

Tulip Time Cruise 2019

8 Day River Cruise Amsterdam to Amsterdam

10 DAYS: Saturday, April 6-Monday, April 15, 2019

This European river cruise in Holland gets underway in its popular, modern capital of Amsterdam. This 700-year-old city offers an abundance of classic architecture, cafés, and restaurants to explore before you embark on your river cruise through Holland and Belgium. Sail through Rotterdam’s harbor, said to be the world’s busiest port. Garden enthusiasts will delight in a visit to see the breathtaking colors of Keukenhof, also known as the “Garden of Europe.” With 70 acres of parkland and lakes, it’s one of the world’s largest flower gardens. Alternatively, an excursion to the city of Gouda, famous for its cheese, is available, before sailing to Antwerp—Belgium’s second-largest city, combining ancient buildings and monuments with modern architecture. In Ghent, Belgium, join a local expert for a guided tour of the city, including a visit to St. Bavo’s Cathedral. Back in Holland, Middelburg was formerly an important trading city and you’ll get a sense of its wealth today with its impressive structures like the gothic Town Hall, Abbey Tower, and bustling Market Square. No trip to Holland is complete without a visit to the technical miracle that is the Delta Works, a storm flood barrier almost six miles long, constructed after the floods of 1953. This beautiful and historic springtime river cruise during tulip season in Holland and Belgium concludes with more chance to explore the colorful city of Amsterdam. See the most fascinating areas of the city on a canal cruise along the elegant Grachten lined with homes dating back to the city’s “Golden Age.” From seemingly unending fields of color from Holland’s gardens, to windmills and waterways of Amsterdam, to the ancient and modern mix of Belgium’s architecture, this European river cruise is sure to grow in your memory for endless seasons to come.



ITINERARY

Day 1 Flight from Boston

Day 2 Arrive Amsterdam, pre-cruise hotel accommodations

Day 3 Amsterdam (Embarkation): Onboard welcome reception

Day 4 Rotterdam. Rotterdam harbor cruise: Choice of guided sightseeing in Gouda or visit to Keukenhof Gardens

Day 5 Antwerp: Guided sightseeing

Day 6 Ghent: Guided sightseeing, visit St. Baaf's Cathedral

Day 7 Middelburg–Veere. Excursion to the Delta Works: Guided walk in Middelburg; guided tour of the Delta Works

Day 8 Willemstad: Time at leisure; cheese tasting on board

Day 9 Amsterdam: Canal cruise

Day 10 Amsterdam (Disembarkation): Your vacation ends this morning

Return flight to Boston, or opt for an additional day

Always Included

You've always forged your own path...with your own distinct perspective of looking at the world. Avalon Waterways presents a river cruise experience with your unique style in mind—offering expansive views and wider perspectives. That's why we've designed a cruise experience that's just a bit different.

Throughout the Ship:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Panoramic windows
- Elegant, contemporary design & decor
- Friendly, English-speaking crew & Cruise Director
- Sky Deck with whirlpool, shade awnings, game area and premium lounges
- Covered Observation Lounge
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate & premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day

Suites & Staterooms:

- Comfort Collection BedsSM with choice of mattress firmness
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Premium L'Occitane bath products
- Large bathroom featuring shower with glass door
- Flatscreen satellite TV with free movie channels
- Individual climate control and in-room safe
- Complimentary bottled water daily
- And, much more.

Health & Fitness:

- Bikes
- Canoe, kayak and jogging excursions
- Maps for hiking, biking and jogging routes
- Fitness and wellness activities
- Fitbits®
- All through your Avalon Adventure HostSM

Dining

- FlexDiningSM for more venue and seating options, including flexible seating times in our main Dining Room
- Avalon FreshSM healthy cuisine options at every meal
- Complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast; wine, beer, or soft drinks with every lunch and dinner
- Early and Late Riser breakfast options
- Daily full buffet breakfast with made-to-order egg station, hot and cold menu items
- Daily lunch buffet with pasta or carving stations
- Alternative light lunch or Sky Grill on the Sky Deck (weather permitting)
- Daily Afternoon Tea featuring tea, coffee, sweet treats & sandwiches
- Daily four-course a la carte dinner in the main Dining Room with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrees and desserts. Includes selections of regional recipes, Western dishes and vegetarian options.
- Alternative Panorama Bistro dinner, featuring regional specialties and small plates
- Captain's welcome & farewell receptions and dinners with sparkling wine and canapés
- Panorama Lounge featuring premium spirits and Avalon specialty cocktails, along with local entertainment special guests
- Cocktails available on the Sky Deck
- Fresh fruit available throughout the day

Avalon has designed **included activities** with a choice of experiences. We invite you to select the tours, activities, and events that interest you most, so you can experience your cruise your way. There are 3 types of included shore excursion on every Europe cruise:

Classic

Your local expert is ready to guide you through the history and heritage of local destinations. You'll marvel at the legends, lore, and spectacular architecture of iconic and historic sites.

Discovery

We've found inspiring and interactive activities to speak to your interests - from cooking classes, to painting workshops - to immerse yourself in each culture you explore.

Active

Embark on energetic excursions to keep you in motion and on the go - from a guided jogging tour of Amsterdam, to biking, paddling, and hiking your way through scenic locales.

Day-By-Day Itinerary (B) = Breakfast (L) = Lunch (D) = Dinner

Day 1 Overnight flight from Boston

Day 2 Arrive Amsterdam, transfer to hotel, one night pre-cruise accommodations

Day 3 (D) AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to Amsterdam. Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding.

Flights into Amsterdam must arrive by 3:30 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

Your day in Amsterdam is free to explore at your leisure. You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to beautiful Zaanse Schans where you'll see a wonderful collection of well-preserved historic windmills and Dutch houses. Enjoy dinner and explore the ship on your first night on board.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ROTTERDAM

This morning cruise through Rotterdam harbor.

Classic

Join a full— or half-day Guided Tour of breathtaking Keukenhof—known as the “Garden of Europe”—for its 70 acres of lush parkland, lakes, and the world’s largest flower gardens—with more than seven million tulips, daffodils and hyacinths as well as other bulbs, planted each year, OR:

Classic

Enjoy an afternoon excursion to Gouda. You’ll join a Guided Tour of the town famous for the Dutch yellow cheese that bears its name—as well as stroopwafels (syrup waffles), Gouda candles, and the beautiful city center.

Take some free time to relax on the harbor-side in Rotterdam with an artisan beer, a slice of appeltart (Dutch apple pie), and a koffie verkeerd, a typical Dutch drink of half coffee, half milk. Take a bike from your ship to explore Rotterdam and the surrounding area. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ANTWERP**Classic**

Take a Guided Tour of this sophisticated city to visit the central Grote Markt, lined with 16th-century guildhall houses. You’ll also see the beautiful city hall, the Cathedral of Our Lady with its stunning altarpiece paintings by Rubens.

You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to the nearby capital, Brussels—considered home to the European Union, and admire its magnificent palaces and cathedrals.

You might prefer to take time on your own to indulge in Antwerp’s signature Belgian waffles and crêpes—or explore this bike-friendly city from its old wharfs to its legendary diamond district. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO GHENT

You’ll have time for an early—morning walk (or jog) to explore the architecture and canals of Ghent—“Belgium’s best-kept secret.”

Classic

Explore Ghent—“The Diamond of Flanders” with a Guided Sightseeing Tour of this showcase of medieval Flemish wealth. You’ll visit St. Bavo’s Cathedral with its remarkable Flemish artwork.

You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion of Bruges to explore its canals, cobbled streets, and medieval buildings. You’ll see its crisscrossed canals, the 13th-century belfry of Market Square, and charming patrician houses.

EVENING CRUISE TO MIDDELBURG

Day 7 (B, L, D) MIDDELBURG, HOLLAND A Spicy History in Middelburg's Dutch Harbor Town

Classic

Join a Guided Walking Tour of the historic merchant city of Middelburg—with its 15th-century gothic Town Hall. You'll learn about the spice trade of this Dutch harbor capital of Zeeland, its prosperity in the Dutch East India Company trading, and origins as a stronghold city. Enjoy its winding cobbled streets and canals that circle Old Town.

Spend some free time biking or walking through Middelburg to sample Babbelaar cookies, fries, or beer before cruising to Veere this afternoon.

VEERE The Delta Works Stand Strong as a Technical Marvel

Discovery

Join a Guided Tour of the Delta Works, the largest flood-protection system in the world, and a miracle of modern technology.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO WILLEMSTAD

Day 8 (B, L, D) WILLEMSTAD Willemstad's Windmills and Historic Harbor

Enjoy a free morning on your own to explore the well-preserved fortifications of this historic town.

Active

Join your Avalon Adventure Host for an Early Run in Willemstad.

Discovery

Later, enjoy a Cheese Tasting on board as you prepare to sail to Amsterdam.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO AMSTERDAM

Day 9 (B, L, D) AMSTERDAM Colorful Amsterdam—with Canals, Crooked Houses, and Cuisine of a Golden Age

Classic

Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age."

Take some free time to explore Amsterdam's colorful streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM

Day 10 (B) AMSTERDAM (DISEMBARKATION)

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

Notes

- In the event of water level problems or any problems of a technical nature, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or to alter the program.
- Included visits and special features are subject to change. If a change is necessary, a substitute will be offered.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.

Impression

Part of Avalon's cutting-edge fleet of Suite Ships®, the Avalon Impression came onto the river cruising scene with a bang. This gorgeous ship features two full decks of Panorama SuitesSM with Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows that transform the living space into a unique Open-Air BalconySM. With 200 square feet, Panorama SuitesSM are more than 30% larger than the industry standard, affording you the incomparable opportunity to wake each morning facing the splendid passing scenery. Onboard amenities include an alternative light dining option in the Panorama Bistro, a Fitness Center, complimentary Wi-Fi access, and a spacious Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs, whirlpool, and light al fresco lunches at the Sky Bistro on the Sky Deck.

Avalon Suite Fleet

- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- Panoramic windows throughout the ship
- Elegant, contemporary design & decor
- Friendly, English-speaking crew & Cruise Director
- Sky Deck with whirlpool, shade awnings, game area and premium lounges
- Covered Observation Lounge
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate & premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day
- Elevator
- Non-smoking interior and staterooms

Fitness & Wellness

- Fitness Center
- Avalon Adventure Center
Your place for active gear and excursions, including

Bikes, Canoe, kayak and jogging excursions, Maps for hiking, biking and jogging routes, Fitness and wellness activities, FitBits®

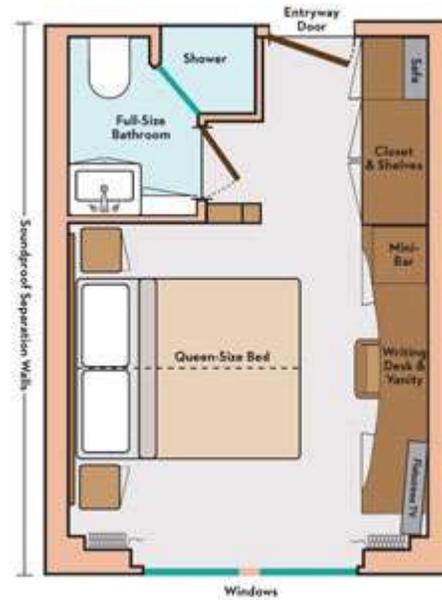
- All through your Avalon Adventure HostSM
- Active shore excursions, both included and optional

Avalon Panorama Suites & Staterooms

- Open-Air BalconiesSM and Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows in all Panorama Suites
- Comfort Collection BedsSM with choice of mattress firmness
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Premium L'Occitane bath products & hairdryer
- Large bathroom featuring shower with glass door
- Wide selection of free movie channels and English-speaking TV
- Individual climate control and in-room safe
- Full-size closet and mirror
- Additional under-bed storage
- Complimentary bottled water daily

STATEROOMS & SUITES

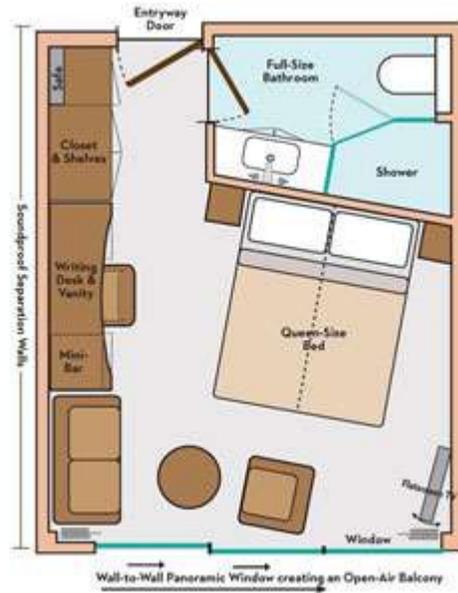
Avalon Deluxe Stateroom (Cat. D, E) - 172 sq. ft.



Features

- Comfort Collection BedsSM
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Soft & firm pillows
- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps
- L'Occitane bath products
- Easy under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Complimentary bottled water
- Individual climate control
- Large mirror in bathroom
- Two windows
- Writing desk and chair
- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with English-speaking channels & over 100 free movie options
- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Full shower with glass door
- Vanity and lighted makeup mirror

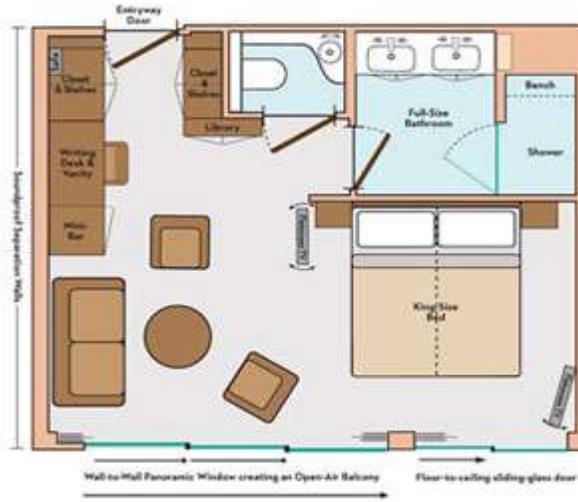
Panorama Suite (Cat. A, B, P) - 200 sq. ft.



Features

- Comfort Collection BedsSM
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Soft & firm pillows
- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps
- L'Occitane bath products
- Easy under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock
- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Marble countertops in bathroom
- Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Window with Open-Air BalconySM
- Full shower with glass door
- Vanity and lighted makeup mirror
- Coffee table
- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with English-speaking channels & over 100 free movie options
- Make-up mirror
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Complimentary bottled water
- Individual climate control
- Large mirror in bathroom
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- 6-person sitting area
- Writing desk and chair
- Sofa

Royal Suite - 300 sq. ft.

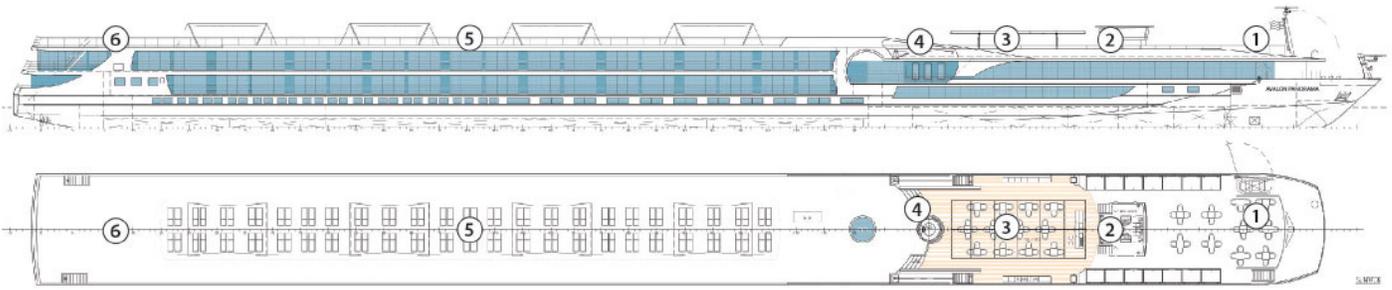


Features

- Comfort Collection BedsSM
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Soft & firm pillows
- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps
- L'Occitane bath products
- Easy under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock
- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Marble countertops in bathroom
- Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Window with Open-Air BalconySM
- Full shower with glass door
- Vanity and lighted makeup mirror
- Coffee table
- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with English-speaking channels & over 100 free movie options
- Make-up mirror
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Complimentary bottled water
- Individual climate control
- Large mirror in bathroom
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- 6-person sitting area
- Writing desk and chair
- Sofa
- Double sinks

DECK PLANS

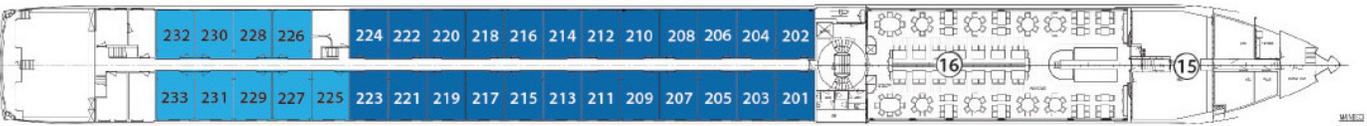
SKY DECK



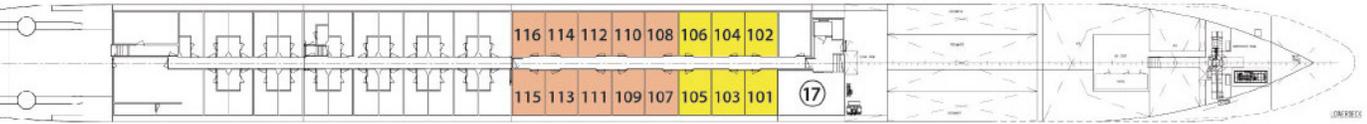
ROYAL DECK



SAPPHIRE DECK



INDIGO DECK



DECK PLAN

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| 1 Sky Lounge | 6 Deck Game Area | 12 Elevator |
| 2 Navigation Bridge | 7 Observation Lounge | 13 Lobby |
| 3 Sky Grill | 8 Panorama Bistro | 14 Club Lounge |
| 4 Whirlpool | 9 Panorama Lounge | 15 Galley |
| 5 Premium Lounge
Chairs and Shade
Awnings | 10 Bar | 16 Dining Room |
| | 11 Reception | 17 Fitness Center |

CATEGORIES

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| Royal Suite | Royal Deck Royal Suites |
| Cat. P | Royal Deck Panorama Suites |
| Cat. A | Sapphire Deck Forward Panorama Suites |
| Cat. B | Sapphire Deck Aft Panorama Suites |
| Cat. D | Indigo Deck Aft Deluxe Staterooms |
| Cat. E | Indigo Deck Forward Deluxe Staterooms |