



Waterways of Holland and Belgium

A longer itinerary so you can relax and experience
new destinations and attractions

April 25 - May 10, 2011



Our favourite and most repeated river cruise continues to improve. 2011 brings a longer itinerary with fabulous new villages and towns to discover. Guests always remark on the casual pace, friendly local people and exceptional destinations. Spring comes early to the Netherlands, with tulips in full bloom much sooner than in Canada, so we go early. Interestingly, many local Dutch people tell us we see more of their country than they have!

Day 1 • Depart for Europe

We greet you at the Toronto airport and assist you with your check in. Meet your fellow travellers and board your flight to Europe.

Day 2 • Welcome aboard

On arrival, enjoy a scenic drive to meet the *Da Vinci*. In Nijmegen, enjoy a free afternoon to relax or stroll the quiet streets of this 2006 year old city.

Overnight Roermond

Day 3 • Maastricht, birth of the E.U.

Today you can cruise on board or tour Maastricht, known for its history, culture, local folklore and Education. Fittingly, the Maastricht Treaty was signed here in 1992 which created the European Union.

Overnight Maastricht

Day 4 • Brussels, one thousand years old & capital of the Kingdom of Belgium

Delight in a scenic cruise to see the famous caves along the Maas River. This afternoon join our local guides, Heleen and Jose as we tour Brussels, home of the European Commission. Free time is vital here to explore at your leisure. Heleen and Jose take us on a walking tour through the quaint avenues to the 'Grand Place,' possibly Europe's most beautiful Market Square. Don't forget to taste the chocolates!

Overnight Antwerp

Day 5 • Antwerp and the masterpieces of Rubens

Heleen and Jose guide us through this beautiful city. Discover the works of Rubens in the Cathedral of our Lady. Free time also allows you to explore at your leisure. Don't forget to try the local beer!

Overnight Antwerp

Day 6 • Medieval Bruges, 'Venice of the North'

Bruges may well be one of Belgium's crown jewels. Quietly abandoned for centuries, its medieval history has been preserved better than anywhere else in Europe. Join Heleen and Jose for a walking tour of one of the Van Dyke's favourite places.

Overnight Vlissingen

Day 7 • Europe's loveliest town hall, Middelburg

We tour the island of Walcharen and visit Westkapelle with its ancient lighthouse. Middelburg, the capital of Zeeland, boasts one of the most beautiful town halls in Europe. Jose and Heleen immerse us in the unique culture of this town during our walking tour. Later, enjoy a scenic cruise to Veere, arriving in time to explore.

Overnight Veere

Day 8 • Delta Expo, masters of engineering

The *Da Vinci* arrives at the Delta Expo this morning for our tour. The Delta Works remains one of the most significant and largest engineering accomplishments in the world. During lunch enjoy a scenic cruise to the picturesque town of Zierikzee and enjoy a walking tour with Jose and Heleen.

Overnight Zierikzee

Day 9 • Syrup Waffles in Gouda

Enjoy the Royal city of Den Haag followed by a very special Dutch lunch in a picturesque, famous setting. We visit Madurodam, the Netherlands in miniature and rejoin the *Da Vinci* in Gouda. Delight in a lovely walking tour this evening.

Overnight Gouda

Day 10 • Stunning Keukenhof Gardens

This morning we visit the most beautiful garden in Europe, Keukenhof. This splendid garden delights all who visit. This afternoon enjoy time in Gouda to discover the famous waffles and candles. A very scenic cruise takes us to Schoonhoven this evening.

Overnight Schoonhoven

Day 11 • Rembrandt and Van Gogh in Amsterdam

Enjoy a full day in the heart of Amsterdam. Our morning canal cruise gives you a unique introduction to this incredible city. This afternoon and evening are free for you to explore.

Overnight Amsterdam

Day 12 • Medieval city of Hoorn

We enter the IJsselmeer this morning as we sail to Volendam. Enjoy ample time to experience this shoppers paradise! We cruise to Hoorn for a walking tour. During dinner we cruise to Enkhuizen. Enjoy an evening walking tour of this lovely village.

Overnight Enkhuizen

Day 13 • Sneek, Freisian Lakes and Kampen

We cruise further north to the Sneek, known as one of the eleven cities of the worlds longest speed skating competition. We cruise the Freisian Lakes this afternoon and arrive in the historic city of Kampen. Enjoy free time to explore.

Overnight Kampen

Day 14 • Zutphen and Doesburg

We cruise down the IJssel to Zutphen, a gorgeous eleventh century Hanseatic city. Heleen and Jose tour the city with us before cruising to the historic city of Doesburg where Jeremy and Erica were married.

Overnight Doesburg

Day 15 • Arnhem

Our morning cruise takes us to Arnhem, a city made famous during WWII and its infamous battle of Market Garden. Guests can visit the Airborne Museum, city zoo or the open air museum.

Overnight Arnhem

Day 16 • Tot Ziens

We say “tot ziens” to our new friends on the *Da Vinci* and make our way to the airport for our flights home.

Included highlights

14 night cruise aboard the *Da Vinci*

Guided excursion or visit to Nijmegen, Maastricht, Antwerp & the masterpieces of Rubeens, Brussels and the Grand Place • Medieval Bruges, 'Venice of the North,' • Europe's loveliest Town hall in Middelburg Storm Surge Barrier, at the Delta Works project • Syrup waffles in Gouda • Stunning Keukenhof Gardens Canal cruise & free time in Amsterdam • Medieval city of Hoorn • Historic city of Kampen • Sneek Cruising the Freisian Lakes • Zutphen and Doesburg

Meals – All, including day tours on land, except lunch last day at airport

All information contained in this itinerary is correct at time of printing and is subject to the terms and conditions as listed on our web site at www.jerryvandyke.com or available from our office on request. We must reserve the ability to make improvements.

Canadian dollars per Guest

	Twin	Single
Upper Deck	\$7 840	\$10 250
Lower Deck	\$7 590	\$9 750

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Early Reservation Bonus

Save \$600 per couple and earn a chance to win \$1,000 off each journey you reserve.

Avoid disappointment - our journeys fill very quickly, many 8 - 14 months in advance.

Peace of mind - your journey price will not increase. (All journeys are subject to supplier fuel surcharges, should they arise.)

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- Your name is entered in our draw to win \$1,000 off each journey you reserve.

* For your convenience, the 5% final payment may be paid by credit card on the final payment date.

Early Reservation Bonus ends January 29, 2011

The Da Vinci

Why is she superior to all others?

Our commitment to quality.



We continue to raise our standard of quality, instead of reducing it along with many amenities as many river cruise operators have this past year. Our personal relationship with the van Hengst family in The Netherlands, who share our high standards, continues to provide our guests with the finest river cruising experience available.

Our guests continue to tell us our River Cruises are a league above all others. On every cruise, many guests visit from other vessels and ask if they can stay with us. Join us on a Da Vinci river cruise. You may never return to any other style of travel. Don't take our word for it, ask your friends.



Uninterrupted 360° views from the Sundeck - Priceless

The rivers in Europe boast some of the most beautiful locks and interesting bridges in the world. Larger vessels (any with 3+ cabin decks) can not pass under them with you on the sundeck, so they must cruise at night, greatly limiting your sightseeing.

Where are these bridges and locks? In the most beautiful areas, of course!

Our private Da Vinci has only 2 cabin decks which permits unlimited sundeck access and a superior on board environment.

Small Groups

The Da Vinci pampers a maximum of 100 guests. Larger vessels host 120 – 200 guests.

Experience

First Class River Cruising since 1988. Longer than any other company in Canada and most in North America. We travel with you to ensure your satisfaction.

We very rarely cruise overnight

You miss far too much cruising at night. You go to Europe to see it, not sleep through it. View our cruise maps on the next page to see for yourself.

100% Non Smoking

Including the outside decks, the only river boat in Europe

River Cruising, Relaxing or Ragged?

Do you go to Europe to see it, or sleep through it?

Would you drive through the Rockies at night on your holiday?

Most river cruises today resemble the old '14 countries in 9 days' coach tours. Every seat full, and go like crazy. Imagine missing the beauty of the Altmühl Valley because you cruised through it at night. Or sailing over the continental divide of Europe and never realizing that you travelled through 3 massive locks on the Main Danube Canal. River Cruising at night, is like driving through the Rockies at night. You deserve better.

Small Groups – The *Da Vinci* pampers a maximum of 100 guests. Larger vessels host 120 – 200 guests.

No formal nights – this is your holiday

Value – no hidden costs, the fare listed is the total, all inclusive fare,

Private shore excursions – designed just for us.

Local guides – Local Guides for the local culture. Our relationships with local guides are legendary. Many of them contact us months in advance to ensure they guide our guests. Our guides live in the towns you visit, where most guides today travel down the entire river with the vessel.

Wines of the local regions, beer or soft drinks included with dinner – indulge

Wireless internet – throughout the ship. Use our Mac laptops or bring your own laptop

Free bottled water – in your stateroom on arrival and at meals

Coffee and Tea Service – speciality coffees 24 hrs a day, coffee and tea service

Gratuities are always included – to all ships staff, local guides, coach drivers, tour managers, museum guides etc.



Experience Europe, or miss most of it at night.

We rarely cruise overnight

Longer itineraries mean you don't miss everything cruising at night! Perhaps it's not what you see, but what you miss that's important. Our river cruises have always been longer than any other so we can take the time to show you places you never dreamed of, along with those you know, all at a calm pace. Enjoy your evenings with the locals in the towns along the river, and rest peacefully on board the Da Vinci, while we dock overnight.

After all, if you are going to smell the roses along the way, you deserve the time to take your time.



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Unlimited Sun Deck access – This is not possible on larger vessels where you must vacate the sun deck so the ship can pass under the many low bridges. You deserve uninterrupted, 360° views.

A-la-carte Gourmet cuisine – from the regions we visit

Service & Dedication to your experience – Discover why more guests return to our journeys than any other tour company

Families working with families – our relationships with family companies are legendary. Families take great pride in the quality of your experience.

Private Car home pick up service – you deserve a private Lincoln Town Car at your door

Round Trip Air – no hassles, no charters

All Taxes included – GST, PST, VAT, port and service charges.

Professional Tour Managers – travel with you to Europe and home again

Relationships – from coach drivers to local guides, our local relationships are legendary

Sightseeing and all entrance fees – as listed, along with our well known surprises

Deluxe luggage amenities - overnight carry-on bag, luggage straps

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Our comfortable guest cabins provide more usable space than most other vessels. Wide open spaces and lots of storage.



Our Dining Room offers one sitting, open seating dining. The entire vessel is 100% smoke free, including the outside decks.



The Bar serves a dramatic blend of cocktails, world class wines, beers and spirits.



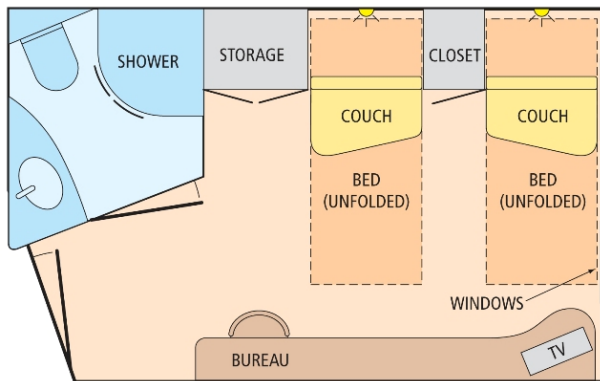
The comfortable and inviting lobby resembles a 5 star luxury hotel and provides comfy chairs, wide screen TV and Dolby sound system.



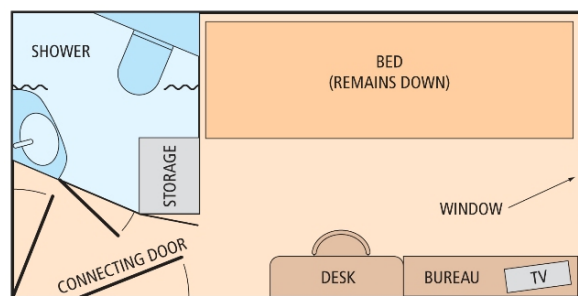
The Living Room. Relax, sightsee, slumber or join us for coffee and tea service.



Indulge in the grand collection of English books while you sip on a cappuccino in the library, any time of day.



Twin Cabin



Single Cabin

