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# Tulips & Windmills

## Viking River Cruises

**11 Days April 20-30, 2018**  
**From \$4932\***

- 10-day cruise with river-view stateroom & upgrade options • 8 guided tours with audio headset • Dining features regional specialties including Welcome Cocktail Reception & Dinner
- Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner onboard • Visit 5 UNESCO World Heritage Sites • Culture Curriculum: Learn how wooden shoes are made; find out how windmills work; attend lectures on Belgium's political landscape and Holland's 17th-century tulip craze; enjoy a folkloric performance; sample Dutch cheese and *jenever* (Dutch Gin) • All port charges included • Free Wi-Fi, connection speed may vary

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**D**ISCOVER HOLLAND & Belgium with WILL and Viking River Cruises. Witness the splendor of Holland's tulips in spring, and visit beautifully preserved medieval cities in Belgium. You'll explore Amsterdam's cosmopolitan atmosphere and tour ingenious windmills in Kinderdijk. Experience Belgium's Golden Age in historic Antwerp and

the lovely patrician cities of Ghent and Bruges. Plus, enjoy savory Dutch cheeses, delectable Belgian chocolates and Belgium's exquisite, intricate lace.

### Itinerary

#### Day 1 Friday: Central Illinois-Chicago-Overnight Flight

Mid-American Gardener Dianne Noland welcomes us aboard our private motor coach to Chicago where we board our flight to Amsterdam.





Amsterdam: Emperor's & Reguliers Canals

### **Day 2 Saturday: Amsterdam, The Netherlands-Embarkation**

Arrive in Amsterdam, and then transfer to your ship, the Skirnir. After boarding, the afternoon is yours to relax or explore the city on your own. If your arrival schedule permits, you may wish to visit the Anne Frank House, which should be reserved several months in advance. Enjoy your first dinner aboard your ship tonight. (D)

afternoon. Dine aboard your ship; we depart this evening. (B, L, D)



### **Day 4 Monday: Hoorn, The Netherlands**

Early this morning, sail across the IJsselmeer (once known as the Zuiderzee) to the ancient shipping village of Hoorn. After breakfast, enjoy a guided walk through Hoorn's cobbled streets; see age-old cheese warehouses on the town's main square, which dates back to Holland's Golden Age. Lunch is served aboard; you have a free afternoon to explore Hoorn, visit a local bakery and shop for souvenirs. Or, take an optional excursion showcasing the small towns and bucolic landscapes of the northern Holland area. Depart during dinner and cruise through the night. (B, L, D)



### **Day 3 Sunday: Amsterdam**

After breakfast, embark on a canal tour by glass-topped boat to see architecture from the city's Golden Age. Return aboard for lunch, then free time to visit the Anne Frank House, see the Van Gogh Museum or just explore the city's charming neighborhoods. As always, your Viking Concierge can help you plan your



Our cruise host, **Dianne Noland**, is *WILL's* host of **Mid-American Gardener** and welcomes you aboard this colorful river cruise at the height of the tulip season.



Ghent, Belgium



why the windmills were built and see how they work to help control flooding, then tour a working windmill to see its pumping mechanism and living quarters at this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy an onboard lunch as we sail toward Antwerp. After dining aboard, relax on your ship or spend some time exploring the cafés and brew pubs of this extraordinary Flemish capital. (B, L, D)

### Day 5 Tuesday: Arnhem, The Netherlands

After early arrival in Arnhem, visit the 17th-century Paleis Het Loo, the Dutch royal family's summer residence for the past 300 years. Take a guided tour through its sumptuously furnished rooms and beautifully landscaped gardens. After an onboard lunch, enjoy free time, or join the optional battlefield tour that also visits the Airborne Museum. Dine aboard as we set sail for Kinderdijk this evening. (B, L, D)



### Day 6 Wednesday: Kinderdijk, The Netherlands & Antwerp, Belgium

Arrive this morning in Kinderdijk and disembark for a tour of this ingenious 18th-century community. Learn

### Day 7 Thursday: Antwerp, Belgium

This morning, enjoy a half-day tour of Antwerp featuring the Cathedral of Our Lady with its three monumental altarpieces painted by Peter Paul Rubens; the Grote Markt (Grand Great Market Square) surrounded by the Golden Age Town Hall and guild halls; and Het Steen (Steen Castle), Antwerp's oldest building. You have afternoon free time before dining aboard your ship tonight as we sail for Ghent. (B, L, D)

**Physical Requirements:** travel in Holland and Belgium will include a combination of motor coach touring and some walking on cobblestones that might be difficult or impossible for those with physical limitations. You need to decide whether you can accept that this may make you miss parts of the tour and stay on the boat or in the area of the town where the boat is tied up. Our river cruise boat has an elevator but between Middle & Upper Deck only; *no elevator access for categories F and E.*



Keukenhof Gardens



### Day 8 Friday: Ghent & Bruges, Belgium

From Ghent, travel to Bruges, one of the oldest towns in Flanders. Your city walk visits the Church of Our Lady, with its famous Madonna and Child, sculpted by Michelangelo. Also see the Beguinage, a hidden courtyard inhabited by nuns, and the town's scenic network of canals. Stay in Bruges for lunch on your own, or return to Ghent for lunch aboard and an afternoon exploring this exceptionally charming, canal-filled capital of East Flanders. Enjoy a beautifully lit evening departure from Ghent as we cruise through the night. (B, L, D)

### Day 9 Saturday: Delta Works & Rotterdam, The Netherlands

After breakfast travel to the region of Walcheren, formerly an island of the southwest Netherlands. Stop in Veere and enjoy a walking tour of this engaging, time-honored town. From here, travel to the Delta Works, the ingenious system of enormous doors that can be lowered during spring tides to protect the area from floods while allowing the tides to ebb and flow. Rejoin your ship, which has sailed on to Bruinisse, for lunch and afternoon sailing. Arrive this evening in Rotterdam, the world's second largest port. After an onboard dinner, you have free time to explore the city. It has been significantly rebuilt after much World War II destruction, and some of its architecture is quite innovative. (B, L, D)

This trip is designed as a fundraiser. Travel on this trip supports your favorite public television and radio programs!



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donation to WILL, valued at \$100 per person or more, is included and is non-refundable. You will receive a tax receipt for a charitable donation. WILL thanks you for your support!



## Day 10 Sunday: Keukenhof Gardens & Amsterdam, The Netherlands

After breakfast, visit the picturesque Keukenhof Gardens, the world's largest floral park. Admire the stunning beauty at both indoor and outdoor exhibits of millions of vibrant blooms including tulips, hyacinths, croci crocuses and daffodils. Return aboard for lunch.

The rest of the day is yours to discover Amsterdam's hidden treasures. You may choose to explore Museum Square, take a bike ride or shop for colorful clogs and tulip bulbs. Enjoy your final dinner aboard your ship, followed by free time to enjoy Amsterdam's nightlife. Your ship remains docked overnight. (B, L, D)

## Day 11 Monday: Amsterdam, The Netherlands-Flight-Chicago-Central Illinois

After breakfast, we disembark and proceed to the airport for your return flight. At O'Hare we board our private motor coach back to Central Illinois with colorful memories of Holland at the peak of their tulip season. (B)

**What's Included:** • Round trip motor coach transportation from Central Illinois • Round trip flights • Round trip motor coach transportation from the airport to the ship • Wine, beer & sodas with onboard lunch and dinner service plus specialty coffees & teas available 24 hours • Shore excursion in each port of call • 26 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 9 Dinners • (No taxes currently.) • Cruise stateroom • WILL donation • Led by Dianne Noland



**Accommodations:** (9) total number of nights Cruising (9) Viking Longship Skirnir

**What's Not Included:** • Airline baggage fees, if any • Cruise staff gratuities • Travel insurance

\*Per person based on double occupancy; double: from \$4932, single: from \$8506 (see the next page for details); no triple or quad accommodations. • Document required for US Citizens is Passport valid through 10/30/2018; no visa or shots at this time. Other citizens should consult their consulate. • Insurance coverage is Deluxe Group Plan from Travel Guard (at a cost of 6.5%; for coverage details see website [www.tourgroupplanners.com/insurance.html](http://www.tourgroupplanners.com/insurance.html) to cover cancellation charges; other terms at [www.tourgroupplanners.com/terms.html](http://www.tourgroupplanners.com/terms.html) incorporated by reference. • Price and details are subject to change. Total of recommended tips to crew and guides is €170, per person (about \$185). Special airfare subject to change if full payment not paid by deadline (end of the month). Airfare for the following month will not be known until the first week of that month. Acct#180420r 9FEB17 16:38

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Where travel dreams become reality.

See the next page for stateroom & suite categories & prices.

**Above: outdoor dining at the bow in the Aquavit Terrace; your floating resort (above, left) features:**

- 95 comfortable "outside" (riverview) staterooms (2 Explorer Suites, 7 Veranda Suites, 39 Veranda Staterooms, 22 French Balcony Staterooms, 25 Standard Staterooms)
- All suites feature two rooms with a veranda off the living room and a French balcony in the bedroom
- Sun deck with 360-degree views and shaded sitting area; organic herb garden and solar panels; putting green, and walking track
- Observation Lounge and bar with floor-to-ceiling glass doors
- Restaurant's panoramic views via floor-to-ceiling windows
- 24-hour room service, 7 days a week
- Library corner and onboard boutique
- Free ship-wide wireless Internet service
- Laundry services, for a fee
- Ecologically friendly hybrid engines producing less vibrations for a smoother ride
- 40" flat-panel Sony TV with infotainment system featuring movies on demand plus CNBC, CNN, National Geographic & more



### The special discounted airfare

is subject to change if full payment not paid by promotional deadline: **the end of the month**. Airfare discount, if any, for the *following month* will not be known until the first week of that month. Air flights are assigned by Viking River Cruises.



Verandah Stateroom, Category A & B; overhead view, at right



Above: Standard Stateroom river level, Category E & F; overhead view, left



Below: French Balcony, Category C & D; overhead view



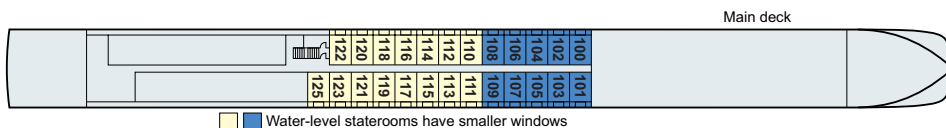
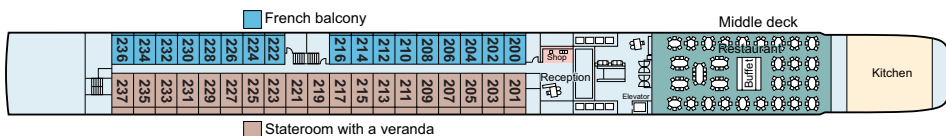
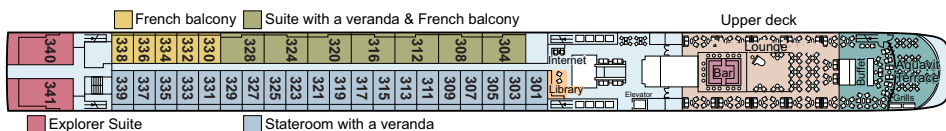
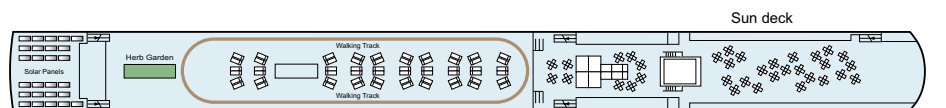
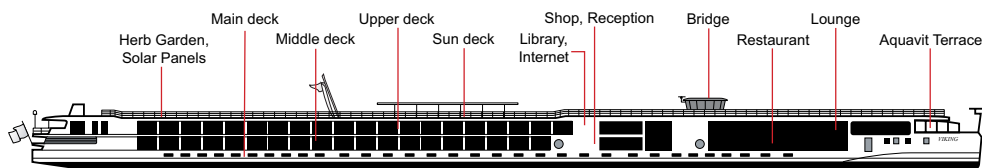
Viking River Cruises has supported Public Television's *Masterpiece* since 2011. Since its beginning in 1997, it now has 35 river vessels plus a new ocean cruise ship with two more on order.



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## Deck Plan

- Explorer Suite (ES)
- Veranda Suite (AA)
- Veranda (A)
- Veranda (B)
- French Balcony (C)
- French Balcony (D)
- Standard (E)
- Standard (F)



Overhead views of both Suite categories are shown reduced at the bottom of the next page

## Prices

Category	Size	Double	Single
F Standard <sup>1</sup>	150'	\$4,932	\$8,056
E Standard <sup>1</sup>	150'	5,032	8,706
D French Balcony <sup>2</sup>	135'	5,132	9,306
C French Balcony <sup>2</sup>	135'	5,332	9,306
B Veranda <sup>3</sup>	205'	5,432	9,506
A Veranda <sup>3</sup>	205'	5,632	9,906
AA Veranda Ste. <sup>4</sup>	275'	7,032	12,706
ES Explorer Ste. <sup>5</sup>	445'	9,932	18,506

**Window or Veranda Notes:** <sup>1</sup>Half-height picture windows. <sup>2</sup>Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors open to create a French balcony. <sup>3</sup>Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors open to a full-size veranda. <sup>4</sup>Suite: full-size veranda off the spacious living room *and* floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors, known as a French balcony, in the bedroom. <sup>5</sup>Suite: private wraparound veranda off the spacious living room offers 270-degree views *and* floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors, known as a French balcony, in the bedroom.

**Booking form:** To reserve your place,  
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**Tulips & Windmills** with Dianne Noland, April 20-30, 2018

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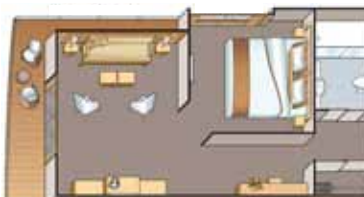
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At left Explorer Suite; at right, Veranda Suite

