RIVER LIFE®
along the
Dutch Waterways
aboard the Exclusively Chartered
Deluxe AMADEUS SILVER II
April 25 to May 3, 2019
Dear Swarthmore Alumni and Friends,

It is said that “God created the Heavens and the Earth, but the Dutch created Holland.” Indeed, not only did they wrest a portion of their land from the sea, but they built upon it an enchanted realm carpeted by vibrant flowers and laced with storied waterways.

Join us on this exclusively chartered river cruise aboard the deluxe AMADEUS SILVER II, one of the finest ships to ply the waterways of Europe and traverse the canals of this delightful polder land. Celebrate the beauty of Holland and old-world Flanders in blissful springtime—the ideal season for this comprehensive itinerary, when the tulip fields are in full bloom.

Discover the true essence of river life in the Low Countries. Our expert-guided tours explore two UNESCO World Heritage sites—Amsterdam’s 16th- and 17th-century house-lined canals and the medieval Flemish jewel of Bruges. Experience this sublime region’s pastoral idyll and fascinating history with visits to “Golden Age” Hoorn, the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, the old Hanseatic city of Kampen, rarely visited ancient Maastricht, the mercantile town of Antwerp and medieval Ghent, home to the Van Eyck brothers’ Adoration of the Mystic Lamb—the world’s most coveted masterpiece. Walk through the poignant World War II American Military Cemetery in Margraten and discover the artistic legacy of the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum. Learn more about the rich history of the Flemish speaking county of Flanders and the modern life and cultural heritage of the Netherlands during an exclusive RIVER LIFE® FORUM with local residents.

Unpack just once, and delight in specially arranged CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS, a privately chartered small boat canal cruise and an exclusive musical concert. Enjoy an included, guided excursion in every port, deluxe accommodations and all meals—an excellent value. RIVER LIFE® along the Dutch Waterways is a perennial favorite; reserve now while Early Booking Savings and space are still available.

Dank u wel!

Cheers,

Lisa K. Shafer
Senior Director of
Alumni & Parent Engagement

Sarah S. Doody
President
Engaging Journeys, Inc.
The character of the Netherlands is alive in the iconic works of its master painters—from Vermeer to Brueghel—and in its flourishing landscapes and charming towns, all of which embody the region’s pleasant nature. During this comprehensive reis (cruise) along the great Dutch and Flemish waterways, experience firsthand the rich heritage and traditions of lively Amsterdam; the medieval cities of Bruges, Ghent and Antwerp; and the historic towns of Maastricht, Nijmegen and Hoorn.

Stroll through the legendary blooming Keukenhof Gardens and interact with local Dutch, Flemings and Belgians. This custom-designed and intimate travel program, one of the popular River Life® series, will immerse you in daily life in the Low Countries at just the right pace.

**Cultural Enrichments:**
- Opportunity to explore Antwerp’s charming cobblestone square at your own pace.
- Time at leisure in Maastricht.
- Enjoy a guided tour of the extraordinary world-class Kröller-Müller Museum.
- Private organ concert in Kampen’s Gothic Bovenkerk (church).
- Visit to Keukenhof Gardens.
- Private cruise of the canal district, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Exclusive River Life® Forum.

*Available at additional cost.

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**Hoorn’s town symbol—the unicorn—is sculpted onto the notable Hoofdtoren Tower.**

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**Day**

1. Depart the U.S.
   - Delft • Kinderdijk • The Hague
   - Pre-Cruise Option* or

2. Brussels, Belgium/Ghent
   - Embark AMADEUS SILVER II.

3. Ghent for Bruges
   - Walking tour of Ghent.
   - City tour of Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

4. Ghent/Antwerp
   - City tour featuring a visit to the Cathedral of Our Lady, housing masterpieces by Rubens.
   - Cultural Enrichment: Opportunity to explore Antwerp’s charming cobblestone square at your own pace.

5. Maastricht, the Netherlands
   - Visit to the Netherlands American Cemetery at Margraten.
   - Walking tour of Maastricht.
   - Cultural Enrichment: Time at leisure in Maastricht.

6. Nijmegen
   - Walking tour of Nijmegen.
   - Cultural Enrichment: Enjoy a guided tour of the extraordinary world-class Kröller-Müller Museum.

7. Kampen/Hoorn
   - Walking tour of medieval Kampen.
   - Walking tour of charming Hoorn.
   - Cultural Enrichment: Private organ concert in Kampen’s Gothic Bovenkerk (church).

8. Amsterdam

9. Amsterdam/Disembark ship
   - Amsterdam® Post-Cruise Option* or
   - Return to the U.S.

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Keukenhof Gardens

A brilliant and breathtaking tapestry of color and fragrance when in full bloom, Keukenhof is affectionately known as the “Garden of Europe.” This vibrantly hued setting is meticulously planted and landscaped, complete with tranquil ponds, gentle, flowing streams and winding, tree-shaded paths. Our program is during the height of Holland’s spectacular spring, when more than seven million flowers are expected to blossom across this 79-acre wooded park in a dazzling display of color.

Keukenhof (kitchen garden) was inspired by the early 15th-century Countess Jacoba of Bavaria, who resided in a nearby castle and tended an herb and vegetable garden on this site. Today, Keukenhof Gardens is an international showcase for the Dutch floriculture industry. Exhibitors feature more than 1000 varieties of their tulips, along with daffodils, hyacinths, orchids, roses, carnations, irises and lilies, while new variants of tulips are cultivated every year.

Ghent
The industrial history of Ghent is evident in the 12th- to 17th-century guildhalls lining the quay. In St. Bavo’s Cathedral, see the Van Eyck brothers’ magnificent altarpiece of the Adoration of the Mystic Lamb—this polyptych is the most often stolen artwork of all time and is still missing one panel.

Bruges
Built around a double ring of charming canals connected by arched foot bridges, fairytale Bruges is a UNESCO World Heritage site of virtually untouched medieval architecture and renowned, hand-crafted chocolates. Enjoy a walking tour from the Market Square to the magnificent Gothic-style Chapel of the Holy Blood to see timeless and deftly crafted stone guildhalls and opulent churches.

Antwerp
The Old Town of Antwerp preserves its charming Flemish culture in a labyrinth of squares and passages that lead to the vibrant Grote Markt, where beautifully preserved guildhalls once bustled with 16th-century merchants. In the Cathedral of Our Lady, where a delicately ornamented spire soars at 401 feet and a remarkable carillon rings with 47 bells, see the 17th-century Baroque masterpieces of the city’s native son, Peter Paul Rubens, including paintings of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, The Raising of the Cross and The Descent from the Cross.

Cultural Enrichment: Explore Antwerp at leisure, pausing to admire the centuries-old Diamond District or Flemish Renaissance architecture.

Maastricht
Founded by the Romans and later a destination for pilgrims seeking the tomb of St. Servatius, today the fabled city of Maastricht is an epicenter of art and culture. See the towering, castle-like Basilica of Our Lady, built in one of Maastricht’s cobblestone town squares in the year 1000, and stand on the 13th-century city wall for a scenic view across the River Meuse. In Margraten, walk through one of Europe’s largest American military cemeteries honoring the allied operations during World War II.

Cultural Enrichment: During your leisure time, enjoy a traditional slice of vlaai (sweet flan) and coffee amid medieval scenery.

Nijmegen
Scenic Nijmegen, one of the oldest cities in the Netherlands, was settled in the first century B.C. and hosts many
well-preserved buildings, including the 15th-century town hall and Latin school, the 16th-century, Renaissance-style Waag (weighing hall) and a series of quaint, 17th-century houses. Overlooking the River Waal, Valkhof Hill features the impressive ancient Barbarossa Ruins and ninth-century Carolingian chapel.

Kröller-Müller Museum
Among the heathlands and dunes of the Netherlands’ largest national park, De Hoge Veluwe, is the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum, lauded for its chronological collection of van Gogh’s masterpieces, the second largest collection in the world.

Cultural Enrichments: Enjoy a guided, tour and see works by Picasso, Monet, Renoir and Manet, as well as captivating late 19th- to 21st-century pieces by Rodin, Moore and Dubuffet, wreathed in the idyllic woodland scenery of the 60-acre sculpture garden.

Kampen
A quintessential Dutch town of color and charm, the old Hanseatic League city of Kampen on the River IJssel maintains one of the best-preserved old town centers in the Netherlands. See the remnants of the medieval city walls, the Old Town Hall and the 17th-century New Tower.

Cultural Enrichments: During a private, specially arranged concert in the Gothic Bovenkerk (church), listen to the intonation of more than 3000 pipes resonating from the 18th-century Hinsz organ. Explore Kampen’s nautical heritage—which extends from the Kogge Shipyard to the fine local fish cuisine—at your leisure.

Hoorn
A prominent harbor in the 17th century, Hoorn became one of Holland’s most important centers of trade during the Golden Age as the home of the Dutch East India Company, the first multinational corporation in the world. Walk along the charming, lively harbor and admire the landmark 16th-century Hoofdtoren tower, one of the city’s last preserved defenses.

Amsterdam
Amsterdam’s canal district—a UNESCO World Heritage site where concentric canals weave between 16th- and 17th-century merchant row houses, charming houseboats and world-renowned museums—is brimming with history and artistic wealth.

Cultural Enrichments: A private canal cruise offers a unique look at the integral role waterways have played in the life of this city, which began as a simple fishing village and flourished into the 17th century’s foremost economic center, producing master artists such as Rembrandt and van Gogh. In the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, stroll through a vivid, sprawling tableau of colorful blooming tulips.

Amsterdam’s Canal Ring, a is lined with three times as many bridges as Venice.
The elegant and meticulously crafted Amadeus Silver II features all the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel. The 84 stylish Staterooms and Suites are among the most spacious of any European river ship (172 to 284 square feet). Suites include a private balcony, and select Staterooms feature a unique floor-to-ceiling window that lowers to French-balcony height at the touch of a button. Accommodations have two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, sitting area and private bathroom with shower. Most have a minibar. The delightful restaurant offers scenic views through panoramic windows as well as continental cuisine featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner with complimentary wine and beer, and late-evening snack.

For your leisure time on board there are two bars, an open-air lounge, complimentary Wi-Fi, beauty salon, boutique, massage room, fitness studio and Sun Deck. Complimentary bicycles are available for independent pursuits on shore. An elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. There is no doctor on board.

The Amadeus fleet has been awarded the rare “Green Certificate” of environmental preservation.
Included Features

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe AMADEUS SILVER II

◆◆ Seven-night cruise from Ghent, Belgium, to Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
◆◆ Deluxe, river-view accommodations.
◆◆ All meals aboard ship.
◆◆ Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.
◆◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.

Expert-Guided Excursions and Exclusive Cultural Enrichments

◆◆ Walking tour of Ghent, featuring St. Bavo’s Cathedral.
◆◆ Walking tour of the medieval, fairytale city of Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆◆ City tour of Antwerp featuring a visit to see three of Peter Paul Rubens’ masterpieces in the 16th-century Cathedral of Our Lady.
◆◆ Visit to the Netherlands American Cemetery, honoring Allied World War II operations, in Margraten, near Maastricht.
◆◆ Tour of idyllic Maastricht, a city of intriguing history, contemporary art and charming culture.
◆◆ Walking tour of Nijmegen, granted city status by the Roman Empire in A.D. 104.
◆◆ Guided tour of the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum for exploration of the Low Countries’ rich artistic heritage.
◆◆ Walking tour of the former Hanseatic League city of Kampen.
◆◆ Specially arranged, private organ concert featuring an 18th-century Hinsz organ in Kampen’s Bovenkerk (church).
◆◆ Excursion to magnificent Keukenhof Gardens to see the world’s largest and most colorful display of spring flowers in bloom, weather permitting.
◆◆ Private cruise along Amsterdam’s UNESCO World Heritage site canal district.
◆◆ Exclusive RIVER LIFE® Forum with local residents who will discuss life in the Low Countries.
◆◆ Time at leisure to explore Kampen, Maastricht and Antwerp.
◆◆ Learn traditional Dutch phrases.

Always Included

◆◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆◆ Experienced local guides for included excursions.
◆◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions.
◆◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
◆◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
◆◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Program Directors at your service.
◆◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
◆◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
The Golden Age of Amsterdam

In the UNESCO World Heritage site of historic Amsterdam, experience tree-shaded canals and gabled 16th- and 17th-century merchant houses on the Post-Cruise Option. Enjoy a guided walking tour, the world-class Rijksmuseum's prestigious Dutch Master collection and a visit to Our Lord in the Attic, a museum and 17th-century clandestine church, as well as time at leisure to experience this expressive city’s vibrant culture and friendly people. Spend two nights in the Five-Star Renaissance Amsterdam Hotel, ideally located in the city center.

Delft • Kinderdijk • The Hague

The Juwelen of Zuid-Holland


Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Count Johan Maurits's home, the Hague's Mauritshuis museum, epitomizes classical Dutch architecture.
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$200 per person The Golden Age of Amsterdam Post-Cruise Option.

wire transfer by January 18, 2019.

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by January 18, 2019.

Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) Tour No. 039-04/25/19-171

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Junior Suites

Suites Suite with private balcony (sliding glass doors with railing), large sitting area with minibar. Mozart Deck, midship and forward.

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1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Double occupancy (two twin beds).

Double occupancy (one queen bed).

Single accommodations.

I amreserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my/our roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

Delft - Kinderdijk - The Hague Pre-Cruise Option

Double at $895 per person.

Single at $1395 per person.

I amreserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

The Golden Age of Amsterdam Post-Cruise Option

Double at $795 per person.

Single at $1295 per person.

I amreserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

1/We want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised, from:

(Till in departure city)

Economy Class

Upgraded Economy

Business Class

First Class

Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

1/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Delft - Kinderdijk - The Hague Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person The Golden Age of Amsterdam Post-Cruise Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $ $ as deposit.

Make checks payable to Gohagan & Company.  

1/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $ $ to:

Visa  MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by January 18, 2019.
Amsterdam’s bridges and canals bring the intimacy of a small town to one of Europe’s most celebrated cities.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

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If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are requested to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner’s risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a trip participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person Gohagan judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, or who is unable to follow the itinerary as planned or who refuses to follow the itinerary as planned and agrees to accept reimbursement for such refusal from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specified room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel or cruise line.

Gohagan reserves the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Gohagan shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Ship schedules, port calls, hours of disembarkation and arrival, transfers and baggage handling to/from the airport/hotel/ship are subject to change or cancellation. Gohagan reserves the right to replace suppliers, instructors, facilitators or providers of optional excursions, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. with any person or entity not specifically mentioned in the “Included Features” section.

PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY: Gohagan is committed to enabling travelers of all abilities to enjoy all aspects of their trip. All cruise lines require participants to be able to embark or disembark motorcoaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Gohagan reserves the right to request that a traveler be capable of performing these tasks independently or who is accompanied by someone who will be responsible for handling equipment.

DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by September 19, 2018. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be substitutied at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Gohagan. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a $200 ($100 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 121 days prior to departure; from 95 through 120 days prior to departure, $650 ($325 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person; from 61 through 94 days prior to departure, 40% of the published full regular tariff; from 45 through 60 days prior to departure, 55% of the published full regular tariff; from 22 through 44 days prior to departure, 80% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 21 days or less prior to departure, no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

TRIP INSURANCE: We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. Trip insurance information will be mailed to you upon receipt of your reservation. Please contact Sarah Doody at Engaging Journeys for insurance information. Email: info@engagingjourneys.com.

Acceptance of Contract: By forwarding of deposit, the participating certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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