



## Cruise Details

Name:	Belgian & Holland Delights with Copenhagen
Reference:	EMERALDECBC020427-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Destiny
Regions:	Rhine, Danube and Main
Departs On:	02 Apr 27
Departs From:	Brussel (Bruxelles)
Arrives On:	15 Apr 27
Arrives At:	Copenhagen
Cruise Nights:	13
Total Vacation Days:	14

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Brussel (Bruxelles) (Belgium)

Welcome to the heart of Belgium - Brussels, well-known for its world-class chocolate and other culinary delights, artistic heritage and architectural splendour. Today, you'll be welcomed to the delightful Belgian capital by your Tour Director, the home for your next three days.

Arrives On: 02 Apr 27

### Day 2: Brussel (Bruxelles) (Belgium)

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the heart of Brussels on a guided city tour, exploring its iconic landmarks and vibrant culture, without having to pay for any museum entrance tickets. Marvel at the stunning architecture of the Grand Place, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the capital's central square and take in the quirky charm of Manneken Pis, one of Belgium's best-known symbols. Admire the grandeur of the Royal Palace and immerse yourself in the spiritual atmosphere of St. Michael and St. Gudula Cathedral. Stroll through the city's quaint streets,

discovering hidden gems and learning fascinating insights from your knowledgeable guide. Be sure to also experience the futuristic Atomium, a striking symbol of Brussels' innovative spirit

**Included Excursion**  
Guided city tour of Brussels

Arrives On: 03 Apr 27

#### Day 3: Brussel (Bruxelles) (Belgium)

The day is yours to explore vibrant Brussels at your own pace. Try some of the local delicacies, such as the world-famous Belgian fries, and pair these with a delicious craft beer - the capital is renowned for its brewing heritage. Or simply relax and wander through the Parc du Cinquantenaire, a collection of French-style gardens combined with a historical site that is home to museums, monuments and sculptures.

**DiscoverMORE**  
Belgium Comic Heritage (extra expense)  
**DiscoverMORE**  
Belgian Craft Beer (extra expense)

Arrives On: 04 Apr 27

#### Day 4: Brussel (Bruxelles) (Belgium)

This morning after breakfast, you'll join a coach transfer to The Netherlands and city of Amsterdam, where you'll embark your Emerald Cruises luxury Star-Ship.

Arrives On: 05 Apr 27

#### Day 4: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Arrives On: 05 Apr 27

#### Day 5: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

This morning, you will have the opportunity to visit one of Holland's main attractions as you venture to Zaanse Schans. Historic windmills, distinctive wooden houses, and artisan workshops make up this quintessentially Dutch town, where the smell of freshly baked goods and the sight of spinning windmills offers a truly memorable experience. Alternatively, enjoy a guided bike tour to Waterland, passing picturesque scenery and iconic fields of tulips.

Relax on board your Star-Ship this afternoon, as we welcome a local clog painter on board for a demonstration. As part of our EmeraldPLUS programme, you'll have the opportunity to try your hand at this unique craft.

**Included Excursion**  
Tour to Zaanse Schans windmills  
**EmeraldPLUS**  
Clog painting on board  
**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour to

Waterland

Arrives On: 06 Apr 27

#### Day 5: Zaandam (Netherlands)

Arrives On: 06 Apr 27

#### Day 6: Rotterdam (Netherlands)

Today, you will have an exclusive visit to the beautiful Mauritshuis museum, home to the best of Dutch painting from the age of Rembrandt and Vermeer – and specially known for being the home of the “Girl with the pearl earring”. In the afternoon, those feeling more active can enjoy a guided bike tour through the Dutch countryside.

**EmeraldPLUS** Private visit to the Mauritshuis

**EmeraldACTIVE** Cycling and tasting tour of Rotterdam

**DiscoverMORE** Visit to Delft pottery factory (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE** Royal Delft Tile Workshop (extra expense)

Arrives On: 07 Apr 27

#### Day 6: Willemstad (Netherlands)

Arrives On: 07 Apr 27

#### Day 7: Rotterdam (Netherlands)

Rotterdam is a unique example of a Dutch city. Following the air raids of WWII, reconstruction efforts utilised a patchwork of architectural styles, forever altering the skyline. Today, you'll have the opportunity to explore this contemporary city, which currently boasts the tallest commercial and residential buildings in the Netherlands. The reputation as the city of high rises has historical roots, beginning with the construction of the 45-metre-high office building, the Witte Huis, which, for quite some time, was the tallest office building in Europe.

**Included Excursion** Architectural tour of Rotterdam

**EmeraldACTIVE** Guided bike tour through the Dutch countryside

Arrives On: 08 Apr 27

#### Day 8: Antwerp (Belgium)

This morning, you'll arrive in Belgium's largest port Antwerp. Located on the River Scheldt, the city's large harbour provides a link to the sea. Home to the famous Baroque artist Pieter Paul

Rubens, Antwerp attracts art-lovers from all over the world.

Enjoy a guided tour of the city centre, with its café-lined cobbled lanes. Admire the Renaissance city hall and Hat Steen, a medieval fortress that was built during the early Middle Ages and one of the oldest buildings in Belgium. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore Antwerp at your leisure.

**Included Excursion**  
Walking tour of Antwerp

**DiscoverMORE**  
Excursion to Bruges (extra expense)

Arrives On: 09 Apr 27

#### Day 9: Nijmegen (Netherlands)

Welcome to Nijmegen, the Roman settlement of Noviomagus and the oldest town in the Netherlands. Join a walking tour through its centre, exploring its architectural wonders and learn more about the International Four Days Marches Nijmegen that takes place every year, welcoming tens of thousands of people. If you are feeling more active, join a bike ride along the river, embracing the unique countryside features along the Waal river.

**Included Excursion**  
Walking tour of Nijmegen

**DiscoverMORE**  
Visit to Paleis Het Loo (extra expense)

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour

Arrives On: 10 Apr 27

#### Day 10: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Experience traditional Holland today during a visit to the beloved Keukenhof Gardens. Nestled in the middle of the region's tulip farms, where row-upon-row of technicolour flowers stretch as far as the eye can see, the gardens boast incredible displays of millions of bulb varieties, all perfectly assembled by an expert landscape architect.

**Included Excursion**  
Visit to Keukenhof Gardens

**DiscoverMORE**  
Visit to the flower auction at Royal FloraHolland in Aalsmeer (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Dutch apple pie making (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Private hidden Gems tour of Amsterdam (extra expense)

Arrives On: 11 Apr 27

#### Day 11: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Welcome to Denmark and Copenhagen, the fascinating capital city that is home to centuries of Danish royal family history. You'll be transferred from the airport to your hotel for your included

3-night stay, where you'll meet your fellow travellers and tour director.

Arrives On: 12 Apr 27

#### Day 11: Copenhagen (Denmark)

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#### Day 12: Copenhagen (Denmark)

Today, join a guided city tour and enthralling journey through the heart of Denmark's capital, where rich historical landmarks blend with picturesque waterways. As you glide through the serene canals, you'll pass by charming old buildings and iconic sights, such as the colourful Nyhavn district, where prolific Danish author Hans Christian Andersen, lived and drew inspiration for his literary fairy tales. Along the way, you'll also spot the regal Amalienborg Palace, residence of the Danish royal family.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided city tour of Copenhagen and canal cruise

Arrives On: 13 Apr 27

#### Day 13: Copenhagen (Denmark)

Begin your day with a visit to the striking Christiansborg Palace, once the home to kings and queens and today, seat of the Danish Parliament and Supreme Court.

The rest of the afternoon is yours to spend exploring Copenhagen at leisure and soaking up the sights of this enchanting Nordic city. You may wish to visit the world-famous Tivoli Gardens, or Rosenborg Castle, a four centuries-old Renaissance castle that houses the Danish crown jewels. Or perhaps relax at one of Copenhagen's delightful café terraces, or sample delicious open-faced sandwiches with a cold beer at one of the capital's many restaurants. Your tour director will be more than happy to help you plan your Copenhagen explorations.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Visit to Christiansborg Palace

Arrives On: 14 Apr 27

#### Day 14: Copenhagen (Denmark)

This morning after breakfast, it's time to bid a fond farewell to Copenhagen, leaving with treasured memories of your marvellous Rhine Cruise and fairy-tales of the Danish capital.

Please note: Preview itinerary subject to change.

Arrives On: 15 Apr 27

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