | Enjoy an excursion to **Keukenhof Gardens** in Lisse, the home of famous show gardens with millions of tulips, daffodils, & hyacinths in various stages of bloom. Today **make your choice of**: 1) Explore the illustrious gardens on foot; **OR 2)** Take a bike ride around the outside of the gardens finishing with a bit of time to walk the gardens. After lunch ashore, return to the riverboat for an afternoon cruise. This evening we travel to **The Hague** for an evening featuring dinner, live music, & a tour showcasing Dutch Golden Age paintings at the renowned **Mauritshuis Museum**, including Rembrandt & Vermeer. (Meals: B/L/D)

**DAY 6 – KINDERDIJK'S WINDMILLS & DORDRECHT** | At the Dutch village of **Kinderdijk**, original 18<sup>th</sup> century windmills—preserved as a UNESCO World Heritage Site—create an iconic polderscape that's better than any picture-postcard & can be enjoyed during a boat cruise. There's no other place in the world where you can see so many historic windmills in an authentic setting & discover how they work inside & out. **Alternately**, you can choose a bicycling excursion amidst the windmills. Afterwards we cruise to the nearby historic island city of **Dordrecht**. The city's charming harbor district preserves many historic warehouses, merchants mansions, & quays and its role as a major port city from the 15th to (Continued on reverse side)



*Girl with the Pearl Earring*  
By Johannes Vermeer (1665)

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(Continued from reverse side) ...18<sup>th</sup> centuries. After a walking tour of the city's medieval inner city, we return to the ship for dinner & evening activities as we sail to Belgium. (Meals: B/L/D)

**DAY 7 – ROTTERDAM** | Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city in the Netherlands, a centuries-old seaport. After most of Rotterdam was obliterated during WWII, the city rose from ashes to become a thriving commercial & transportation center; renowned for its cutting-edge architecture & cultural life, 21<sup>st</sup>

century Rotterdam has been called the “Gateway to Europe.” **Chose to explore** the city's stunning **Market Hall** & its contemporary culinary culture on a food-focused walking tour, **OR** visit the **Royal Delft Museum**, the pottery factory where generations of craftsmen have made Delft Blue pottery by hand since 1653 for a painting workshop with master painters, including high tea. Lunch today is aboard the riverboat followed by time to explore Rotterdam at your leisure before departing for Dordrecht. (Meals: B/L/D)

**DAY 8 – CHOICE OF EXCURSIONS IN GHENT OR BRUGES** | One choice brings you to the Flemish city of **Bruges**, known as “the Venice of the North,” for its canals & medieval streets; Have lunch in town. On your walking tour you'll feel like you've walked into a Jan Van Eyck painting, who captured the city during its heyday in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. The hike up the stairs of the medieval bell tower is well worth the effort, for the wonderful panoramic views. The other choice is another Flemish city, **Ghent**. The cobblestoned town center feels like an outdoor museum of early Flemish architecture. Think about climbing to the top of the 14<sup>th</sup> century belfry for the view, a visual feast of castles, churches, & historic merchants' houses. Try a local specialty, Ghent noses, or a traditional raspberry candy. Dinner onboard tonight as we sail to Antwerp. (Meals: B/L/D)



**DAY 9 – ANTWERP** | Arrive in the capital of the Belgian province of Flanders. Take an orientation tour and a guided walk through the city's historic center. Stroll through the old market square & restored merchants' houses that harken back to the days of 16<sup>th</sup> century Age of Exploration when Antwerp was the richest city in Europe. After lunch aboard the ship, you'll have free time to explore more of Antwerp on a choice of excursions. **Option 1** offers a visit to the **Red Star Line Museum**, sharing stories of the over two million passengers who traveled to America on Red Star Line ships. **Option 2** is a history lesson & beer tasting at one of the city's local breweries. Dinner aboard our ship tonight. (Meals: B/L/D)

**DAY 10 – RETURN HOME** | Disembark the riverboat & transfer to Brussels Airport. (Meals: B)

#### **COST FOR ACMC MEMBERS (Nonmembers Add 15%)**

**DOUBLE:** Category 4 (183 ft<sup>2</sup>) = \$6,865pp | Cat. 5 (183 ft<sup>2</sup>) = \$7,490pp | Cat. 6 (225 ft<sup>2</sup>) = \$7,790pp

**SINGLE:** Category 1 (150 ft<sup>2</sup>) = \$5,690pp (Only 4 cabins available)

**Guest Protection Insurance = \$799pp** (Must be purchased at registration to be in effect)

**Register with \$900 deposit by September 25, 2025. Final payment due November 21, 2025.**

**Cost includes:** Airport transfers, 23 meals (8B/7L/8D), cruise fare port charges, gratuities to Tauck Director, local guides & drivers. Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship & Tauck's private shore excursions.

**Not Included:** Airfare & incidental expenses.

**NOTE FOR ALL ARTOURS:** You should be in good physical condition to fully enjoy our tours. The Arts Council cannot provide individual assistance during the tours and therefore reserves the right to decline anyone who has a physical condition that could create a hazard to him/herself or could impact the enjoyment of other travelers on the tour.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** 35% of the total cost will be withheld for cancellation after registration deadline on **ALL** ARTours. **NO** refunds after advertised full payment deadline unless substitute traveler is found—at which time transfer fees, if applicable, will be withheld. Trip cancellation insurance is available upon request & must be purchased at registration.

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