
Travel with The Met

May 30–June 8, 2023

Belgium, Holland & Vermeer Aboard *Magnifique IV*
with Nadine M. Orenstein, Drue Heinz Curator in Charge,
Department of Drawings and Prints



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Aboard *Magnifique IV*

Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

In late May 2023, join me for a beautiful journey through the Low Countries featuring a cruise aboard the boutique riverboat *Magnifique IV*. As sunlight extends deep into the evening across Northern Europe, we'll experience Belgium and Holland's meandering rivers and canals, towering cathedrals, idyllic gardens, UNESCO-listed windmills, and, most notably, their tremendous art. As a scholar of Dutch drawings and prints who has led several tours here, I'm excited to introduce you to some of my longtime friends at Belgium and Holland's most acclaimed museums.

Before we embark on our scenic cruise, we will enjoy a night in Amsterdam to take in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. A curator at the Rijksmuseum will greet us before a private morning tour of the museum's historic exhibition celebrating the Dutch master Johannes Vermeer. For the first time ever, witness several of Vermeer's masterpieces in the same place, including the legendary *Girl with a Pearl Earring* as well as two Vermeer treasures on loan from The Metropolitan Museum of Art, *Young Woman with a Lute* and *Allegory of the Catholic Faith*.

Over our week-long cruise from Bruges, we'll dock in charming towns and villages to behold achievements from the Low Countries' most iconic artists, starting with Hans Memling masterpieces at his eponymous Bruges museum. In Ghent, we will have an exclusive viewing of the Van Eycks' *Ghent Altarpiece*, finally returned to its original home, Saint Bavo's Cathedral, after a lengthy restoration. A special visit to Antwerp's Royal Museum of Fine Arts, the 19th-century "temple for the arts" recently reopened after an 11-year renovation, will delight us with masterpieces by Rubens, Van Dyck, and other revered artists. We'll conclude with a return to Amsterdam, featuring special tours of the Van Gogh Museum and the Stedelijk Museum's contemporary art collection.

Opportunities to bike along the canals and a private concert aboard *Magnifique IV* are simply a few of the other highlights of this journey. I hope you join me on this in-depth appreciation of art and beauty in the Low Countries.

Sincerely,

Nadine Orenstein

*Drue Heinz Curator in Charge, Department of Drawings and Prints
The Metropolitan Museum of Art*



Traveling with You

Nadine Orenstein

Nadine M. Orenstein is the Drue Heinz Curator in Charge of the Department of Drawings and Prints at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, where she has worked since 1992. A scholar of Dutch, Flemish, and German prints and books through the 19th century, Dr. Orenstein has participated in nine Travel with The Met programs, taking Met members on cultural journeys to Russia, the Baltic, the Netherlands, Cuba, Mexico, and Portugal. Currently, she is participating in the design of The Met's new Oscar L. Tang and H.M. Agnes Hsu-Tang Wing dedicated to modern and contemporary art.

Trip Highlights

- During an overnight stay in Amsterdam, enjoy a private look at the **Rijksmuseum's** unprecedented exhibition of Vermeer masterpieces, the largest ever devoted to the 17th-century Dutch painter, including two works on loan from The Met
- Visit the newly restored *Ghent Altarpiece*, and experience a tour of its dedicated museum in **Saint Bavo's Cathedral**
- Take a special look at Antwerp's **Royal Museum of Fine Arts**, recently reopened after a \$105-million, 11-year renovation, and behold its vast collection of Old Master paintings, including Peter Paul Rubens's renowned church paintings in the Rubens Gallery
- Discover Hans Memling masterpieces in his eponymous museum in **Bruges**; and go inside the Church of Our Lady to behold Michelangelo's *Madonna and Child*—the only sculpture by the artist to leave Italy during his lifetime
- In Bruges, view the **Groeninge Museum's** comprehensive six-century survey of Flemish and Belgian paintings, from Flemish Primitive masterpieces to Post-war Modern art
- Stroll one of Holland's oldest English landscape gardens on a private tour of a country estate in **Dordrecht**, one of the country's most ancient cities



Ghent Altarpiece (The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb) (detail) by the Van Eyck Brothers, Ghent, photo courtesy of Visit Flanders.



Photos clockwise from top right: Regional map; Rembrandt Harmensz. van Rijn, *Night Watch* (detail), 1642. Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, Holland; Altar, Antwerp Cathedral, Antwerp, Belgium, photo courtesy of VisitFlanders; Ghent at dusk, Belgium; Interior, Rubens House, Antwerp, Belgium; Vincent van Gogh (1853 - 1890), *Arles*, September 1888, oil on canvas. Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, Holland (Vincent van Gogh Foundation). Front cover: Johannes Vermeer (Dutch, Delft 1632–1675 Delft), *Young Woman with a Water Pitcher*, ca. 1662. Oil on canvas. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Marquand Collection, Gift of Henry G. Marquand, 1889 1931 (89.15.21). Back cover: Windmill, Holland (top); Bruges, Belgium (bottom).

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Amsterdam, Holland

Departure

Tuesday, May 30

Depart on an overnight flight to Amsterdam.

Amsterdam, Holland

Wednesday, May 31

Arrive in Amsterdam and transfer to a canal boat for an introductory cruise through this historic city. After a buffet lunch on board, enjoy a walking tour featuring the Begijnhof, a private court surrounded by some of the oldest architecture in central Amsterdam. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner. L, D

Amsterdam / Bruges, Belgium / Embark *Magnifique IV*

Thursday, June 1

This morning, head to the Rijksmuseum, the State Treasury of Dutch paintings. View Rembrandt's *The Night Watch*, and, after an introduction by a curator, explore the museum's much-anticipated Vermeer exhibition. Transfer by motor coach to Bruges and embark *Magnifique IV* in the afternoon. Gather for dinner on board this evening. B, L, D

Bruges / Ghent

Friday, June 2

Enjoy a morning in Bruges, a UNESCO-listed city of medieval architecture and sublime art. Visit the Hans Memling Museum and/or the Groeninge Museum, the latter of which houses works by Jan van Eyck and other great Flemish artists. After lunch, transfer to Ghent, once one of Europe's largest and wealthiest medieval cities. View its greatest treasure, the 15th-century *Ghent Altarpiece (The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb)* by the Van Eyck brothers, and take an exclusive tour of its dedicated museum in Saint Bavo's Cathedral. This evening, enjoy an optional illuminated walking tour of Ghent. B, L

Ghent / Dendermonde / Sint-Amands

Saturday, June 3

This morning, step ashore to visit The Museum of Fine Arts Ghent. Then drive to Dendermonde, a small city known for its magnificent Flemish buildings. While here, visit the Church of Our Lady, home to two Van Dyck paintings, as well as a 12th-century baptismal font of Tournai stone. This evening, rejoin *Magnifique IV* in Sint-Amands, and enjoy a concert on board. B, L, D



Hans Memling, *Triptych of Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist (detail)*, c. 1479, Hans Memling Museum, Bruges, Belgium

Antwerp

Sunday, June 4

Travel to Antwerp, and see the treasures of the Museum Mayer van den Bergh, whose collection includes Pieter Bruegel the Elder's *Mad Meg*. After lunch, visit the Cathedral of Our Lady, home to major paintings by Peter Paul Rubens, including his *Assumption of the Virgin Mary*. Then discover the majestic Royal Museum of Fine Arts, recently restored and expanded. B, L, D

Antwerp / Dordrecht, Holland

Monday, June 5

Attend a morning lecture on board as *Magnifique IV* cruises to Dordrecht, one of Holland's oldest cities. Explore its historic harbors, ancient warehouses, and busy merchant streets. Afterwards, enjoy a buffet lunch at a unique country estate, surrounded by one of the oldest English landscape gardens in the area. The ship remains docked in Dordrecht overnight. B, L, D

Dordrecht / Kinderdijk / Schoonhoven / Vianen

Tuesday, June 6

This morning, cruise to Kinderdijk to see its impressive windmills, part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join the ship in Schoonhoven, and follow the Lek River to Vianen. After dinner, take an evening walk in Vianen, once home to the Marquis de Lafayette, a hero of the American Revolution. B, L, D

Vianen / Amsterdam

Wednesday, June 7

Today, enjoy a tour of the Van Gogh Museum, home to the largest collection of works by the legendary Dutch painter. Lunch and the afternoon are at leisure to either return to the Rijksmuseum or visit the Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam to view its impressive modern and contemporary collection. Return to the ship for a festive farewell dinner. B, D

Amsterdam / Disembark / Return

Thursday, June 8

This morning, disembark *Magnifique IV* and transfer to the airport for flights home. B

This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.

Program Rates

Cabins	Decks	Double	Single
11 to 17	Lower Deck	\$8,999	\$12,999
Standard, twin beds with portholes			
1 to 10	Upper Deck	\$11,999	Inquire
Deluxe, twin beds, small seating area, large windows and balconies			



Magnifique IV

Rate Includes

- One night hotel accommodations at the Hotel De L'Europe Amsterdam
- Seven nights cabin accommodations on *Magnifique IV*
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at included lunches and dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/hotel/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers
- Taxes, service, and portage charges

Not included in rate

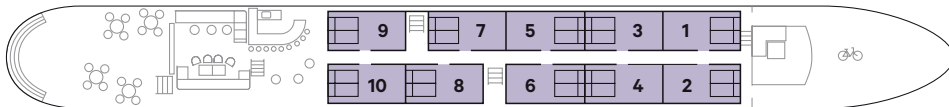
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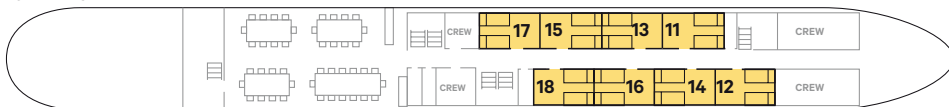
TOP DECK



UPPER DECK



LOWER DECK



Magnifique IV photos clockwise from top: on deck; upper deck suite; and salon

Sailing under the Dutch flag, this new river vessel has 10 generous suites on the upper deck, while the lower deck has eight twin cabins. *Magnifique IV's* upper deck features a spacious and tastefully decorated salon with air conditioning, a bar, and lounge area. Wi-Fi is also available. The comfortable and inviting restaurant is separated from the kitchen by a glass wall, so you can watch talented chefs in action. The front deck has space to accommodate bicycles, while the top deck boasts a Jacuzzi and deckchairs, from which you can enjoy the scenery.

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Reservation Form

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