



Cruise Details

Name:	Brussels & Holland & Belgium in Bloom
Reference:	EMERALDECNB170326-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sky
Regions:	Dutch Waterways
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Departs On:	17 Mar 26
Departs From:	Brussel (Bruxelles)
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Arrives On:	27 Mar 26
Arrives At:	Amsterdam
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Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

Itinerary

Day 1: Brussel (Bruxelles) (Belgium)

Welcome to the heart of Belgium - Brussels, the delightful Belgian capital well-known for its world-class chocolate and other culinary treats, artistic heritage and architectural splendour. Today, you'll be welcomed by your Tour Director that will accompany you during your 3 night stay in Brussels.

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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 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: 18 Mar 26

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 Cinquanteenaire, a collection of French-style gardens combined with a historical site that is home to museums, monuments and sculptures.

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Belgian Craft Beer (extra expense)

Arrives On: 19 Mar 26

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.

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Day 4: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

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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: 21 Mar 26

Day 5: Zaandam (Netherlands)

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Day 6: 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.

EmeraldPLUS
Architectural tour of Rotterdam

EmeraldACTIVE
Cycling and tasting tour of Rotterdam

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Visit to Delft pottery factory (extra expense)

Arrives On: 22 Mar 26

Day 7: The Hague (Netherlands)

Today, you will visit the royal and administrative capital of the Netherlands, The Hague. Situated on the North Sea coast, the city is home to a thriving cultural and culinary scene, a lengthy coastline, and several historical monuments. It's also famously home to the Peace Palace housing the United Nations International Court of Justice, sometimes known as the World Court. Within your guided tour, you'll visit the beautiful Mauritshuis museum, home to the best of Dutch painting from the age of Rembrandt and Vermeer.

In the afternoon, those feeling more active can enjoy a guided bike tour through the Dutch countryside.

Included Excursion
Visit to Mauritshuis & orientation walk in the Hague

EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour through the Dutch countryside

Arrives On: 23 Mar 26

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

Arrives On: 24 Mar 26

Day 9: Arnhem (Netherlands)

Relax in the comfortable surrounds of your Star-Ship this morning as you sail along the Dutch waterways, passing quaint, time-honoured villages. Visit the Paleis Het Loo, which once served as the summer residence of the Dutch royal family. Today, the palace stands as a magnificent museum. The palace's decorations and its gardens are bound to stun. Alternatively, embark on a guided bike tour of Arnhem, famous for its postcard-worthy streets, scenic parks, and fine museums. **Included Excursion**
Visit to Paleis Het Loo
EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour

Arrives On: 25 Mar 26

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

Arrives On: 26 Mar 26

Day 11: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

After breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to your fellow guests as you disembark your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport, taking memories of wooden windmills and blossoming flowers with you.
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