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Amsterdam to Bruges Aboard *Magnifique III*

Featuring Steven Pincus, Department of History

May 10–18, 2019

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

CRUISE aboard the new *Magnifique III*, an intimate Dutch-style boutique riverboat with 20 comfortable cabins

EXPLORE nine centuries of architecture, from the 12th-century Gravensteen Castle in Ghent to Zaha Hadid's futuristic Harbor House in Antwerp

DISCOVER Dordrecht, the oldest city in Holland, where *Magnifique III* docks overnight

EXPERIENCE the Low Countries as the locals do, on optional cycling tours along gentle, even terrain

GO behind the scenes in the charming town of Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

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

TRAVELING WITH YOU



Steven Pincus is the Thomas E. Donnelly Professor of British History and the College at the University of Chicago. Pincus recently returned to the University after teaching for 13 years at Yale. Pincus has written widely on English and Dutch history and the history of capitalism. Two of his books, *Protestantism and Patriotism: Ideologies and the Making of English Foreign Policy 1650-1668* (Cambridge University Press, 1996) and

1688: The First Modern Revolution (Yale University Press, 2009), focused on the complicated economic, cultural, and political relationship between the Netherlands and Britain. He is currently completing a book entitled *The Global British Empire ca. 1650-1784* (Yale University Press) that explains why Britain, and not the Netherlands or France, became a global imperial power and the first industrial nation by the end of the 18th century. On this trip Pincus intends to explore why the Dutch developed an economy which became the envy of Europe by the middle of the 17th century and why the Dutch failed to remain a first rate power in the 18th century. Why, in essence, did America's founders look to the Dutch as both a model for their own independence movement and a warning for what a badly organized commercial republic might become?



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Dear Alumni, Parents, Families, and Friends,

Please join us next spring on an enchanting cruise through the Netherlands and Belgium. From the intriguing Dutch capital to the tiny Belgian town of Bruges, follow meandering rivers and canals aboard an upscale riverboat chartered exclusively for us. Discover storybook villages, idyllic countryside, and outstanding art and architecture. You may also wish to take advantage of daily, optional cycling opportunities to experience the Low Countries as the locals do—by bike.

Begin in Amsterdam with a walking tour and a visit to the Rijksmuseum before embarking the new *Magnifique III*, a boutique river vessel with just 20 comfortable cabins. Taste Dutch cheeses, admire the perfectly aligned windmills of Kinderdijk on an up-close visit, and call at Antwerp to see Rubens' powerful *Descent from the Cross*. Explore Ghent's iconic Gravensteen Castle, with its moat, turrets, and arrow slits (not to mention its torture instruments!). Conclude with a delightful day in Bruges, to discover a prized Michelangelo sculpture and enjoy some leisure time before disembarking. Admire the belfry overlooking Bruges' Market Square; those who wish may opt to ascend the 366 steps of this bell tower, which resembles the one at Rockefeller Chapel on the University of Chicago campus.

This trip is co-sponsored by the Alumni Association of Washington University in St. Louis. We hope you will join us to discover the best of the Netherlands and Belgium—by foot, by barge, and by bike.



Sincerely,

Andrea Hodgman

Associate Director, Lifelong Learning
The University of Chicago

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An optional prelude in Amsterdam is offered from May 8 to 11, 2019.

FRIDAY, MAY 10: DEPARTURE

Depart on an overnight flight to Amsterdam.

SATURDAY, MAY 11: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

Arrive in Amsterdam for lunch followed by a visit to the Rijksmuseum, the State Treasury of Dutch paintings. Embark *Magnifique III* and enjoy a welcome dinner on board as we cruise to Vianen along the winding Vecht River. L,D

SUNDAY, MAY 12: VIANEN / DORDRECHT, HOLLAND

Morning drive to explore picturesque Kinderdijk, a village famous for its impressive row of 19 large windmills, all UNESCO listed and a delight to see up close. Continue to Dordrecht, one of the Netherlands' oldest cities for an afternoon walking tour. Bikers can ride and explore Dordrecht, where the ship is docked overnight. B,L,D

MONDAY, MAY 13: DORDRECHT / ANTWERP, BELGIUM

This morning, transfer to Antwerp to view the restored Harbor House, designed by Zaha Hadid, and the newly restored Central Station. Following lunch, see the cathedral where Rubens' famous *Descent from the Cross* is on display. Also visit Maagdenhuis Museum, a former 17th-century almshouse and orphanage featuring a collection of portraits by artists including Jacob Jordaens and Anthony van Dyck; learn about how Antwerp established public social welfare centers and charitable institutions in the early Middle Ages. B,L,D

TUESDAY, MAY 14: ANTWERP / DENDERMONDE, BELGIUM

Return to Antwerp this morning to visit the 17th-century Rubens House and see some of the Flemish painter's famous works. Continue to Dendermonde, known for its magnificent Flemish buildings. Visit the Church of our Lady, home to two Van Dyck paintings and a 12-century baptismal font of Tounai stone, and visit a charming medieval *beguinage*. Tonight enjoy a private onboard concert. B,L,D

Vianen



Amsterdam





Central Station, Antwerp, photo by Daniel Mennerich

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15: DENDERMONDE / GHENT, BELGIUM

Morning sail or cycle to Ghent. After lunch on board, visit the City Hall, followed by a tour through Ghent's medieval center, including the magnificent Cathedral of St. Bavo. B,L,D

THURSDAY, MAY 16: GHENT / BRUGES, BELGIUM

Visit the Museum of Fine Arts in Ghent for a special behind-the-scenes tour and talk by restoration specialists, then view the medieval Gravensteen Castle. Rejoin the ship in Bruges, where she remains docked overnight. Bikers may opt to cycle from Lovendegem to Bruges. Join an evening stroll to see the illuminated medieval architecture of Bruges. B,L,D

FRIDAY, MAY 17: BRUGES

Today explore Bruges, a medieval gem laced with canals and gardens, with a privileged look at some of its hidden treasures. Admire the belfry overlooking the city's Market Square, with an option to climb the tower for those who wish. Visit the cathedral with its celebrated *Madonna & Child* by Michelangelo, and view the collections at the Hans Memling Museum, housed in the Hospice of St. John. An optional afternoon visit to the Groeninge Museum is offered, or enjoy free time in this enchanting town. Gather this evening for a festive farewell dinner. B,L,D

SATURDAY, MAY 18: BRUGES / RETURN

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

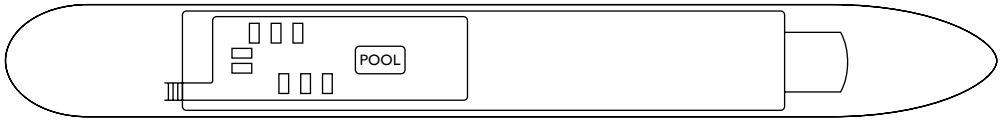
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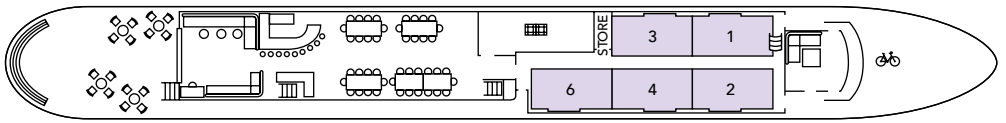
Madonna & Child, Bruges, © youngie42

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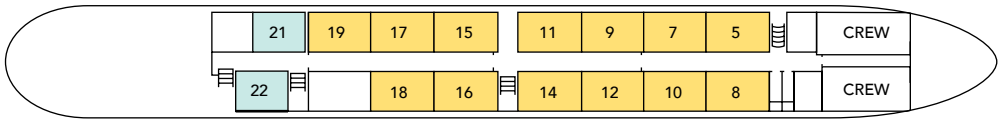
TOP DECK



UPPER DECK



LOWER DECK



Upper Deck Suite with French Balcony



Magnifique III

Built in the style of Holland's traditional river barges, *Magnifique III* made her premier voyage in the spring of 2018, sailing under the Dutch flag. All of her 20 cabins and suites feature individually regulated air conditioning and flat-screen satellite TV. The Upper Deck has a spacious salon that combines a restaurant, bar, and lounge. Large windows open onto the partially covered sun deck. The top deck features a whirlpool/Jacuzzi and deck chairs for relaxing. ■

CRUISE RATES

(Per Person)

Cabins	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates
21, 22 Single cabin. One twin bed with portholes	Lower Deck	—	\$6,999
5, 7 to 12, 14 to 19 Twin beds with portholes	Lower Deck	\$4,999	Inquire
1 to 4, 6 Suites, twin beds, small sitting area, French balcony with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors	Upper Deck	\$6,999	Inquire

RATES INCLUDE

- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard *Magnifique III*
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; wine and beer with lunches and dinners
- Use of bikes provided by *Magnifique III*
- 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

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance; optional Amsterdam prelude; luggage in excess of one suitcase; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



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ACCOMMODATIONS

Magnifique III cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a cabin with _____

OPTIONAL PRELUDE

I/We wish to join the optional prelude in Amsterdam

Hotel room preference One bed Two beds Single

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