

Pennsylvania Garden Federation



Holland & Belgium Springtime River Cruise

April 18 - April 29, 2022

HIGHLIGHTS...

Escorted tour by George Weigel, Amsterdam, 7-Night River Cruise, Keukenhof Gardens, Arnhem, Middelburg, Bruges, Ghent, Antwerp, Kinderdijk Windmills, 2 days at the Floriade Expo 2022, Aalsmeer Flower Market, Hortus Botanicus.

**12 Days—26 Meals
10 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 8 Dinners**

Day 1: Monday, April 18, 2022 Overnight Flight Savor springtime in Holland and Belgium with a cruise that highlights the blooming Dutch tulip fields. Relax as you make your way along seemingly endless fields of vibrant flowers and iconic windmills.

Day 2: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 Amsterdam, Netherlands - Board Ship - Tour Begins Your journey opens in Amsterdam, the 800-year-old capital of the Netherlands, where you will board your ship. Your home for the next 7 nights, this beautifully appointed vessel has all the modern amenities you could need, such as the newest technology, a panoramic deck, panorama bar, outstanding service, and delicious cuisine and wine with every dinner. Tonight, enjoy a cocktail overlooking the city skyline before you're welcomed aboard with a lovely dinner and an engaging Dutch folklore show. (D)

Day 3: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 Amsterdam - Keukenhof Gardens See Amsterdam the way it's truly meant to be seen – by canal. On your private boat, cruise under sloping bridges and pass by quintessential Dutch houses. Then, explore the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, featuring acres of tranquil ponds, shaded paths, and more than 7 million tulips and other flowers on exhibit. Enjoy dinner back onboard as the ship cruises on. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Thursday, April 21, 2022 Arnhem - Arrive in Arnhem, the favorite summer retreat of the Dutch royal family. With a full day to explore, perhaps you'll wander through one of the city's many parks or delve into the local history at a WWII museum. This evening, pass by lovely Dutch scenery as your journey continues. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Friday, April 22, 2022 Middelburg - Spend time in Middelburg, the capital of the Dutch province of Zeeland. Walk through the twisting lanes and take in the city's relaxed atmosphere on your own. See how the local trading legacy remains in the architecture; passing by timeless brick houses, a Gothic town hall, and medieval towers. Consider taking an optional excursion to the Delta Works Project, an engineering feat designed to protect the land from flooding. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Saturday, April 23, 2022 Bruges, Belgium - Ghent Say hello to Belgium in two of the country's oldest cities. Start your Belgian journey in the fairytale town of Bruges. Step back in time during a leisurely walking tour featuring cozy town squares and medieval dwellings. This afternoon, take time to independently discover the historic city of Ghent. Perhaps you will join an optional sightseeing tour that includes St. Bavo Cathedral and its 54 carillon bells. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Sunday, April 24, 2022 Antwerp Join a local expert in Antwerp for a city tour that explores its rich history and Gothic and Baroque architecture. Enjoy a free afternoon to prepare for the elegant Captain's Gala Dinner, immediately followed by an evening of dancing. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Monday, April 25, 2022 Kinderdijk, Netherlands - Floriade Stop in Kinderdijk (UNESCO), to walk among Holland's storied windmills. Spend the rest of the day at Floriade, a once-in-a-decade event that celebrates horticulture on an epic scale. The expo's sprawling grounds are teeming with vibrant color and countless shades of green. Explore the grounds and discover the role that living flora and fauna play in our modern world. Return to the ship and toast to the end of your cruise journey at a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 Amsterdam - Disembark your ship today and then spend some more time at Floriade. Late afternoon, check into your hotel for a relaxing 3-night stay in Amsterdam and then spend your evening at your leisure. (B)

Hotel: Eden Hotel, Amsterdam 3 nights.

Day 10: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 Amsterdam -This morning, visit Aalsmeer Flower Market. Learn about the auction process and the logistics that go into the world's largest flower auction. This afternoon, visit a working bulb farm and spend some time learning about the farming process. (B)

Day 11: Thursday, April 28, 2022 Amsterdam - Spend some time at leisure this morning. Perhaps you'll choose to visit the Van Gogh Museum* which houses the largest collection of Vincent Van Gogh's artwork, or explore the Anne Frank House,* a museum dedicated to the memory of the young diarist who documented her time in hiding during WWII. This afternoon, visit Amsterdam's ancient botanic garden, Hortus Botanicus. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner. (B,D)

**The Van Gogh Museum and the Anne Frank House are the two most popular sites in Amsterdam. Tickets are in high demand and are difficult to obtain on the day, or close to the day of visit. If you are interested, we recommend that you purchase tickets online in advance through the museums' official websites.*

Day 12: Friday, April 29, 2022 Amsterdam -Bid Amsterdam farewell as your tour comes to a close today. Fly home. (B)

Accommodations:

MS Amadeus Brilliant. This is the ship which was recently renovated in 2020.

<https://www.lueftner-cruises.com/en/our-amadeus-fleet/ms-amadeus-brilliant.html>

Eden Hotel, Amsterdam is our land hotel. <https://www.edenhotellamsterdam.com/en/>

COST:

Inside Cabin \$4,999 per person Double Occupancy

Middle Cabin \$5,399 per person Double Occupancy

Upper Outside Cabin \$6,199 per person Double Occupancy

Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis.

Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Airborne Museum

\$90 USD

Drive through the city of Arnhem, best known for the WWII operation "Market Garden." The British First Airborne Division was given the task of securing the main bridge in Arnhem in order to help Allied troops advance into Northern Germany. Drive past the landmarks from this famous battle, continuing on to the Airborne Museum in Oosterbeek. The museum contains numerous displays and exhibits, which recount in detail the events of the battle including an impressive collection of weapons, uniforms and documents from the battle and the period. This option is only available until 15 days prior to departure. After this time, the option may be purchased once you are on board the cruise ship directly from the cruise line. This option operates at the same time as the Arnhem Open Air Museum option. Duration: Approximately 4.5 hours. Please note a minimum of 20 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Masters & Modern Art at the Kröller Müller Museum

\$100 USD

Art lovers will find a wide range of works to peruse at the Kröller Müller museum. Boasting the world's second largest Van Gogh collection, you'll see famous works like Café Terrace at Night among many others. In addition to Van Gogh artwork, the museum also features works by contemporaries of his time like Claude Monet, Georges-Pierre Seurat, and Pablo Picasso; as well as a modern sculpture garden with a seasonal art rotation on its sprawling 60-acre grounds. This option is only available until 15 days prior to departure. After this time, the option may be purchased once you are on board the cruise ship directly from the cruise line. This option operates at the same time as the Airborne Museum option. Duration: Approximately 4.5 hours. Please note a minimum of 20 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Ghent City Tour

\$65 USD

Visit one of Belgium's most attractive cities with its rich heritage of medieval buildings. You can see the "Castle of the Counts of Flanders" or the so called "Gravensteen," built in the 12th century by one of the counts upon his return from the Crusades. You will visit the St. Bavo Cathedral, housing a wealth of art treasures, including the tombs of some Ghent bishops; the "Conversion of St. Bavo" by Peter Paul Rubens; and the world famous multi-section "The Mystic Lamb," painted by the brothers Hubert and Jan Van Eyck. You will then finish your tour with a walk through the town center to admire its belfry tower and 54 bells. This option is only available until 15 days prior to departure. After this time, the option may be purchased once you are onboard the cruise ship directly from the cruise line. Duration: Approximately 3 hours. Please note a minimum of 20 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Deltaworks and City Tour of Veere

\$125 USD

Travel to the Delta Works Project located at Neeltje Jans. This is an amazing example of how the Dutch have truly tamed the environment in which they live. Here you will see and learn about the storm surge barrier that is part of the Delta Works that was started after the 1953 flood which killed many people and inundated much of the province of Zeeland. The storm surge barrier was the final phase of this project which is considered one of the engineering marvels of the world. Afterwards make a stop in the lovely town of Veere, which was a very prosperous trading port in the Middle Ages due to the wool trade with Scotland. Today, Veere is a favorite spot for visitors as it is one of the most picturesque towns in the area. This option is only available until 15 days prior to departure. After this time, it may be purchased once you are onboard the cruise ship directly from the cruise line. Due to the nature of this optional item, once purchased it will be non-refundable. Duration: Approximately 4 hours. Please note a minimum of 20 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

PLEASE NOTE:

Smart casual wear is recommended throughout the trip. For the welcome and farewell dinners, a dinner dress for the ladies and jacket and tie for the gentlemen is recommended. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended throughout the tour.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 1. This means you're a leisurely traveler. You like to discover the energy of a new place, but typically take it easy. You can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk for 15-30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.

The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance.

A deposit of \$800 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of August 12, 2021 are based upon availability. Final payment due by December 19, 2021. Deposits are refundable up until August 19, 2021.

Book Now rates valid until August 12, 2021, valid on air inclusive packages only.

Air is included from Washington Dulles airport.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective immediately and until further notice, all guests will be required to bring one of the following: proof of vaccination (official vaccination certificate in paper or electronic form), proof of recovery from COVID-19 or a negative test result (FDA Approved diagnostic) for a test performed 72-hours or less from the start date of the tour with you on tour to verify information you will be providing to Collette when filling out the Wellness Declaration upon arrival.

This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the tour; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions.

Coffee or tea is included with all meals. Wine, beer and soft drinks are included with every dinner.

Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waitstaff on board the ship are not included and are at your discretion. Gratuities for tour manager, bus drivers, local guides, hotel maids are not included.

Cabins are available on lower (Hadyen), middle (Strauss) and upper (Mozart) decks. Please note that river cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Please inquire through our Client Care Center for any upgrade fees which will apply for different cabin categories.

Suites (Amadeus Suites) and singles are available on a very limited basis. Suites are not available to guests traveling as singles.

Triple and child accommodations are not available.

TRAVEL DATE: 4/18/2022 TERRITORY: E9 Holland & Belgium Springtime River Cruise featuring the Floriade Expo 2022
RES#: 1050602

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Lowee's Group Tours, PO Box 6658, Harrisburg, PA 17112

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) **as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.**

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: (month/day/year) _____ Date of Issuance: (month/day/year) _____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____ Citizenship: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: _____

ROOMING WITH: Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: Washington, Dulles

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge. "Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$449 () No, I decline

Optional but highly recommend cancel for any reason travel insurance. If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

CABIN PREFERENCE:

Please Number Your Choices from 1 to 3. (1 being your top choice)

() Lower Outside \$4,999pp Dbl. Occ. () Upper Outside \$6,199pp Dbl. Occ. () Middle Outside \$5,399pp Dbl. Occ.

We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. It is suggested that you indicate your first, second and third choice of cabin categories. If requested cabin category is not available, the next available category will be offered and the supplemental amount will be added or deducted.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lowee's Group Tours () Check () Credit Card

Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ _____ Deposit Amount: \$ _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Cardholder Name (if paying by Credit Card): _____

Cardholder Billing Address: Check if address is the same as above _____

Cardholder Phone: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CID _____

SIGNATURE REQUIRED for acceptance of the below conditions and agreement to credit card use:

Date: _____

I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation policy, terms and conditions. See <http://www.gocollette.com/about-collette/terms-and-conditions> for full terms and conditions of your purchase.

Important Conditions: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees.