

# Savoir Faire

HOLLAND TULIP CRUISE & THREE COUNTRY CRUISE

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# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Size:	132"X17
Capacity:	12
Crew:	7
Cabins:	6
Accommodations:	6 Queen/Twins ensuite
Heat & Air:	Central Heating & Air Conditioning
Cruising Region:	Holland (Tulip Cruise) / Holland/Belgium/France (3 Country Cruise)
Length of Cruise:	Tulip Cruise - 6 Nights / 3 Country Cruise - 13 nights
Departure Day:	Sunday
Cabin Size:	Approximately 9'X13'
Electricity:	The voltage aboard is 220 volt A/C and 110v (for electric shavers)
Hairdryers:	Provided
Meals:	All Included
Beverages:	All Included
Entrance Fees:	All Included
Laundry Facilities:	Not available
Transportation:	Transfers to and From Amsterdam, for Tulip Cruises Transfer from Amsterdam and to Paris for Three Country Cruise Private coach for excursions
Pick-Up Time:	1:30 PM
Recreational Items:	Soundsystem with CD, 6 Bikes, Fully Stocked Bar, Library of books & games
Theme Cruises:	Golfing, Biking, Three Country
Cruising Season:	May 06 - May 19, 2007: Tulip Cruise 13 night 3 Country Cruise (Haarlem to Paris) Oct 21 - Nov 03, 2007: 13 night 3 Country Cruise (Paris to Haarlem)

### BOAT DIAGRAM

(please note that in addition to the decks featured below there is also a top panoramic deck)



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## SAMPLE ITINERARY

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## HOLLAND TULIP CRUISE

### Day 1: Sunday

After your pick-up by the Captain you will be taken to the barge moored in the center of Haarlem for a champagne welcome. We will relax for the afternoon with a cruise to Zaandam, (an important shipbuilding center of the 17th century, visited by Peter the Great) where we will moor for the night. Enjoy your first gourmet dinner on board.

### Day 2: Monday

After breakfast we will take a short drive to the restored Dutch village of Zaanse Schans to visit a working windmill, a clog maker and a cheese maker. In the afternoon, cruise to Amsterdam, through the heart of the city where the small canals and architecture will take you back to a previous century and then along the Amstel River to Ouderkerk.

### Day 3: Tuesday

Morning cruise to Gouda, past quaint Dutch villages and typical landscapes. Besides cheese, you will find beautiful buildings, excellent shopping and the most magnificent stained glass windows in Holland.

### Day 4: Wednesday

A morning cruise past Rotterdam through the center of this busy port and then onto Delft. Visit the Royal Delft Pottery works, where porcelain is still handmade and painted. Spend the rest of the afternoon strolling around this beautiful ancient Dutch city, crisscrossed by canals and made famous by the paintings of Vermeer.

### Day 5: Thursday

A morning cruise through the canals past Leiden, across the Brasemmer Lakes to the village of Oude Wetering. Spend the afternoon at the famous Keukenhof Gardens with the largest display of flowers in the world. Here you will see hundreds of varieties of tulips, hyacinths and can purchase bulbs for shipment home.

### Day 6: Friday

An early rise (optional, of course!) and drive to the colorful flower auction in Aalsmeer - an incredible institution where millions of flowers are purchased and shipped every day. Return for a hearty breakfast followed by a morning cruise to Haarlem, a picturesque town and the home of the famous Dutch painter Frans Hals. If you want, we'll tour the Frans Hals Museum. Then there's the lovely 15th century Grote Kerk (former St. Bravo's Cathedral) with its magnificent organ on which both Mozart and Handel played. Farewell celebration on board and your last elegant gourmet dinner ends the cruise in style.

### Day 7: Saturday

This will be your last breakfast on board. You will then be driven to either the airport or your Amsterdam hotel. **PLEASE NOTE - ALL ITINERARIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. THIS IS A SAMPLE CRUISE ITINERARY AND IS PROVIDED AS A GUIDE ONLY.**

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### THREE COUNTRY CRUISE

From the canals and cobbled streets of Haarlem, through the Dutch countryside, past windmills and fields of tulips, then on to Ghent in Belgium ... this is the most leisurely and pampered way to visit Holland, Belgium and France ever invented! A very special tour! There are ample opportunities for bicycling and walking throughout the cruise. Your tour guide is at hand to advise you of the best possible choices.

Your hosts, Fran and Chris, will be celebrating their 3rd season cruising this magnificent route.

Day 1 : SUNDAY. Overnight in Haarlem

Guests are met at their hotel in Amsterdam at 1:30pm and driven to the "Savoir Faire" for a champagne welcome and a tour of Haarlem and its famous sights.

Day 2 : MONDAY. Haarlem to Ouderwetering (bicycling possible)

This morning we cruise to the lakeside village of Ouderwetering. Afternoon visit to the Keukenhof Gardens, the largest display of flowers in the world. Here you will see hundreds of varieties of tulips, hyacinths and other bulbs.

Day 3 : TUESDAY. Ouderwetering to Delft (bicycling possible)

Please note that should you wish to visit Almeer Flower Auction we have to leave the barge at 7am. We then return to the barge in time for a hearty breakfast. Coffee will be served before you leave. Morning cruise along the canals to the town of Delft, 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 tableware. Your tour guide has arranged a visit after lunch to the Royal Delft factory to learn how this world-famous porcelain is made.

Day 4 : WEDNESDAY. Delft to Wilemstad (bicycling possible from Delft to Rotterdam)

Your cruise from Delft takes you through Rotterdam onto the river Ijssel and across the wide open waters of Holland Diep, part of the Dutch estuaries, to the charming old fortress town of Wilemstad. This town is preserved in its original state, with windmill dykes, an old church and a 15th century arsenal. There will be an optional visit to the famous Delta Project which is one of the greatest feats of water engineering in the world involving damming the great estuaries.

Day 5 : THURSDAY. Wilemstad to Antwerp (bicycling is possible but it's extremely difficult to get back onto the barge. Your captain does not advise this)

Today we will leave Holland and cross the border into Belgium and travel to Antwerp. Antwerp is the city of Rubens, where we can take a tour of Rubens' house, then a walk in the old quarter of this beautiful Flemish city.

Day 6 : FRIDAY. Antwerp to Ghent (bicycling is not possible today)

Once through the exit lock at Antwerp, we catch the flood tide up the winding "Sea Schelde".

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This mighty river rises over 20 feet during high tide, providing an ever changing landscape which is seen best from the decks of the "Savoir Faire". Later on your tour guide will meet you and escort you to the city of Ghent, with its magnificent cathedral and collections of fine art.

Day 7 : SATURDAY. Moored in Ghent (bicycling/walking possible today)

After a hearty breakfast our chauffeur will take you to Bruges where you will be free for the day to roam the cobbled streets of this fascinating town, known as the "Venice of the North". Here you will have the opportunity to explore the many museums, buy some of the handmade lace, take a boat trip on one of the small canals that flow through the centre of Bruges - or simply relax on a cafe terrace watching the world pass by. Our chauffeurs will take you back to the "Savoir Faire" late afternoon. *Please note that on Saturday lunch is at your own expense and dinner aboard will comprise of a self-service buffet accompanied by wine (even the chef needs some time off during the week!).*

Day 8 : SUNDAY. Ghent to French/Belgian frontier - destination Tournai (bicycling/walking possible today)

A relaxed morning heralds in the start of the second leg of our journey from Ghent to Paris. We begin our cruise along the river Schelde to the French/Belgian frontier and to the fascinating town of Tournai - the jewel of numerous conquests dating back over centuries.

Day 9 : MONDAY. French/Belgian frontier to Arleux (bicycling/walking possible today)

After passing the frontier, the "Savoir Faire" continues along the Schelde, through the town of Valenciennes to the junction of Canal du Nord at the little French village of Arleux. The chauffeurs will take guests to Valenciennes along the way.

Day 10 : TUESDAY. Arleux to overnight mooring to be advised by your (bicycling/walking possible today)

The "Savoir Faire" begins her climb over the Vermandois Hills of Picardie through the many locks and several tunnels of the Canal du Nord. The scenery is splendid - rural France at her best, and a good tow path allows guests to walk or cycle between locks. After lunch, the chauffeurs will escort you by minibus on an excursion to Amiens to visit what must be one of the greatest of all the Gothic cathedrals with its powerful, towering columns.

Day 11 : WEDNESDAY. Cruise to Compiègne (bicycling/walking possible today)

Your cruise continues along the Canal du Nord as it drops down into the valley of the river Somme; a short trip on the Somme before climbing over another watershed and down to the valley of the river Oise to moor in the riverside town of Compiègne. There are many places to visit, including the train where the World War I Armistice was signed, as well as the Royal Palace.

Day 12 : THURSDAY. Compiègne to Pontoise (bicycling/walking possible today)

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As the "Savoir Faire" continues down the lovely Oise River, guests are taken on an afternoon excursion to the old Roman town of Senlis with its quaint narrow streets, ancient churches and interesting museums, rejoining the "Savoir Faire" at the river town of Pontoise.

Day 13 : FRIDAY. Pontoise to Paris (bicycling not possible today)

Cruise to Bougival in the morning and visit Giverny, the home and gardens of the Impressionist, Claude Monet. The gardens should be at their best at this time of the year, and you can see the waterlily pond (exactly as in his famous paintings) and the Japanese bridge that inspired so many of Monet's creations. Guests rejoin the "Savoir Faire" for an evening cruise into Paris. After the Captains Dinner we shall cruise up the floodlit Seine past the Eiffel Tower and into the "Port d'Arsenal" adjacent to the Bastille. The "Savoir Faire" is the only barge to offer such an exclusive evening cruise in Paris.

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## CRUISE SCHEDULE & PRICES

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2007

March 18-May 05 2007: **Holland Tulip Cruises**, (Haarlem to Haarlem)

May 06, 13 2007: **13 night 3 country cruise**, can be booked as single weeks also, from Holland to Belgium, Belgium to France (Amsterdam-Ghent, Ghent-Paris)

May 20-August 25 2007: **Chablis Cruises**, Burgundy (Paris to Auxerre or reverse)

August 26-Sept 22 2007: **Champagne and Brie Cruises** (Paris to Epernay or reverse)

Sept 23 - Oct 20 2007: **Chablis Cruises**, Burgundy (Paris to Auxerre or reverse)

Oct 21, 28 2007: **13 night 3 country cruise**, can be booked as single weeks also (Paris-Ghent, Ghent-Amsterdam)

	Early	Value	Regular
Charter for 12 Guests	\$32,000	\$39,000	\$43,000
Charter for 11 Guests	\$31,000	\$38,000	\$42,000
Charter for 10 Guests	\$30,000	\$37,000	\$41,000
Cabin bookings (p.p.sharing)	\$3,000	\$3,700	\$4,100
Single Supp.	\$1,500	\$1,850	\$2,050

**EARLY SEASON:** March 18-May 05; Oct 07-Nov 03 2007

**VALUE SEASON:** May 06-19; July 08-Sept 08 2007

**REGULAR SEASON:** May 20-July 07; Sept 09-Oct 06 2007

**THREE COUNTRY CRUISES** (France, Belgium + Holland), 13 nights  
12 Guest Charter-Special rate with 25% off! \$58,500  
Double/Twin Suite (based on two sharing) \$6,500  
Single in a Double/Twin Suite \$7,290

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2008

	Early	Value	Regular
Charter for 12 Guests	\$35,000	\$42,000	\$46,000
Charter for 10 Guests	\$33,000	\$40,000	\$44,000
Charter for 8 Guests	\$31,000	\$38,000	\$42,000
Cabin bookings (p.p.sharing)	\$3,500	\$4,200	\$4,600
Single Supp.	\$1,750	\$2,100	\$2,300

<b>THREE COUNTRY CRUISES</b> (France, Belgium + Holland), 13 nights	
12 Guest Charter-Special rate with 25% off!	\$65,000
Double/Twin Suite (based on two sharing)	\$7,500
Single in a Double/Twin Suite	\$8,500

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## MENU TYPES

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### Breakfast

Continental breakfast with freshly baked pastries and breads, cereals, fruit, yogurt and eggs made to order.

### Morning Tea

Freshly brewed tea and coffee served with homemade lamingtons (sponge cake covered in coconut, dripped in chocolate).

### Lunch

Dou potato soup with cheese, croutons, salads, cold meats, variety of pate, cheeses of the day, fresh breads and pastries.

### Afternoon Tea

### Hors d'oeuvres

Cheese and corn fritters.

### Dinner

*Entree* - Trio of vegetables timbale, consisting of cauliflower, carrot, zucchini, gruyere and cayenne pepper. Served on a sauce of roasted red peppers, tomato and garlic.

*Main Course* - North Atlantic Salmon fillets grilled and topped with a champagne and chive lemon beurre blanc.

Cheese course consisting of the best regional cheeses.

*Desert* - Light chocolate souffle glazed with icing and Cream Chantilly.

Coffee, aperitifs and chocolates served in the main salon.

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#### Breakfast

Continental breakfast with freshly baked pastries and breads, cereals, fruit, yogurt and eggs made to order.

#### Morning Tea

Freshly brewed tea and coffee served with banana bread.

#### Lunch

French toast with Virginia leg ham, gouda cheese and tomatoes. Served with assorted pate, cold meats, salads and freshly baked breads.

#### Afternoon Tea

#### Hors d'oeuvres

Smoked trout pate on pumpernickel.

#### Dinner

*Entree* - Sautéed Scottish King Scallops served on a bed of zucchini and cabbage braise, topped with lime and chervil sauce with trio of caviar.

*Main Course* - Pork Macadamia - Oriental marinated pork fillets, flame grilled with roasted macadamia nuts served on a bed of angel hair pasta with seasonal vegetables in a curry and sesame sauce.

Cheese course consisting of the best regional cheeses.

*Desert* - Bombe Alaska - a wild berry mousse encased in a vanilla sponge cake topped with meringue and then baked.

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