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**Holland & Belgium**  
Amsterdam to Bruges Aboard *Magnifique IV*  
with Optional Prelude to Floriade Expo 2022

**August 31–September 8, 2022**



Dear Travelers and Friends,

Enjoy the gentle cruise as you meander the waterways of the Low Countries. Join the Museum Travel Alliance on a seven-night voyage from the Dutch capital of Amsterdam to the medieval Belgian city of Bruges. Immerse yourself in the region's charming and storied landscapes aboard the new boutique riverboat *Magnifique IV*.

In the Netherlands, begin in Amsterdam to admire the splendid masterpieces of the Rijksmuseum. Then, embark *Magnifique IV* for a seven-night cruise through storybook villages and idyllic countryside. In picturesque Kinderdijk, view impressive windmills at a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and continue to historic Dordrecht, stopping to see the Great Church, the Dordrecht Museum, and a medieval monastery. Explore the Belgian cities of Antwerp, where you will visit the Rubens House, and Dendermonde, known for its stately Flemish buildings.

Call at Ghent for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity: Be among the first to behold Jan van Eyck's newly restored *Ghent Altarpiece* in its original home, Saint Bavo's Cathedral. Conclude among the canals, cobblestones, and medieval buildings of charming Bruges. There, visit the Groeninge Museum for works by Jan van Eyck and other great Flemish artists, see Michelangelo's *Madonna and Child* in the Church of Our Lady, and meet a local artist. Private access to fascinating local creators is a feature of all trips offered by the Museum Travel Alliance.

You may also join an optional prelude to a spectacular, once-in-a-decade event—the Floriade Expo, an international botanical extravaganza in Almere, Holland. Known as “the largest theater of nature in Europe,” the Floriade Expo showcases a thrilling and exotic collection of flowers, plants, and trees.

## CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

**BE** one of the first to visit the newly restored *Ghent Altarpiece*, and experience an exclusive tour of its dedicated museum

**MARVEL** at the excellent collection of Hans Memling masterpieces in the medieval Saint John's Hospital in Bruges; and go inside the Church of Our Lady to behold Michelangelo's *Madonna and Child*—the only sculpture by the artist to leave Italy during his lifetime

**RELISH** the intimate and friendly atmosphere created by the Dutch captain and crew aboard *Magnifique IV*, a luxury riverboat with 18 contemporary cabins

**DISCOVER** Dordrecht, the oldest city in Holland and home to 1,000 historic monuments, where *Magnifique IV* docks overnight

**EXPLORE** the UNESCO-listed town of Kinderdijk, Holland, where 19 impressive windmills showcase the ingenuity of Dutch technology

**ADMIRE** works by Rubens, Michelangelo, Anthony van Dyck, Hans Memling, the van Eyck brothers, and other masters

**Book with confidence: Your deposit will be fully refundable until 120 days prior to departure.** You will travel in the company of members from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and alumni of Yale University.

This delightful late summer cruise provides numerous opportunities for cycling, walking, or cruising to view the historic landmarks and serene landscapes of the region. I hope you join us.

Sincerely,

Jim Friedlander  
President, Museum Travel Alliance



# Holland & Belgium

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**An optional prelude to the Floriade Expo in Almere, Holland is offered from August 29 to September 1, 2022.**

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31: DEPARTURE**

Depart on an overnight flight to Amsterdam.

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND / EMBARK *MAGNIFIQUE IV***

Arrive in Amsterdam, and transfer to the port of Veemkade for a canal cruise with lunch on board, followed by a visit to the Rijksmuseum, the State Treasury of Dutch art. Embark the elegant new *Magnifique IV*, and enjoy a welcome dinner as we cruise to Vianen. L,D

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: VIANEN / KINDERDIJK / DORDRECHT**

This morning, travel to picturesque Kinderdijk, a village famous for its impressive, UNESCO-listed row of 19 large windmills, a delight to see up close. Continue to Dordrecht, one of the Netherlands' oldest cities, for an afternoon walking tour. Explore its historic harbors, ancient warehouses, and busy merchant streets. Visit the Great Church, the Dordrecht Museum, and the 13th-century Augustine monastery. Bikers can ride and explore Dordrecht, where the ship is docked overnight. B,L,D

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: DORDRECHT / ANTWERP, BELGIUM**

Attend a morning lecture as the ship sails to Willemstad. Step ashore and continue to Antwerp, a city renowned for its medieval and modern architecture and impressive art collections. Following lunch, see the cathedral where Rubens' famous *Descent from the Cross* is on display. Discover the fascinating Red Star Line Museum, which tells

the stories of the emigrants who traveled from Antwerp to America aboard Red Star Line ships between 1873 and 1935. Before returning to the ship in Kattendijkdok, view the restored Harbor House, designed by Zaha Hadid. B,L,D

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4: ANTWERP / DENDERMONDE**

Admire the treasures of the Museum Mayer van den Bergh, whose collection includes Pieter Bruegel the Elder's *Mad Meg*, and visit the 17th-century Rubens House to view some of the Flemish painter's famous work. In Dendermonde, behold magnificent Flemish buildings. Visit the Church of Our Lady, home to two van Dyck paintings and a 12th-century baptismal font of Tournai stone, and visit a charming medieval *béguinage* (women's living community). This evening, enjoy a private concert onboard. B,L,D

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5: DENDERMONDE / GHENT**

In the morning, travel by sail or bike to Ghent. After lunch, visit the City Hall, followed by a tour through Ghent's medieval center, including the magnificent Saint Bavo's Cathedral. View its greatest treasure, the newly restored 15th-century *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb* (Ghent Altarpiece) by the van Eyck brothers, and take a tour of its dedicated museum in the cathedral. B,L,D

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: GHENT / BRUGES**

Start your day with a visit to the Museum of Fine Arts. Afterwards, see the medieval Gravensteen Castle. Continue to Bruges, a medieval gem laced with canals and gardens, where the ship remains docked overnight. Delight in a walking tour featuring the peaceful *béguinage* as well as a visit to the studio of a local artist. Bikers may opt to cycle around the city. Enjoy an evening stroll to see the city's illuminated medieval architecture. B,L,D



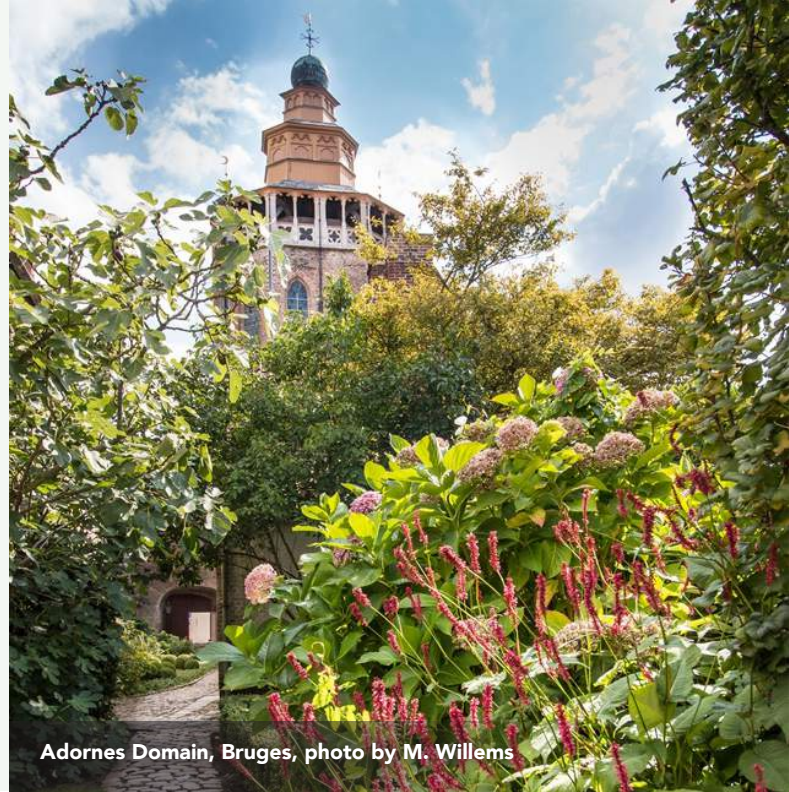
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: BRUGES**

Today, visit the cathedral to see its celebrated *Madonna and Child* by Michelangelo, and discover the Groeninge Museum, with works by Jan van Eyck and other great Flemish artists. Enjoy a visit at the Adornes Domain, an authentic medieval estate. Lunch is at leisure. Enjoy a free afternoon, or discover the collections at the Hans Memling Museum, housed in the Hospital of Saint John. Gather this evening for a festive farewell dinner. B,D

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: BRUGES / DISEMBARK / BRUSSELS / RETURN**

Disembark after breakfast, and transfer to the Brussels airport for flights home. B

**DISCLAIMER:** The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Museum Travel Alliance and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at <https://museumtravelalliance.com/faq.php>.

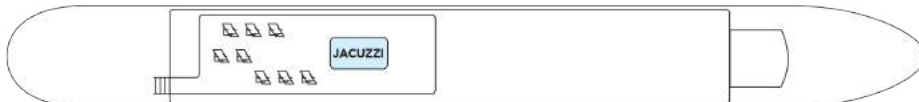


Adornes Domain, Bruges, photo by M. Willems

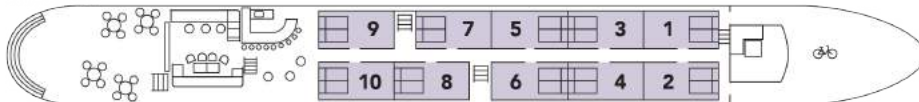
**MAGNIFIQUE IV**

Sailing under the Dutch flag, this new river vessel has 10 generous suites on the upper deck, while the lower deck has eight twin cabins. *Magnifique IV's* upper deck features a spacious and tastefully decorated salon with air conditioning, a bar, and lounge area. Wi-Fi is also available. The comfortable and inviting restaurant is separated from the kitchen by a glass wall, so you can watch talented chefs in action. The front deck has space to accommodate bicycles, while the top deck boasts a Jacuzzi and deckchairs, from which you can enjoy the scenery.

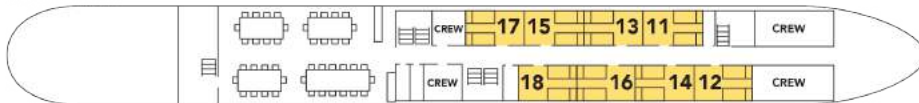
TOP DECK



SUN DECK



LOWER DECK



**RATES INCLUDE**

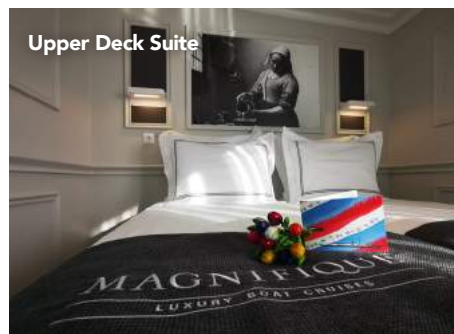
- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard *Magnifique IV* as per itinerary
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner); bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at welcome and farewell dinners
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and special events
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Taxes and service charges; gratuities to guides and drivers
- Customary shipboard gratuities

**CRUISE RATES**

(Per Person)

Cabins	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates
11-18 Twin beds with portholes	Lower Deck	\$5,999	\$8,999
1-10 Suites, twin beds, small sitting area, French balcony with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors	Upper Deck	\$9,999	Inquire

**NOT INCLUDED IN RATES** International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses (e.g. laundry services); airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; optional Floriade Expo prelude; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.





Bruges, photo by Isabelle Puaut

**MUSEUM TRAVEL ALLIANCE  
HOLLAND & BELGIUM ABOARD MAGNIFIQUE IV • AUGUST 31–SEPTEMBER 8, 2022  
RESERVATION FORM**

To reserve a place, please call the Museum Travel Alliance at 212-324-1893 or 855-533-0033, fax: 212-344-7493; or complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (**fully refundable until 120 days prior to departure**) payable to *Museum Travel Alliance*. Mail to: Museum Travel Alliance, 260 West 39th Street, Suite 1701, New York, NY 10018-4424.

Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print.  
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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

*Magnifique IV* cabin preference (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to share a cabin with \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL PRELUDE**

I/We would like to join the optional prelude to the Floriade Expo in Almere

Hotel Room Preference  One bed  Two beds

**MTA MUSEUM AFFILIATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM OF PAYMENT**

Enclosed is my check (payable to *Museum Travel Alliance*)  Debit card  Credit card

Name on debit/credit card  
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3- or 4-digit security code \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the *Terms & Conditions* of this Program (see <https://museumtravelalliance.com/faq.php> to review or call for a copy).

Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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