

Marjorie 2

CRUISING HOLLAND DURING SPRINGTIME

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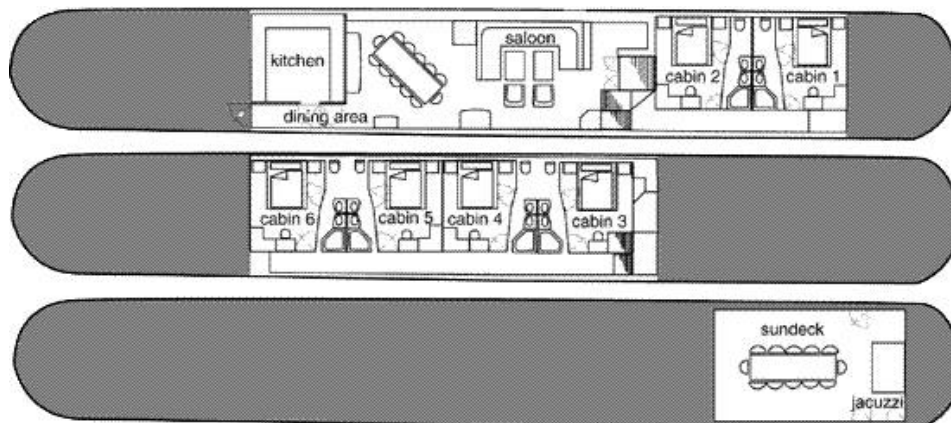
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Size:	129"X16'5"
Capacity:	12
Crew:	5
Cabins:	6
Accommodations:	6 Doubles/Twins
Heat & Air:	Central Heating & Air Conditioning
Cruising Region:	Between Bruges and Haarlem
Length of Cruise:	6 Nights
Departure Day:	Sunday
Remodeled:	2006
Meals:	All Included
Beverages:	All Included
Entrance Fees:	All Included
Laundry Facilities:	Not available
Transportation:	Transfer from Bruges or Amsterdam (depending on the direction of cruise)
Pick-Up Time:	2:00 PM
Recreational Items:	TV, email access, soundsystem with CD, 8 bicycles, Library of books & games
Theme Cruises:	Golf
Cruising Season:	Holland Tulip Cruise, April & May Burgundy, June thru November

BOAT DIAGRAM



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SAMPLE ITINERARY

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BRUGES TO HAARLEM

APRIL & MAY

Sunday

Transfer from your hotel in Bruges to the Marjorie II, moored nearby. Many consider it the best-preserved medieval city in Europe or a “museum town”. It’s best to start our visit on a small boat to explore the city, and continue on one of Bruges’ most memorable spots the Begijnhof, where Benedictine nuns stroll in traditional black-robe and white head-cloth. The Memling museum and Old Sint-Janshospitaal, founded in 1118, is one of the oldest hospitals in Europe.

Monday

This morning we cruise to Ghent. A first and lasting impression of Ghent is of its marvelous medieval structures whose sturdy stone facades reflect well in canal waters. We visit the Castle of the Counts. This magnificent, almost unrivalled example of a feudal fortress of the Counts of Flanders has a massive medieval shape that rises from the reflective waters of its moat, it was built about 1180. Today we need to cruise on the Schelde River to Antwerp. This river has a tide difference of more than 20 feet and a strong current.

Tuesday

Antwerp, where the three “must-see” sights are baroque painter Pieter Paul Rubens’ house, the Plantin-Moretus house, a printing plant and shop in service between 1555 and 1876, and of course Belgium’s largest Gothic cathedral. This evening you should go to the “Grote Markt” to drink one of the more than 100 kinds of Belgian Beers. We cruise to Dordrecht in the evening.

Wednesday

In the morning we cruise through Rotterdam the biggest port in the world. Delft is a fascinating town, full of small canals and humpbacked bridges and best explored by bike or on foot. Many beautiful buildings illustrate the city’s historic connection with the Dutch East India Company. The birthplace of Jan Vermeer, Delft is also famous for its table-ware, and we visit a factory to learn how this world-famous porcelain is made. We cruise to Leiden. This is a very charming University town with the American Pilgrim museum how tells the stories of the founders of New England, the Pilgrims.

Thursday

We cruise to Leiden. This afternoon marks a cruising highlight: a walk through the glorious Keukenhof Gardens, Holland’s best-known gardens park, with more than 70 acres filled with over 6 million flowering bulbs. We stroll through breathtaking waves of color on this unforgettable half -day excursion.

Friday

After an early breakfast we take a trip to the Aalsmeer flower auction, where some 17 million cut flowers are auctioned every day. Returning to our boat, we cruise on to Haarlem. We can visit the Frans Hals Museum and its collection of Old Masters. Other highlights include St.

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Bavo's Cathedral on the main square where both Handel and Mozart played the magnificent Muller organ. The day ends with this evening's Farewell Dinner.

Saturday

After breakfast, disembark to your hotel or airport.

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2009 PRICES

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Per Person

\$3,800 Value Season / \$4,100 Regular Season

Single Supplement

\$1,900 Value Season / \$2,050 Regular Season

10 Passenger Charter

\$38,000 Value Season / \$41,250 Regular Season

12 Passenger Charter

\$41,750 Value Season / \$45,350 Regular Season

Family Charter Up to 12 - July 5 to August 29

\$38,000

Value Season: April 12 until August 29

Regular Season: August 30 until October 23

Family Charters : Special charter rates are available for families travelling with 2 or more children under 16 years of age on departures in July and August: \$38,000 Marjorie II charter.

Golf Charters in France: Golf Charters are always available at a cost of \$44,550 (\$49,350 high season) for a full charter. Prices include golf fees, meals at golf clubs and transfers.

TULIP CRUISES - HAARLEM TO BRUGES / BRUGES TO HAARLEM.

Departing every Sunday in April and May

FRANCE - MORET SUR LOING TO VERMENTON / VERMENTON TO MORET SUR LOING.

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Dinner

Terrine of Foie Gras with Tarragon Port Wine gelée

Cream of Forestier mushroom Soup

Pan fried baby Turbot accompanied with Wild Rice, broccoli and a Bell-pepper sauce

Chocolate Soufflé

Lunch

Harts of Palms and tomato salad with oregano dressing

Chicken fillet in an Almond crust with a choice of dips

Home made Banana ice-cream topped with Chocolate sauce

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Steamed Lobster Tail on a Basil Risotto with Coriander Beurre Blanc

French onion Soup

Lamb fillet served with a mustard-grain sauce
Lyonnaise Potato's and a selection of Fresh Vegetables

Crepes Suzette

Lunch

Stew of Green & white Asparagus served with Croutons & Bacon

Chiabatta vegetable Cheese toast

Chilled Berry Mint Soup

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Red Wines:

Bordeaux

Château Mirebeau 1996	Pessac-Léognan
Château Grange-Neuve 1997	Pomerol
Château Gomboude Guillot 1993	Pomerol
Château Graves de Peyroutas 1996	Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Château Côte Montpezat 1996	Cotes-de-Castillon

Burgundy

<u>Chassagne-Montrachet 1996</u>	Ropiteau - Burgundy
Beaune 1997	Domaine Maillard

Beaujolais

Fleurie 1998	Georges Duboeuf
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Rhône and South

<u>Domaine de Saint Préfert 1996</u>	Châteauneuf du Pape
Vacqueyras-Gigondas 1998	Pierre Amadieu
Domaine Chaume-Arnaud 1998	Côte du Rhône
Domaine Lalaurie 1997	Cabernet-Sauvignon-Pays D'oc
Domaine des Pomarèdes 1997	Merlot - Pays D'oc

White Wines:

Bordeaux

Château Moulin de Poncet 1998	Vin de Bordeaux
Château Bonnet 1997	Entre-Deux-Mers

Burgundy

<u>Chablis Premier Cru 1997</u>	Montée de Tonnerre
Domain Thibert 1997	Pouilly - Fuissé

Loire

Fournier 1997	Sancerre
Pouilly Fumé 1998	



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