RIVER LIFE®
along the
Dutch Waterways
aboard the Exclusively Chartered Deluxe AMADEUS QUEEN

April 25 to May 3, 2022

featuring
FLORIADE EXPO 2022
Held Only Once Every 10 Years!

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us on this exclusively chartered river cruise aboard the deluxe AMADEUS QUEEN, one of the finest ships to ply the waterways of Europe and the canals of this delightful land of polder. Celebrate the beauty of Holland and Flanders in blissful springtime—the ideal season for visiting, when the tulip fields are in full bloom. A special highlight is Floriade Expo 2022 “Growing Green Cities,” the world’s largest horticultural expo, held only once every 10 years.

Discover the true essence of RIVER LIFE® in the Low Countries. Our expert-guided tours explore seven UNESCO World Heritage sites including Amsterdam’s 16th- and 17th-century house-lined canals, the medieval Flemish jewel of Bruges, and four of the historical belfries included in the Belfries of Belgium serial property. Experience this region’s pastoral idyll and fascinating history with visits to the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, the mercantile town of Antwerp and medieval Ghent. Visit the legendary 18th-century windmills of Kinderdijk, watch traditional craftspeople create the iconic “Delft Blue” porcelain and discover the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum. Learn more about the modern life and cultural heritage of the Netherlands during an exclusive RIVER LIFE® Forum with local residents and encounter the rich history of the Flemish-speaking county of Flanders in its main cultural centres.

Unpack just once and delight in specially arranged CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS, including a privately chartered small boat canal cruise. Enjoy an included, guided excursion in every port, deluxe accommodations and all meals—an excellent value. Reserve now while space is still available.

Sincerely,

Christy Miller, BComm’02
Executive Director, University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association
**RIVER LIFE® during **

**TULIP SEASON**

Custom-designed and intimate, this signature travel program will immerse you in the daily life of the Low Countries. There is no better time to visit the Netherlands than during spring, when the legendary gardens of Keukenhof put on their glorious flower show—with over seven million tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and other flowers blossoming across 32 hectares of woodland.

The Golden Age of the Netherlands is alive in the iconic works of its master painters—from Johannes Vermeer to Pieter Brueghel the Elder—and in its flourishing landscapes and remarkably preserved medieval towns, where gabled homes line cobblestone streets and peaceful canals. During this comprehensive cruise along the great Dutch and Flemish waterways, experience firsthand the distinct heritage, cultural traditions and friendly people of Holland and Flanders.

Photo above: Discover Bruges’ medieval architecture and the UNESCO World Heritage-designated belfry.

Photo below: Admire Ghent’s Leie River promenade with well-preserved guildhalls and its medieval harbour.

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**ITINERARY**

**Amsterdam® Pre-Program Option**

1. Depart Canada
2. Arrive in **Amsterdam, the Netherlands**
   - Embark the *Amadeus Queen*.
   - **Cultural Enrichment:**
     - Private cruise of Amsterdam’s canal district.
3. **Nijmegen**
   - Walking tour of Nijmegen.
   - **Cultural Enrichments:**
     - Guided tour of the extraordinary, world-class Kröller-Müller Museum.
     - Exclusive RIVER LIFE® Forum.
4. **Kinderdijk/Willemstad/Brinisse**
   - Tour of the legendary windmills at Kinderdijk.
   - **Cultural Enrichment:**
     - Excursion to one of the Delta Works engineering projects.
5. **Ghent, Belgium/Bruges**
   - Walking tour of Ghent, including a visit to see the *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb*.
   - City tour of whimsical Bruges.
6. **Antwerp**
   - City tour featuring a visit to the Cathedral of Our Lady, housing masterpieces by Peter Paul Rubens.
7. **Rotterdam, the Netherlands/Delft**
   - Visit to Delft to see traditional craftspeople create the iconic “Delft Blue” porcelain.
   - **Cultural Enrichment:**
     - Visit to the magnificent Keukenhof Gardens.
8. **Lelystad/Almere**
   - Excursion to the Floriade Expo 2022 to enjoy the exquisite floral and plant displays.
9. **Amsterdam/Disembark ship/Return to Canada**

**The Hague Post-Program Option**
**Floriade Expo 2022**

**World’s largest horticultural expo, held once every 10 years!**

Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see flora and horticulture from countries around the world. With a theme of “Growing Green Cities,” Floriade Expo 2022 inspires visions of a greener tomorrow—showcasing global innovations for a more sustainable, healthier and happier future. Explore Floriade Expo 2022’s uniquely created Arboretum—a living library of more than 3,000 tree, plant and flower species alphabetically arranged by botanic name and filled with spectacular colours and scents. Marvel at nearly 2,000 trees on the expo grounds that have been sent from growers across the Netherlands. Enjoy an optional cable car ride that showcases the skyline of the growing “green city” of Almere and the breathtaking venues of Floriade Park.

**Amsterdam, the Netherlands**

In Amsterdam, one of Europe’s most enchanting cities, canals weave between handsome merchant houses, charming houseboats and world-renowned museums and galleries.

**Cultural Enrichment:**

A private cruise through the UNESCO designated canal district offers a unique look at the integral role waterways have played in the culture of this city, which began as a simple fishing village and flourished into the 17th century’s foremost economic centre. Stroll through a vivid tableau of blooming tulips as far as the eye can see in the beloved Keukenhof Gardens.

**Nijmegen**

A vibrant university town layered with history, attractive Nijmegen was originally settled by the Romans in the first century B.C. Discover an impressive array of pristinely preserved buildings, including the turreted 15th-century town hall and the 17th-century, Renaissance-style De Waag. Overlooking the River Waal, Valkhof Hill features the captivating Barbarossa Ruins and ninth-century Carolingian chapel.

**Cultural Enrichment:**

Meet and engage with locals during the specially arranged River Life® Forum.

**Kröller-Müller Museum**

Among the heathlands and dunes of the Netherlands’ largest national park, De Hoge Veluwe, is the remarkable Kröller-Müller Museum, lauded for its collection of 90 Vincent van Gogh paintings and 180 of his drawings.

**Cultural Enrichment:**

See works by Pablo Picasso, Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir and Édouard Manet, as well as captivating late-19th to 21st-century pieces by Auguste Rodin, Henry Moore and Jean Dubuffet, wreathed in the idyllic woodland scenery of the 24-hectare sculpture garden.

**Kinderdijk**

Designated a national monument and a UNESCO World Heritage site, Kinderdijk is home to Holland’s greatest concentration of old windmills. Here, little has changed since the mid-18th century, when 19 wooden windmills were erected side by side to drain the Alblasserwaard, one of many regions in the Netherlands below sea level. Though no longer used to monitor water levels, the windmills are still one of Holland’s most picturesque sights and represent exceptional examples of the achievements of 18th-century Dutch engineering.
Cultural Enrichment:
Excursion to the largest project of the Delta Works, hailed as one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Ghent, Belgium
The authentic city of Ghent is replete with medieval and classical architecture. The UNESCO-designated Belfry of Ghent serves as a historical testament to the winning of civil liberties across the region. Admire the elegant windows and fanciful steeples of St. Bavo’s Cathedral, a Gothic masterpiece and the city’s enduring symbol with origins that date from the 10th century. Proceed to the chapel to see the Van Eyck brothers’ magnificent altarpiece Adoration of the Mystic Lamb—this polypych is the most frequently stolen artwork of all time; in fact, one panel is still missing.

Bruges
Built around a double ring of charming canals connected by arched footbridges and renowned for its handcrafted chocolates, fairy-tale Bruges is a UNESCO World Heritage site of virtually untouched medieval architecture, including landmark Belfry of Belgium. Enjoy a walking tour from the Market Square to the magnificent Gothic-style Chapel of the Holy Blood to see the richly decorated stone guildhalls and opulent churches.

Antwerp
The alluring Old Town of Antwerp preserves its distinct Flemish culture in a labyrinth of squares and cobbled streets that are studded with museums, mansions and churches—all leading to the vibrant Grote Markt, where the town hall’s historical belfry, part of the Belfries of Belgium UNESCO World Heritage site, still stands tall.

Visit the Cathedral of Our Lady—with its UNESCO-inscribed belfry, the tallest church tower in Belgium—which preserves 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.

Delft
Visit canal-ringed Delft to watch traditional craftspeople create iconic “Delft Blue” porcelain.

Cultural Enrichment:
Excursion to magnificent Keukenhof Gardens, known as the “Garden of Europe,” during the best time of year to see the colourful display of spring flowers in bloom.

Almere for Floriade
Experience the world’s largest horticultural exhibition, held only once a decade—Floriade Expo 2022. Nations from around the world will gather in Almere, the youngest city in the Netherlands, to share examples of sustainable architecture and flowers, plants and trees unique to their respective countries.

Walk through an area as big as 16 soccer fields and enjoy a spectrum of colours, scents, flavours and international exhibitions with events that range from cultural showcases to art installations. Located in the province of Flavoland, Almere is also home to a stunning coastline and abundant flora and fauna.
Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe Amadeus Queen

The elegant and meticulously crafted Amadeus Queen features all the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel.

The 81 stylish Staterooms and Suites are among the most spacious of any European river ship (about 16 to 26 square metres). 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 stylish restaurant offers scenic views through panoramic windows. Continental cuisine is served featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers’ coffee, breakfast, 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, a beauty salon, a boutique, a massage room, a fitness studio, an indoor pool and the Sun Deck. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting) and an elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. There is no doctor on board.

The English-speaking, international crew provides warm hospitality. The Amadeus fleet has earned the important “Green Globe Certification” of environmental sustainability.

Keukenhof Gardens

Affectionately known around the world as the “Garden of Europe” for its paramount beauty, Keukenhof, “kitchen garden,” is a brilliant and breathtaking tapestry of colour and fragrance when its over 1,000 floral varieties reach full bloom between mid April and early May. Meticulously landscaped with tranquil ponds, placid streams and winding, tree-shaded paths, this vibrantly hued oasis was designed in 1857 by Jan David Zocher of Vondelpark fame. The gardens of Keukenhof originally formed part of the Teylingen Castle Estate, where the early-15th-century Countess Jacoba of Bavaria added an herb and vegetable garden.
Included Features

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe AMADEUS QUEEN

♦ Seven-night river cruise round trip Amsterdam, the Netherlands with port calls at Nijmegen, Kinderdijk, Ghent (for Bruges), Belgium; Antwerp, Rotterdam (for Delft), the Netherlands; and Lelystad (for Almere and Floriade).

♦ Deluxe, river-view accommodations.

♦ All meals aboard ship.

♦ Complimentary wine and beer served with lunch and dinner.

♦ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.

♦ Complimentary Wi-Fi (conditions permitting).

Expert-Guided Excursions and Exclusive CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS

♦ Private cruise along Amsterdam’s UNESCO World Heritage-designated canal district.

♦ 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.

♦ Exclusive RIVER LIFE® Forum with local residents who will discuss life in the Low Countries.

♦ Tour of the 18th-century windmills at Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

♦ Excursion to the complex Delta Works, an engineering marvel.

♦ Walking tour of medieval Ghent, featuring St. Bavo’s Cathedral.

♦ Walking tour of the medieval, fairy-tale 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 canal-ringed Delft to watch traditional craftspeople create the iconic “Delft Blue” porcelain.

♦ Excursion to the magnificent Keukenhof Gardens to see the world’s largest and most colourful display of spring flowers in bloom.

♦ Excursion to the Floriade Expo 2022 to enjoy the sustainable architecture and exquisite floral and plant displays.

Always Included

♦ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).

♦ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.

♦ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.

♦ 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 USD flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
The Golden Age of Amsterdam
Pre-Program Option

In historical Amsterdam, enjoy a guided walking tour of the tree-shaded canals and gabled 17th-century merchant houses of Jordaan, a vibrant centre for artists, musicians and antique collectors. View the Rijksmuseum’s Dutch Master collection, including works by Rembrandt van Rijn, Johannes Vermeer and Vincent van Gogh. Visit the Our Lord in the Attic, a museum and exquisite 17th-century house with an entire clandestine church in the attic. Spend two nights in the Five-Star Renaissance Amsterdam Hotel, ideally located in the city centre.

The Hague
De Juwelen van Zuid-Holland
Post-Program Option


Pre- and Post-Program Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
**DUTCH WATERWAYS REGISTRATION FORM**

**Send to:** 2022 River Life® Dutch Waterways University of Saskatchewan c/o Gohagan & Company 209 South LaSalle Street, Suite 500 Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446

*For more information, please call Gohagan & Company at (800) 922-3088. 039-04/25/22-425*

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Program reservations require a deposit of $800 USD per person.

- Enclosed is my/our cheque(s) for $__________ as deposit.
- Make cheque(s) payable to Gohagan & Company.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to: American Express | Discover | MasterCard | Visa
- I/We request that you contact me/us via telephone or email for deposit via wire transfer.

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**Welcome Back Tariff:**

- Double at $995 USD per person.
- Single at $1395 USD per person.
- Pre-Program Option.

**Full Tariff:**

- Double at $1395 USD per person.
- Single at $1545 USD per person.
- Post-Program Option.

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**MS AMADEUS QUEEN**

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**Taxes are an additional $130 USD per person and are subject to change.**

**Amadeus Queen has been specially contracted for this program, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.**

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

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**Please make my/our reservation(s):**

- **Category:**
  - 1st Choice
  - 2nd Choice
- **Double occupancy (two twin beds).**
- **Double occupancy (one queen bed).**
- **Single accommodations.**
- **Single but prefer to share and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).**

**The Golden Age of Amsterdam Pre-Program Option**

- **Double at $945 USD per person.**
- **Single at $1145 USD per person.**
- **I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.**

**The Hague Post-Program Option**

- **Double at $995 USD per person.**
- **Single at $1395 USD per person.**
- **I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.**
- **I/We want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised, from:**

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**FINAL PAYMENT due January 20, 2022; make by cheque, wire transfer or credit card. No land/cruise cancellation fees until 96 days prior to April 25, 2022!**

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Please contact Gohagan & Company at 1-800-922-3088 with questions regarding this tour. If you have questions regarding the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Travel Program or you no longer wish to receive Alumni Travel Program information, please contact USask Alumni at 1-800-699-1907 or local 306-966-5186 or email alumni.office@usask.ca.
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**TRAVEL 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 the trip due to illness or accidental harm. Contact your insurance provider for information about travel insurance.

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