



## Cruise Details

Name:	Holland in Bloom & Belgian Delights
Reference:	EMERALDECNB090427-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sun
Regions:	Dutch Waterways
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Departs On:	09 Apr 27
Departs From:	Amsterdam
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Arrives On:	19 Apr 27
Arrives At:	Brussel (Bruxelles)
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Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Welcome to Amsterdam, where you'll be greeted by one of our Emerald Cruises representatives and transferred to your contemporary Emerald Cruises Star-Ship.

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### Day 2: 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. </p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Tour to Zaanse Schans windmills</span></p><p><strong>EmeraldPLUS</strong><br /><span>Clog painting on board</span></p><p><strong>EmeraldACTIVE</strong><br /><span>Guided bike tour to Waterland</span></p>

Arrives On: 10 Apr 27

#### Day 2: Zaandam (Netherlands)

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#### Day 3: Rotterdam (Netherlands)

<p><p>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”.<br />In the afternoon, those feeling more active can enjoy a guided bike tour through the Dutch countryside.</p></p><p><strong>EmeraldPLUS</strong><br /><span>Private visit to the Mauritshuis</span></p><p><strong>EmeraldACTIVE</strong><br /><span>Cycling and tasting tour of Rotterdam</span></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>Visit to Delft pottery factory (extra expense)</span></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>Royal Delft Tile Workshop (extra expense)</span></p>

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#### Day 3: Willemstad (Netherlands)

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#### Day 4: Rotterdam (Netherlands)

<p><p>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. </p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Architectural tour of Rotterdam</span></p><p><strong>EmeraldACTIVE</strong><br /><span>Guided bike tour through the Dutch countryside</span></p>

Arrives On: 12 Apr 27

### Day 5: 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: 13 Apr 27

### Day 6: 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: 14 Apr 27

### Day 7: 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: 15 Apr 27

#### Day 8: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Disembark your Emerald Cruises luxury cruise ship in Amsterdam, then join a coach transfer together with your tour director for your new adventure in the heart of Belgium - Brussels, where you will be staying for 3 nights. This delightful Belgian capital is well-known for its world-class chocolate and other culinary treats, artistic heritage and architectural splendour.

Arrives On: 16 Apr 27

#### Day 8: Brussel (Bruxelles) (Belgium)

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#### Day 9: 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 capital'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: 17 Apr 27

#### Day 10: 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 Cinquantaire, a collection of French-style gardens combined with a historical site that is home to museums, monuments and sculptures.

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

Arrives On: 18 Apr 27

#### Day 11: Brussel (Bruxelles) (Belgium)

This morning after breakfast, it's time to bid a fond farewell to your fellow guests and depart the captivating heart of Brussels for your transfer to the airport and onward

flight.

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