

Holland and Belgium: Medieval History and Scenic Waterways

Journey along the Rhine and other picturesque waterways of Holland and Belgium, where centuries of rich culture, art and history come to life amidst vibrant flower vistas, iconic windmills and fairytale towns. Travel down Amsterdam's scenic canals, call on historic cities such as Antwerp and Delft, and take in the serene Dutch countryside while delving into the region's defining artistic legacy, deep-rooted Jewish history and culinary delights. This captivating voyage sails aboard the newly chartered 120-guest *Connect*, a luxurious vessel rooted in sustainable design—from thoughtfully sourced build materials and green technology that minimizes food waste to environmentally friendly bath and bedding products in every spacious stateroom.

From

$ 6,768 / per person

Does not include flights

DATES Apr	**DURATION** 8 Days
SHIPS *Connect*	
STARTS AT Amsterdam, Netherlands →	**ENDS AT** Brussels, Belgium

Minimum Age Requirement: Any children booked on *Connect* voyages must be at least 1 year old at time of embarkation.

Highlights

- Stroll through more than 7 million tulips, daffodils and hyacinths at Keukenhof, known as the "Garden of Europe"
- Witness the works of masters like Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Rubens, Vermeer and more with exclusive, after-hours tours at the Kröller-Müller and Mauritshuis Museums
- Tour WWII monuments that reveal Amsterdam's rich Jewish heritage where you'll meet Holocaust survivors or family members of survivors
- Indulge in incredible culinary experiences throughout your voyage, from a progressive food tour of Belgian specialties in Antwerp to curated dinners onboard featuring local flavors








Giethoorn
Kampen
Amsterdam
The Hague
Delft
Kinderdijk
Arnhem
Antwerp
Ghent
Brussels
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Day by day

■ DAY 1

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Arrive in Amsterdam and embark *Connect*. After settling into your stateroom explore this historic city on your own, stay onboard and relax with a drink on the top deck, enjoy local music by the resident pianist in the Lounge or indulge in a rejuvenating spa treatment. Choose to arrive early for an optional two-day pre-voyage extension to explore Amsterdam and its neighboring countryside.

Meals included: dinner

◇ DAY 2

Amsterdam

Visit Keukenhof, also known as the "Garden of Europe," one of the world's largest flower gardens. Marvel at the vibrant displays of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths planted each autumn by a team of 40 gardeners using over 7 million bulbs donated by 100+ growers. Alternatively, choose a guided walking tour through Amsterdam's most iconic neighborhoods, historic landmarks and hidden gems before taking a scenic canal cruise through the historic waterways of the Dutch capital city. Learn about Amsterdam's unique relationship with water and its iconic canal system, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

This afternoon, delve deeply into the city's Jewish history and culture on a tour where you'll meet family members of Holocaust survivors or survivors themselves. Visit the Holocaust Museum, Hollandsche Schouwburg—a theater-turned-museum with a poignant WWII history—and the Jewish Historical Museum for a profound exploration of resilience and heritage. Also, see the Portuguese Synagogue.

Cast off this evening with a welcome reception and dinner followed by a musical performance on board.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 3

Kampen / Giethoorn

Giethoorn, often referred to as the "Venice of the Netherlands," is renowned for its serene canals, charming thatched-roof cottages and picturesque wooden bridges. Uncover the village's rich history, dating back to the 13th century while cruising its narrow waterways. Alternatively, enjoy the scenic beauty of the countryside near Kampen on a guided bicycle tour before indulging in a Dutch cheese presentation aboard the ship. This evening, enjoy an authentic Dutch dinner featuring fresh, locally sourced mussels and oysters. During the meal, a local chef will come aboard to reveal insights on the region's traditions and flavors, making for an unforgettable culinary experience.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 4

Arnhem

Explore Arnhem's rich history with visits to landmarks such as the John Frost Bridge, a pivotal site during the 1944 Battle of Arnhem, and the Old City Hall located in Market Square. Alternatively, discover Het Loo Palace, a former royal residence that offers a glimpse into the grandeur of Dutch monarchy. Stroll through the opulent gardens, admire the baroque architecture and uncover the legacy of the royal family.

After an afternoon spent at your leisure in Arnhem wandering through the picturesque old town,

enjoy a private, after-hours tour of the renowned Kröller-Müller Museum. Nestled in De Hoge Veluwe National Park, the museum boasts an exceptional collection of modern art, including masterpieces by Van Gogh and Rembrandt, plus a breathtaking sculpture garden. Conclude your visit with an exclusive reception, offering an unforgettable finish to the day.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 5

Rotterdam / The Hague or Delft / Kinderdijk

Arrive in Rotterdam this morning with options to explore the city. Visit The Hague, the political heart of the Netherlands and home to the esteemed International Court of Justice. Enjoy a private visit to the Mauritshuis Museum before it opens, where you'll have the rare opportunity to admire masterpieces such as Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring* in a crowd-free setting. Alternatively, immerse yourself in the city of Delft, renowned for its iconic blue pottery and royal connections. Visit the Royal Delft factory, the last remaining producer of the famous Delftware, and wander through the town's storied streets.

This afternoon, journey to the UNESCO-listed Kinderdijk to witness its iconic windmills and learn about the Netherlands' groundbreaking water management systems.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 6

Ghent, Belgium

This morning, you'll explore Ghent, one of Belgium's most vibrant cities, on a walking tour through medieval streets, lively squares and stunning architecture. Visit St. Bavo's Cathedral, where you'll have the rare opportunity to admire the world-renowned *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb* by Van Eyck. In the afternoon, choose between free time to further explore Ghent or a visit to Gravensteen, the city's impressive medieval fortress.

This evening on board, enjoy a classical concert followed by a gourmet dinner, creating the perfect end to a memorable day.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 7

Antwerp

Start your day in Antwerp with a visit to the Royal Museum of Fine Arts, home to an impressive collection of Flemish Baroque and contemporary masterpieces. Alternatively, delve into the city's Jewish heritage, which dates back to the 16th century when Sephardic Jews fled the Spanish Inquisition, as your guide shares fascinating insights into the community's growth and contributions during Antwerp's economic golden age. This afternoon, indulge in a progressive food tour, sampling Belgian fries, waffles and chocolate at some of the city's finest eateries and capping it off with a Belgium beer tasting led by a knowledgeable beer sommelier. Enjoy a celebratory farewell cocktail party and dinner on board this evening.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

■ DAY 8

Brussels

Following breakfast, disembark in Brussels. Opt to spend more time in Belgium on an optional two-day post-voyage extension exploring Brussels and Bruges.

Meals included: breakfast

Upstream

Amsterdam, Netherlands → Brussels, Belgium

2027 DEPARTURE DATES

Aboard *Connect*

18 Apr				

2028 DEPARTURE DATES

Aboard *Connect*

16 Apr	30 Apr			

Alternative Routes

Visit Expeditions.com for more information.

2027 Departure Dates

11 Apr, 25 Apr

2028 Departure Dates

09 Apr, 23 Apr



Connect

GUESTS	CABINS
126	60

Discover Europe aboard an expertly crafted river ship rooted in sustainable design

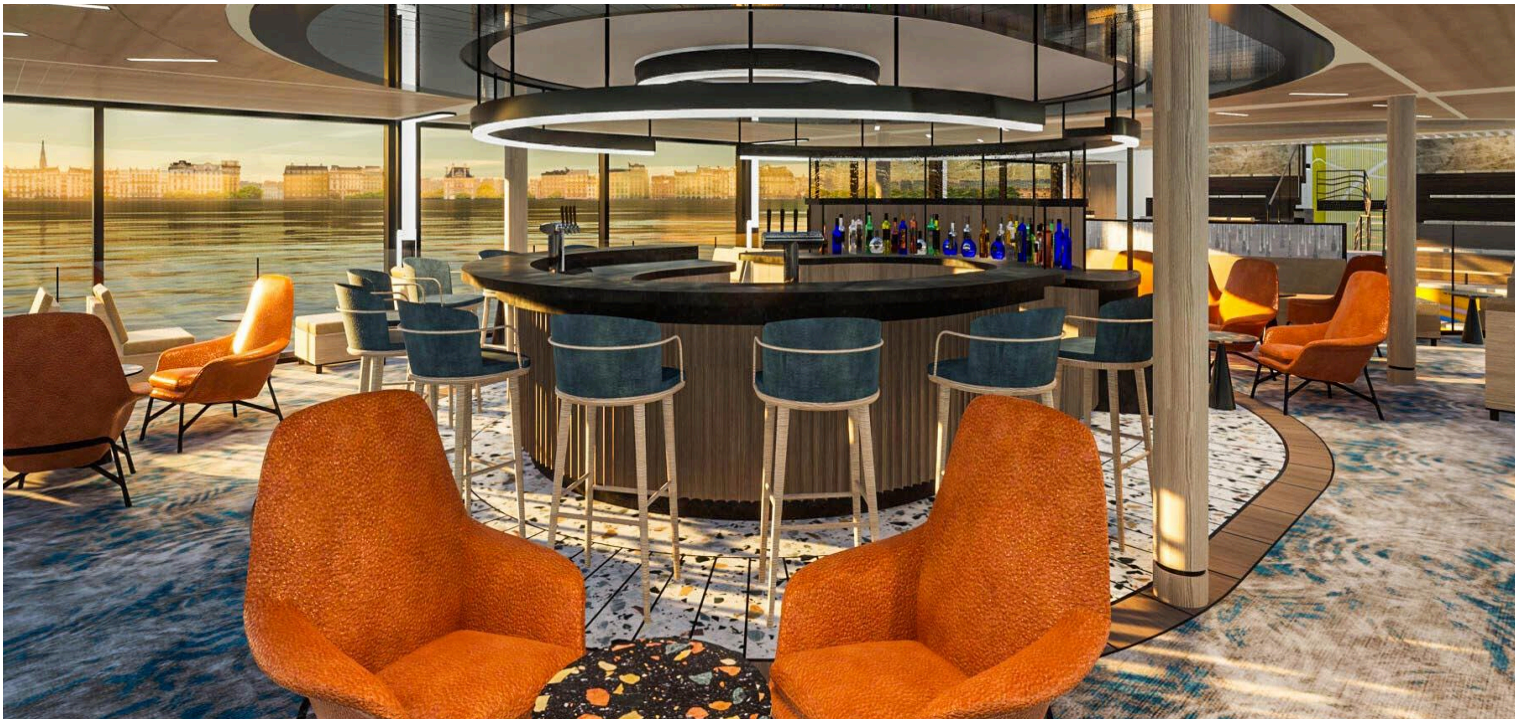
Constructed in 2025, *Connect* is a brand-new, state-of-the-art European river ship joining our growing collection of bespoke charter vessels next year. With cutting-edge technology, luxurious amenities and wrap-around picture windows, this sleek 120-guest ship is uniquely designed to sail through the heart of storied destinations in Germany, France, The Netherlands and beyond. Sustainability and regional connection are at her core, creating a refined and meaningful experience that elevates every journey.

Setting sail in 2026, *Connect* features sixty 210 square-foot elegant and spacious staterooms (convertible to 420 square-foot suites), each one well-appointed with two large wardrobe closets, smart glass spa shower and full-width floor-to-ceiling windows to take in the charming riverside towns and pastoral landscapes.

With an array of dynamic public venues, there is plenty of space to relax, dine, mingle with your fellow travelers, and connect more deeply with your destination through expert presentations and onboard experiences like wine tastings and musical performances. This contemporary river ship includes an expansive wellness area, the Forum (which is a two-story amphitheater), a restaurant and bistro, as well as a lively lounge with a well-stocked bar.

Every detail is thoughtfully designed—from carefully sourced build materials and green technology that minimizes food waste to environmentally friendly bath and bedding products.





Cabin Categories

Category C1

MAIN DECK **#C201-C212, C214-C229, C231, C233**

These spacious 210-square-foot staterooms feature a sash balcony and floor-to-ceiling windows; two single beds that convert to a king; bedside table; writing desk with chair; mini fridge; two closets; and an ensuite bathroom with a glass-walled shower.



Category C2

UPPER DECK **#C301-C312, C314-C329, C331, C333**

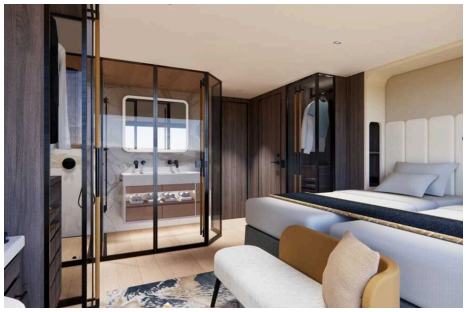
These spacious 210-square-foot staterooms feature a sash balcony and floor-to-ceiling windows; two single beds that convert to a king; bedside table; writing desk with chair; mini fridge; two closets; and an ensuite bathroom with a glass-walled shower.



Category S1

MAIN DECK **#S201-S212, S214, S215, S217**

Spacious 420-square-foot S1 suites are created by combining two staterooms, offering an expansive accommodation with generous living space. Suites feature a sash window balcony and floor-to-ceiling windows; two single beds that convert to a king; bedside table; writing desk with chair; mini fridge; four closets; and an ensuite bathroom with a glass-walled shower.



Category S2

UPPER DECK **#S301-S312, S314, S315, S317**

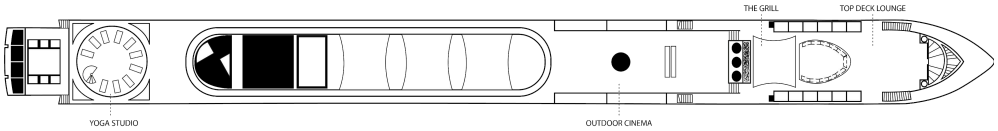
Spacious 420-square-foot S2 suites are created by combining two staterooms, offering an expansive accommodation with generous living space. Suites feature a sash window balcony and floor-to-ceiling windows; two single beds that convert to a king; bedside table; writing desk with chair; mini fridge; four closets; and an ensuite bathroom with a glass-walled shower.



Deck Plans

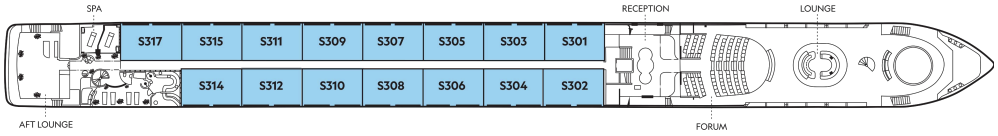
Stateroom and suite plans show different configurations of the same Main and Upper Decks. Select staterooms can be combined to create larger suites, and accommodations may include a combination of both configurations.

Sun Deck



Upper Deck - Suites

Category S2



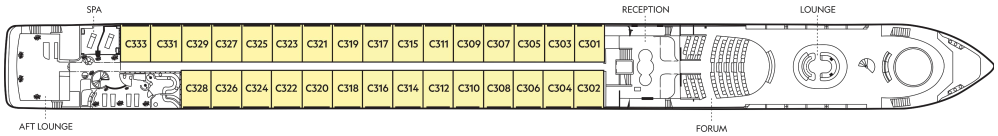
Main Deck - Suites

Category S1



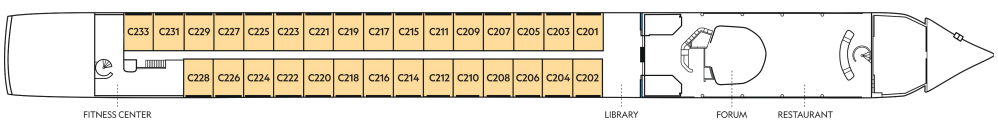
Upper Deck - Staterooms

Category C2



Main Deck - Staterooms

Category C1



Ship Amenities

Tools for Exploration

A fleet of bikes is available for those who want to enjoy some independent exploration, riding along the canals of Amsterdam or through the French countryside.

Public Spaces

An expansive top deck houses fitness zones, a lounge area and a grill and bar. From dinners to cocktail hours to movie nights, memorable al fresco events will cap off busy days spent exploring ashore.

In Good Company

Explore in the company of veteran Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic expedition staff, a veteran Expedition Leader, Certified Photo Instructor, as well as Historian, Cultural, Photo and Destination Experts.



Special Offers

SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 5% when traveling as a group of 8 or more people. Valid for new bookings only on select departures, subject to availability, not applicable on extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

COMBINING OFFERS

Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities, except where noted otherwise. For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings.

CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES

Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, US$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking.

10% OFF BACK-TO-BACK VOYAGES

Save 10% on consecutive departures, applicable on voyage fares only and not valid on extensions or airfare. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

INCLUDED IN PRICE

All accommodations aboard ship per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; beer and wine aboard the ship; hors d'oeuvres, 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages, drinking water; excursions as indicated in the itinerary; crew gratuities; bicycles and e-bikes; guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance of the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; Wi-Fi; complimentary reusable water bottle; 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library, and other shared spaces; park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

Airfare (except flights when indicated as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); services of an onboard physician; transfers; laundry, spa and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

We strongly recommend our guests to take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damage or loss of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date, Travel Protection premiums are non- refundable once plan is purchased. Learn more about our Travel Protection "Plus" Plan: https://www.expeditions.com/terms-conditions/travel-protection-plan/

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