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aboard the Exclusively Chartered
Deluxe AMADEUS BRILLIANT

Dutch Waterways

RIVER LIFE®
along the

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Dear Western Alumni and Friends:

Come celebrate the beauty of Holland and old-world Flanders in springtime, the best season for this comprehensive itinerary. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe AMADEUS BRILLIANT, one of the finest ships to ply the waterways of Europe and traverse the canals of this delightful polder land.

Discover the true essence of river life in the Low Countries with an included excursion in every port and see firsthand this sublime region’s breathtaking tulip fields in full bloom. Our expert-guided tours explore two UNESCO World Heritage sites—distinctive 16th- and 17th-century house-lined canals of Amsterdam and the well-preserved, medieval Flemish jewel of Bruges—as well as the “Golden Age” trading town of Hoorn, the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, the mercantile town of Antwerp, the quaint village of Giethoorn, the captivating ancient city of Maastricht—rarely visited by North American travellers and unique to this itinerary—and the poignant World War II American Military Cemetery in nearby Margraten. Discover the artistic legacy of the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum and the rich history of the medieval Dutch-speaking county of Flanders.

Enjoy enriching lectures and the exclusive RIVER LIFE® FORUM, which features local residents’ perspectives and provides an insider’s view of modern life and cultural heritage in Holland.

RIVER LIFE® along the DUTCH WATERWAYS is a perennial favourite—you don’t want to miss this exceptional itinerary that travels further afield through this delightful region and includes exclusive CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS, specially arranged museum entry, privately chartered small boat canal cruises and much more!

Sincerely,

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Cover photo: Cruise through Holland, where tulip blooms announce the arrival of spring.

The quaint, picturesque town of Giethoorn boasts 7.5 kilometres of canals and no traditional roads.
The lively, medieval Markt is the principal city square and gathering point in Bruges.

Dutch Waterways during Tulip Season

Experience firsthand the true character and traditions of great Dutch and Flemish waterways during this comprehensive vaart (cruise) featuring lively Amsterdam; the medieval cities of Bruges, Ghent and Antwerp; the charming and historic towns of Nijmegen, Hoorn and Giethoorn; and the legendary blooming Keukenhof Gardens. Enjoy an enriching travel experience like no other, including a specially designed excursion in every port, deluxe accommodations and all meals—an excellent value! Interact with local Dutch, Flemings and Belgians and experience daily life in the Low Countries. Explore the history, culture, art and language, and unpack just once! This popular program is one of the RIVER LIFE® series that immerses you in a comprehensive and intimate travel experience at just the right pace.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS are specially arranged and available on this custom-designed itinerary:

- **Hear it from the Experts!** Experienced, English-speaking local guides will accompany you throughout the program, and specially arranged lecturers will share their expertise of historical, cultural and contemporary Holland.

- **Explore** the premier artistic heritage of the world-famous Kröller-Müller Museum.

- **Engage with** Dutch locals during the RIVER LIFE® FORUM, where they share their candid perspectives on daily life in Holland.

- **Admire** the wonders of the famous Keukenhof Gardens and the marvellous medieval architecture of Amsterdam and Bruges.

- **Learn key Dutch phrases** and pronunciation to make your interactions with local residents all the more enjoyable.

- **Enjoy time to explore** the charming lanes of Antwerp and Bruges, to sample their authentic Belgian chocolate or waffles; the historic maritime squares of Hoorn; and the winding, picturesque pathways of Keukenhof Gardens, lined with thousands of vibrantly coloured tulip blooms.

The Hoofdtoren Tower on Hoorn Harbour dates back to the 16th-century and is one of the city’s last preserved fortifications.
**ITINERARY**

**Day**

1. **DELT • KINDERDIJK® • THE HAGUE PRE-Cruise Option**
   - Depart Canada.

2. **AMSTERDAM®/GHENT**
   - Transfer to Ghent to embark *AMADEUS BRILLIANT*.

3. **GHENT FOR BRUGES®**
   - Walking tour of Ghent.
   - City tour of Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

4. **ANTWERP**
   - City tour featuring a visit to the Cathedral of Our Lady, housing masterpieces by Peter Paul Rubens.

5. **MAASTRICHT**
   - Walking tour of Maastricht.
   - Visit to the Netherlands American Cemetery at Margraten.

6. **NIJMEGEN**
   - Walking tour of Nijmegen.
   - **CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:**
     - Exclusive private opening and guided tour of the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum.

7. **KAMPEN FOR GIETHOORN/HOORN**
   - Private boat cruise in Giethoorn.
   - Walking tour of Hoorn.

8. **AMSTERDAM**
   - Private cruise of the 17th-century canal district, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
   - **CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:**
     - Visit to Keukenhof Gardens.
     - **EXCLUSIVE RIVER LIFE® FORUM**.

9. **AMSTERDAM POST-Cruise Option**
   - Disembark ship/Return to Canada.

**Cultural Enrichment**

- Exclusive private opening and guided tour of the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum.
- Visit to Keukenhof Gardens.
- **EXCLUSIVE RIVER LIFE® FORUM**.

**Ghent**

The rich history and capitalist heritage of Ghent are reflected in the splendid 12th- to 17th-century guildhalls lining the quay. In St. Bavo’s Cathedral, see the Van Eyck brothers’ magnificent polyptych, the altarpiece of the *Adoration of the Mystical Lamb*.

**Bruges**

The timeless, fairytale city of Bruges is a UNESCO World Heritage site of treasured architecture, virtually untouched since the 15th-century and one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe. It is built around a double ring of picturesque canals connected by charming arched foot bridges and is world-renowned for its delectable, hand-crafted chocolates. Enjoy a walking tour from the Market Square to the extraordinary Gothic-style Chapel of the Holy Blood, seeing Bruges’ magnificent, deftly crafted stone guildhalls and opulent churches dating back to medieval times.

*Located on the Leie River, Ghent’s spectacular medieval harbor, Graslei, is celebrated for the intricate and beautifully-preserved façades of its historic guildhalls and is now a protected cityscape.*
A brilliant and breathtaking tapestry of color and fragrance when in full bloom, the gardens of Keukenhof are affectionately known as the “Garden of Europe.” Our program has been planned during the height of Holland’s spectacular spring flower season, when more than seven million flowers are expected to be in bloom across this 79-acre wooded park in a dazzling display of color.

“Keukenhof” translates to “kitchen garden” and was inspired by the early 15th-century Countess Jacoba of Bavaria, who resided in a nearby castle and tended an herb garden on this site. Today, Keukenhof Gardens is an international showcase for the Dutch floriculture industry with an emphasis on flower bulbs. Exhibitors feature more than 1000 varieties of their tulips, along with daffodils, hyacinths, orchids, roses, carnations, irises and lilies—and new strains of tulips are cultivated every year. This idyllic setting is meticulously planted and landscaped, complete with tranquil ponds, gentle, flowing streams and winding, tree-shaded paths.

Kröller-Müller Museum
Located in the picturesque De Hoge Veluwe, the Netherlands’ largest national park, the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum is lauded for its chronological collection of Van Gogh’s masterpieces. By a specially arranged opening of the museum, see works...
Panorama Restaurant

by Pablo Picasso, Pierre-Auguste Renoir and Édouard Manet, as well as captivating late 19th- to 21st-century sculptures by Auguste Rodin, Henry Moore and Jean Dubuffet on display in its unique 25 hectare garden.

Giethoorn

With 7.5 kilometres of canals and over 150 bridges, the beautiful town of Giethoorn is affectionately known as the “Venice of the Netherlands.” Residents and visitors commute by boat, by bicycle or on foot; no traditional roads can be found in this village. Enjoy a private small boat tour along the village’s serene waterways.

Hoorn

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Amsterdam

A private canal cruise offers a unique firsthand look at the integral role waterways have played for centuries in the life of this city. Amsterdam’s canal district, a UNESCO World Heritage site ringed by concentric canals and lined with 16th- and 17th-century merchant row houses, charming houseboats and world-renowned museums, is brimming with history and artistic wealth. What began as a simple fishing village developed into the thriving economic centre of the world in the 17th-century and produced master artists such as Rembrandt and Vincent van Gogh.

AMADEUS BRILLIANT

The meticulous crafting of the deluxe **AMADEUS BRILLIANT** provides the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel and features complimentary onboard Wi-Fi.

This exclusively chartered ship offers 76 river-view, air-conditioned, stylishly appointed Suites (22 square metres) and Staterooms (15 square metres), among the most spacious of any European river ship. Most accommodations feature a French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door with iron railing). Each has two twin beds that convert to one queen-size bed, a private bathroom with shower, individual climate control, closet, telephone, television, writing desk sitting area, safe and hair dryer. Suites have a minibar.

Freshly prepared continental meals featuring local ingredients are served in single, unassigned seatings in the delightfully scenic Panorama Restaurant, featuring floor-to-ceiling windows, early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

Inviting public facilities are spacious and include the Panorama Bar, Lido Bar, Amadeus-Club with Internet station, beauty salon, boutique, massage room and fitness studio. The Sun Deck has a chessboard and shuffleboard. Guests will also appreciate the complimentary use of an audio headset for listening enhancement during shore excursions. The ship has an elevator serving all passenger decks except the Sun Deck, and laundry service is available. There is no doctor aboard the ship.

The English-speaking, international crew provides warm hospitality. The ship meets the highest safety standards and is one of the only European river ships to have been awarded the “Green Certificate” of environmental preservation.

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Included Features

On board the exclusively chartered, deluxe AMADEUS BRILLIANT

- Seven-night cruise from Ghent to Amsterdam, with port calls at Ghent for Bruges, Antwerp, Maastricht, Nijmegen for the Kröller-Müller Museum, Kampen for Giethoorn, and Hoorn.
- Deluxe, air-conditioned, river-view Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.
- All meals served at single, unassigned seatings—early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack—featuring fine continental cuisine.
- Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.

Expert-Guided Excursions

- Walking tour of Ghent, featuring St. Bavo’s Cathedral.
- Walking tour of the medieval, fairytale city of Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- City tour of Antwerp featuring a visit to see three of Peter Paul Rubens’ masterpieces in the 16th-century Cathedral of Our Lady.
- Visit to the Netherlands American Cemetery, honoring Allied World War II operations, in Margraten, near Maastricht.
- Tour of idyllic Maastricht, a fascinating city of ancient history and contemporary art and culture.
- Walking tour of 2000-year-old Nijmegen, granted city status by the Roman Empire in A.D. 104.
- Canal cruise through Giethoorn, widely regarded as the most picturesque village in the Netherlands.
- Walking tour in the charming former “Golden Age” trading town of Hoorn, made famous during the 17th-century era of the Dutch East India Company.
- Private cruise along Amsterdam’s UNESCO World Heritage site canal district.

Exclusive Cultural Enrichments

- Private opening and guided tour of the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum and exploration of the Low Countries’ rich artistic heritage.
- Excursion to magnificent Keukenhof Gardens, known as the “Garden of Europe,” during the best time of year to see the world’s largest and most colourful display of spring flowers in bloom, weather permitting.
- Exclusive RIVER LIFE® FORUM with local residents who will discuss life in Holland.
- Learn traditional Dutch phrases.

Enhanced Travel Services

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship.
- The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Program Directors throughout the program.
- Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- Automatic $250,000 USD flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
The Golden Age of Amsterdam

The historic heart of Amsterdam, a UNESCO World Heritage site lined with tree-shaded canals and stately 16th- and 17th-century merchant houses, is the perfect Post-Cruise Option. The guided city tour acquaints you with its landmarks and famous monuments. Explore the Rijksmuseum’s prestigious collection of Dutch Master paintings, and visit Our Lord in the Attic, a fascinating museum and 17th-century clandestine church. Enjoy time at leisure in this wonderful city known for its vibrant culture and friendly people. Post-Cruise accommodations are for two nights in the Five-Star Renaissance Amsterdam Hotel, ideally located in the heart of the city.

Delft • Kinderdijk • The Hague

The Juwelen of Zuid-Holland

The Pre-Cruise Option begins your Dutch waterways experience in a center of resistance to the Spanish Habsburgs, headquarters of the International Court of Justice and seat of the Dutch government. The Hague showcases stately municipal buildings, elegant residential houses and picturesque cobblestone courtyards. In the city’s historic centre, walk through Mauritshuis, a 17th-century neoclassical mansion, featuring one of the most renowned collections of Dutch and Flemish art in the world, including Jan Vermeer’s Girl with a Pearl Earring and a late-period self portrait by Rembrandt. Visit historic Delft to watch traditional craftsmen create the iconic “Delft Blue” porcelain in the Royal Porceleyne Fles; and tour an authentic 18th-century windmill—a remarkable innovation of Dutch engineering—in Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Pre-Cruise accommodations are for two nights in the deluxe, iconic Hotel des Indes.

Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

The Hague’s Mauritshuis museum, once the home of the 17th-century Count Johan Maurits, is a glorious example of classical Dutch architecture.
‡Taxes are an additional $130 solo travellers. Space is limited and will sell out quickly. Single accommodations are available only in categories 2, 3, 4 and 5. Single supplement is waived for Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure. to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration wire transfer or credit card by January 19, 2018. All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by cheque, wire transfer or credit card by January 19, 2018.

**LAND/CRUISE TARIFF excluding taxes* in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy**

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**RIVER LIFE**

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Enclosed is my/our cheque(s) for $__________ as deposit. Make cheque payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

If/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:

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Card Number Exp. Date

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Amsterdam’s charming bridges and picturesque canals.

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DISCOUNCED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by September 19, 2017. A booking made on a "discounted" reservation must be cancelled, no "replacement" reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A "replacement" reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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