

# ITINERARY

## Day 0 ♦ FLY USA – NETHERLANDS

Services as per airline policy.

## Day 1 ♦ AMSTERDAM, Holland overnight

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**WELCOME TO THE NETHERLANDS!** Transfer to your first-class hotel. Due to various arrival times no meals or activities are planned. However, with a rich cultural life, a wide range of entertainment, and an excellent public transport system, Amsterdam has managed to retain its small-town feel and is easy to explore on your own.

## Day 2 ♦ AMSTERDAM – FLORIADE EXPO – SHIP

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After breakfast, check out of your hotel and depart on your excursion to **Almere**, (35 km from Amsterdam) home to the **2022 Floriade!** Held once every 10 years, Floriade is the world's largest expo of horticulture, featuring exhibits from 40 different countries. Themed displays, live entertainment and culinary treats add to the festivities! After the tour and free time to explore on your own, return to Amsterdam to board your floating hotel. Dinner and overnight.

## Day 3 ♦ AMSTERDAM Walking Tour & Canal Cruise

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Your morning sightseeing will begin with a **one-hour cruise** through Amsterdam's fabled canals followed by a walking tour of the city center featuring **Dam Square, Anne Frank's House (outside), Museum Square, the Flower market**, and other attractions! Tonight, a welcome cocktail and crew introduction will precede dinner.

## Day 4 ♦ ARNHEM, Netherlands

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North of the port lies one of the biggest attractions of the Netherlands, **the Open-Air Museum** of Arnhem. Here, completely reconstructed historical monuments are manned by volunteers who will immerse you into the life of the past. This **included tour** will take you back to a setting of merchant's homes, 19th century farmhouses and mills of the golden age with samples of life on the farms, fields, factories, wine taverns, and shops. The people, dressed in authentic costumes and settings, will regale you with stories about their "way of life" and maybe serve you a cup of coffee or a pint of beer in *'the good old way'*. A lively and humorous presentation of old Dutch customs and habits. Sail on to Cologne.

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## Day 5 ♦ COLOGNE, Germany

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**WELCOME TO THE GERMANY!** Your included walking tour of this fabulous city will feature the Hey Market, Festival Halls, Town Hall, Jewish Baths, Old Market, and famous **Dom**, the remarkable Gothic cathedral whose construction began in 1248 and was only completed in 1880! Return to the ship for lunch. The balance of the day is free for optional tours and activities.

## Day 6 ♦ KOBLENZ – RUEDESHEIM, Germany

B, L, D

**Koblenz:** Enjoy a delightful morning **walking tour** of the Old Town including St. Castor's Basilica, the Monument of Emperor Wilhelm I and the town's landmark, the "Schängel" Fountain. After dinner on board, you may want to take a leisurely stroll through **Rudesheim** this ancient town of timber houses and cobblestone streets dating from the 1500 hundreds!

## Day 7 ♦ MANNHEIM, Germany

B, L, D

Located on the confluence of the Rhine and Neckar rivers, and home to Mercedes Benz and many other major corporations, the city is the launching point for our **included excursion** to **Heidelberg**, one of the oldest and most famous university towns of Germany, Heidelberg is also one of the country's most endearing small cities, famous for its historical baroque center, spirited student atmosphere, beautiful riverside setting and ancient bridge crossing the Neckar River. The impressive hilltop castle is home to the largest wine barrel in the world, holding over 220.000 liters of wine! Return to the ship for dinner.

## Day 8 ♦ STRASBOURG (port of Kehl), Germany

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**WELCOME TO FRANCE!** Your morning **bus/walking tour** of this UNESCO's World Heritage site will begin with a drive by the Palace de la Republique, Orangerie, EU Parliament, and Cathédrale de Nôtre Dame. This will be followed by a walking tour, offering unique views of half-timbered houses and impressive European institutions. Lunch will be served at a typical French restaurant followed by free time to explore on your own or return to the ship to prepare for the **Captain's Farewell Dinner!**

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## Day 9 ♦ MAINZ, Germany Disembarkation

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As all good things must come to an end, after breakfast, bid your crew goodbye and disembark with a suitcase full of memories! (Services end with breakfast)

### MENU

**B** = Breakfast

**L** = Lunch

**D** = Dinner