The Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College

RIVER LIFE®
along the

Dutch Waterways
aboard the Exclusively Chartered
Deluxe Amadeus Brilliant

April 18 to 26, 2018
Dear Alumnae and Friends:

“God created the Heavens and the Earth, but the Dutch created Holland.” Indeed, not only did they wrest a portion of their land from the sea, but they succeeded in building upon it an enchanted realm carpeted by vibrantly hued flowers and traced with storied waterways unparalleled anywhere else in the world.

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 old Hanseatic city of Kampen, the quaint village of Giethoorn, the captivating ancient city of Maastricht—rarely visited by American travelers 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 favorite—you don’t want to miss this exceptional itinerary that travels further afield through this delightful region and includes exclusive cultural enrichments, specially arranged early museum entry, privately chartered small boat canal cruises, an exclusive musical concert and much more!

Dank u wel!

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Perez
Interim Executive Director
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.
- **Enjoy** a private, specially arranged recital on an 18th-century organ in Kampen.
- **Admire** the wonders of the famous Keukenhof Gardens and the marvelous 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 colored tulip blooms.

The lively, medieval Markt is the principal city square and gathering point in Bruges.

The Hoofdtoren Tower on Hoorn Harbor dates back to the 16th-century and is one of the city's last preserved fortifications.
**AMSTERDAM® PRE-Cruise Option**

1. Depart the U.S.
2. **Amsterdam**
   - Private cruise of the 17th-century canal district, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
   - Embark Amadeus Brilliant.
   - **Cultural Enrichment:** Exclusive River Life® Forum.

3. **Amsterdam/Hoorn**
   - Walking tour of Hoorn.
   - **Cultural Enrichment:** Visit to Keukenhof Gardens.

4. **Kampen for Giethoorn**
   - Private boat cruise in Giethoorn.
   - Walking tour of Kampen.
   - **Cultural Enrichment:** Private organ concert in Kampen’s Gothic Bovenkerk (church).

5. **Nijmegen**
   - Walking tour of Nijmegen.
   - **Cultural Enrichment:** Early opening and guided tour of world-class Kröller-Müller Museum.

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

7. **Antwerp**
   - City tour featuring a visit to the Cathedral of Our Lady, housing masterpieces by Peter Paul Rubens.
   - **Optional Excursion:** Tour of the impressive Delta Works.

8. **Ghent for Bruges**
   - Walking tour of Ghent.
   - City tour of Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

9. **Ghent/Amsterdam**
   - Disembark ship/transfer to Amsterdam/Return to the U.S.

**DELFt • KINDERDIJK® • THE HAGUE**

**POST-Cruise Option**

**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 center of the world in the 17th century and produced master artists such as Rembrandt and Vincent van Gogh.

**Hoorn**

A prominent harbor in the 17th century, Hoorn became one of Holland's most important centers of trade during the Golden Age as the home of the Dutch East India Company, the first multinational corporation in the world. Stroll along the charming, lively harbor and admire the landmark Hoofdtoren tower, one of the city's last preserved defenses dating to the 16th century.

**Ghenthoorn**

With four miles of canals and over 150 bridges, the beautiful town of Ghenthoorn is affectionately known as the “Venice of the Netherlands.”
In Bruges’ colorful Grote Markt, you can still enjoy a horse and carriage ride across the historic cobblestones.

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.

**Kampen**

The old Hanseatic League city of Kampen, located on the left bank of the River IJssel, is an idyllic Dutch town of color and charm and home to one of the best-preserved old town centers in the Netherlands. See the remains of the medieval city walls, the Old Town Hall and the 17th-century New Tower. During a private, specially arranged concert in the Gothic Bovenkerk (church), listen to the intonation of its impressive, 18th-century Hinsz organ with more than 3000 pipes.

**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 early opening of the museum, see works 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 60-acre garden.

**Nijmegen**

Scenic Nijmegen is widely regarded as the oldest city in the Netherlands and was settled in the first century B.C. Downtown, the Valkhof Hill features an impressive ninth-century Carolingian chapel overlooking the River Waal. Among the well-preserved historic buildings are the 15th-century town hall and Latin school, the 16th-century, Renaissance-style Waag (weighing hall) and a series of quaint, 17th-century houses.

**Maastricht**

Founded by the Romans, today the fabled city of Maastricht is an epicenter of art and culture. Enjoy a walking tour of the historic city center—in the late Middle Ages a destination for pilgrims seeking the tomb of St. Servatius. See the towering Basilica of Our Lady, resembling a high-walled castle and built in one of Maastricht’s cobblestone town squares in the year 1000, and stand on the 13th-century city wall looking across the River Meuse at the scenic city below. In Margraten, walk through the Netherlands American Cemetery, one of the largest American military cemeteries in Europe honoring the allied operations during World War II.

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.
M.S. 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 (236 square feet) and Staterooms (161 square feet), 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.

Antwerp
The Old Town of Antwerp preserves its charming Flemish culture in its labyrinth of squares and narrow passages that lead into the spectacular Grote Markt, where beautifully preserved guildhalls once bustled with 16th-century merchants and tradesmen. In the Cathedral of Our Lady, featuring a remarkable 47-bell carillon and soaring 401-foot, delicately ornamented spire, you will see the 17th-century Baroque masterpieces of the city’s native son, Peter Paul Rubens, including paintings of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, The Raising of the Cross and The Descent from the Cross.

DELTA WORKS OPTIONAL EXCURSION: See one of the most impressive feats of hydraulic engineering in the world, Delta Works. This complex system was built to protect the southwestern Netherlands from the encroaching North Sea and to reclaim polder lands.

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.
Included Features

On board the exclusively chartered, deluxe AMADEUS BRILLIANT

- Seven-night cruise from Amsterdam to Ghent, with port calls at Hoorn, Kampen for Giethoorn, Nijmegen for the Kröller-Müller Museum, Maastricht, Antwerp, and Ghent for Bruges.
- 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

- Private cruise along Amsterdam’s UNESCO World Heritage site canal district.
- 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.
- Canal cruise through Giethoorn, widely regarded as the most picturesque village in the Netherlands.
- Walking tour of the former Hanseatic League city of Kampen.
- Walking tour of 2000-year-old Nijmegen, granted city status by the Roman Empire in A.D. 104.
- Tour of idyllic Maastricht, a fascinating city of ancient history and contemporary art and culture.
- Visit to the Netherlands American Cemetery, honoring Allied World War II operations, in Margraten, near Maastricht.
- Walking tour of Ghent, featuring St. Bavo’s Cathedral.
- Walking tour of the medieval, fairytale city of Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Exclusive Cultural Enrichments

- 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 colorful display of spring flowers in bloom, weather permitting.
- Early opening and guided tour of the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum for exploration of the Low Countries’ rich artistic heritage.
- Exclusive RIVER LIFE® FORUM with local residents who will discuss life in Holland.
- Specially arranged, private organ concert featuring an 18th-century Hinsz organ in Kampen’s Bovenkerk.
- 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.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
- Delta Works optional excursion at additional cost.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship.
- The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Program Directors throughout the program.
- Automatic $250,000 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 Pre-Cruise Option. The guided city tour acquaints you with its landmarks and famous monuments. Explore the world-class 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. Pre-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 Post-Cruise Option concludes 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 center, 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. Post-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.

In the newly renovated Rijksmuseum, admire Rembrandt's The Night Watch, painted in 1642 at the height of the Dutch Golden Age.

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 per person and are subject to change.**

Solo travelers. space is limited and will sell out quickly.

Single accommodations are available only in categories 2, 3, 4 and 5. Singles supplement is waived for solo travelers. Space is limited and will sell out quickly.

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**LAnD/Cruise TARiff** excluding taxes* 
Per person, based on double occupancy

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**MS AMADEUS BRILLIANT**

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Mozart Deck
Strauss Deck
Haydn Deck

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**Note:** Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable. 2 **AMADEUS BRILLIANT** has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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**RIVER LIFE® ALONG THE DUTCH WATERWAYS RESERVATION FORM**

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**Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)**

Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person The Golden Age of Amsterdam Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Delft • Kinderdijk • The Hague Post-Cruise Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:
  - Visa  
  - MasterCard

Card Number
Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by January 12, 2018.

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**Please make my/our reservation(s) in State Room Category:**

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

- The Golden Age of Amsterdam Pre-Cruise Option
- The Hague Post-Cruise Option
- Delft • Kinderdijk • The Hague Post-Cruise Option

I/We want to book my/our air from 

(In departure city) 

to and from Amsterdam, the Netherlands, at an additional cost to be advised. 3

- Economy Class  
- Upgraded Economy  
- Business Class  
- First Class

Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
Amsterdam's charming bridges and picturesque canals bring the intimacy of a small town to one of Europe's most celebrated cities.

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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 of disability that would create a hazard for him/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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