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# Tulip Time Route Guide

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# Tulip Time Map



# Amsterdam Day 1

- Embarkation

# Amsterdam Day 2

- Morning Usselmeer scenic cruising
- Giethoorn tour
- Kampen city bike tour
- Or Tulips in Noordonstpolder

# Delta Day 3

- Scenic cruising
- Zierikee city tour
- Or Delta Works (flood control engineering works) visit
- Or Bike tour

# Ghent Day 4

- Highlights of Ghent and Brugge
- Or Ghent walking tour and free time
- Or Belgian chocolate workshop
- Or Full-Day Brugge and Church of Our Lady

# Ghent, Belgium Overview

- Ghent is another important medieval city, and it was the capital of Flanders and a wealthy trading center with numerous powerful guilds in its heyday.
- Much of it is pedestrian only in the old town and a joy to visit, especially the older buildings and impressive churches. It has some very interesting architecture buildings, especially in the old harbor area.
- The famous Jan van Eyck wooden altar pieces are on display behind a glass protective barrier.
- Our first visit was in 2012. We visited Ghent again in December 2018 and found it quite fun and a worthwhile stop.



# Ghent, Belgium One of the Canals

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Cathedral of St.  
Bavon. Inside is  
the famous  
Altar of Ghent  
painted by Jan  
van Eyck



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# Graslei Canal, Ghent, Belgium. Most of these buildings are old guild houses



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# Tour Boat on a Canal of Ghent



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# Brugge

- Brugge is one of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe.
- Full of canals, it once was a prosperous trading center, especially in the wool trade.

# Bruges Canal



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# Brugge

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# Market Square

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# Burg Square City Hall



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# Madonna and Child by Michelangelo

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# Antwerp Day 5

- Walking tour and Cathedral visit
- Or Rubens House
- Or Antwerp bike tour
- Belgium chocolate, beer and waffle tasting
- Or Floralia Flower Show, just outside of Brussels, where over 1 million hand planted bulbs flower.

# Antwerp, Belgium Overview

- Antwerp is located on the Scheldt River, and world famous for diamond trading and cutting.
- Antwerp has a small castle fortress right at the river port area.
- It has an excellent square with impressive guild buildings and a monster killing statue to protect the residents in the main square.
- It is a fun and easy walking city—we would return.



# Antwerp, Belgium Castle

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# Antwerp Belgium Waffles



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# Antwerp, Belgium Chocolate Shop



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# Antwerp, Belgium Chocolate Display



# Antwerp, Belgium Town Hall in the Grote Markt



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**Barbo statue.** According to the legend, a terrible giant, called Druoon Antigoon, lived on the banks of the river Scheldt. He demand tolls, when refused he cut off the hands of offending sailors. A Roman soldier, Silvius Brabo, killed the giant and by cutting his hand off, he ended his reign of terror.



# Antwerp, Belgium Guild Houses

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# Rotterdam Day 6

- Rotterdam walking tour and Tastes of Rotterdam
- Or Delfshaven excursion (departure point of the Pilgrim fathers in 1620 to the US)
- Or Rotterdam architectural bike tour
- Or “Best of Delft” Royal Delft Porcelain excursion
- Kinderdijk UNSECO Windmills afternoon tour
- Or Kinderdijk bike tour



# Kinderdijk

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# Amsterdam Day 7

- Morning Kuekenhof Garden excursions
- Afternoon Amsterdam Canal cruise
- Or Floriade which features stunning gardens, and innovative sustainable gardening exhibits (it happens only once every decade).



# Amsterdam, Netherlands

- Amsterdam is the capital and largest city of the Netherlands.
- It is known for its elaborate canal system, narrow houses with gabled roofs, art museums and bike riders.
- Your cruise will include a canal boat cruise on the famous canals of Amsterdam.

# Canal Cruise



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# The Famous Gabled Roofs

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# Rijksmuseum



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# Skinny Bridge, Amsterdam



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# Keukenhof Gardens



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# Amsterdam Day 8

- Disembarkation



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