Cruise Details

Name:	Best of Holland & Belgium (Christmas Time & New Year's Celebration Cruise)
Reference:	AMAAQ281223HAU
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaSofia
Regions:	Dutch Waterways
Departs On:	23 Dec 28
Departs From:	Amsterdam
Arrives On:	30 Dec 28
Arrives At:	Amsterdam
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	7

Itinerary

Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

AMSTERDAM – EMBARKATION. Arrive in Amsterdam and settle into your cabin, docked where the city’s charm and riverside nightlife will welcome you.

Arrives On: 23 Dec 28

Day 2: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

AMSTERDAM – KAMPEN, NETHERLANDS. Glide along Amsterdam’s iconic canals before cruising to the historic city of Utrecht, where you can stroll its medieval streets, visit the whimsical Museum Speelklok, or explore the storybook beauty of De Haar Castle, complete with turrets, moats, and grand interiors—all surrounded by an atmosphere of holiday wonder and magic.

Arrives On: 24 Dec 28

Day 2: Kampen (Netherlands)

Arrives On: 24 Dec 28

Day 3: Utrecht (Netherlands)

UTRECHT, NETHERLANDS. Enjoy a scenic morning cruise through the delta before arriving in Utrecht. This city has served as the religious center of the Netherlands since the 8th century and a far-reaching city boasting a medieval old town, canals and a beautiful Gothic cathedral, some of which you may see on your walking tour, which includes a visit to the whimsical collection of automatically playing musical instruments at Museum Speelklok. Alternatively, marvel at the largest castle in Holland, De Haar. Straight out of your fairytale dreams, this castle inspires awe with its turrets, moats and suspension bridges as well as its luxurious interior. For more active exploration, cycle with your bike guide and make your way through the city along canals and historic streets.

Arrives On: 25 Dec 28

Day 4: Gent (Ghent) (Belgium)

GHENT, BELGIUM. Discover the charm of Ghent, the capital of East Flanders, on a guided walking or bike tour through its enchanting streets, or venture to nearby Bruges, a beautifully preserved medieval gem home to Michelangelo’s Madonna and Child. Later, visit Ghent’s moated Castle of the Counts, a striking fortress with a fascinating medieval collection.

Arrives On: 26 Dec 28

Day 5: Brussel (Bruxelles) (Belgium)

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM. Explore Belgium’s captivating capital on your guided walking tour or pedal through Brussels on a guided bike ride that takes you into Laeken Park, where you will see the unique architecture of the Far East Museums as well as the jaw-dropping iron molecule sculpture known as the Atomium. In the afternoon, visit Bouchout Castle, a 12th-century fortress built to protect the Duchy of Brabant from the County of Flanders and the lords of Grimbergen. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 27 Dec 28

Day 6: Antwerp (Belgium)

ANTWERP, BELGIUM. Explore Belgium’s trendy “City of Diamonds” on a walking tour where you’ll see Antwerp’s Steen Castle, Grote Market and Brabo Fountain, along with the UNESCO-designated Cathedral of Our Lady. Active travelers may prefer instead to bike through Antwerp. Later in the day, beer enthusiasts will appreciate a tasting of the local brew while foodies may

prefer our excursion to sample some of Belgium's culinary delights such as its fresh and fluffy waffles. An afternoon bike tour is also available for those who prefer to get their heart beating later in the day, and it includes an opportunity to visit the Red Star Line Museum, highlighting the historic shipping line responsible for transporting three million immigrants to America. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 28 Dec 28

Day 7: Dordrecht (Netherlands)

DORDRECHT, NETHERLANDS. Established in 1220, Holland's oldest city was virtually destroyed by a devastating flood in the 15th century that essentially created the city's wetlands. Learn more about Dordrecht's fascinating history on your walking tour, or visit Rotterdam, the "Gateway to Europe," as well as Delfshaven, where, on August 1, 1620, the Pilgrim fathers departed on their epic journey aboard the Speedwell. Stopping in Southampton, many then boarded the Mayflower and concluded their journey at Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts. If you prefer to venture off the beaten path, go on an architectural bike tour through Rotterdam. In the afternoon, venture to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kinderdijk, a lovely village renowned for having the country's greatest concentration of windmills, all dating from the 18th century. You may also pedal past the windmills from the seat of a bike. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 29 Dec 28

Day 8: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

AMSTERDAM. Disembark your ship and bid farewell to Amsterdam as you prepare for your return flight home. (B) (B,L,D) – Indicates Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner are included on this day.

Arrives On: 30 Dec 28

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