

EXPLORE OUR CAPTAIN'S HOME COUNTRY ON THIS **EXCLUSIVE** CRUISE ITINERARY

Captain's Choice

aboard mps Lady Anne

Join us as we explore our captain's home country on this exclusive cruise itinerary, which takes you beyond the clichés of tulips, clogs and windmills to present the Netherlands in a whole new light. Starting in Nijmegen, the oldest city in the Netherlands, we follow rivers and canals to discover some of his favourite places, including the breathtaking Maasplassen with its series of lakes, the star shaped city of Heusden, the historic centre of Dordrecht and the cutting edge architecture of Rotterdam. There's plenty of time to explore and Captain Wido will enlighten us on his love for each place, so that by the time we come to say farewell, you too will share his passion for this beautiful and unique country.



Roermond

Day 1: UK – Arnhem

We travel to Arnhem and enjoy a relaxing evening on board our ship.

Day 2: Nijmegen

Nijmegen is the oldest city in the Netherlands, which nestles on the banks of the Waal river. A walk through the old town takes you on a journey through time, starting with when the Romans first settled here. Alternatively, you can join our optional excursion to the fascinating Wijchen Museum Castle.

Day 3: Roermond, the Dutch Lake District

This afternoon we reach Roermond, on the border with Belgium and Germany. This atmospheric town enjoys a unique location on the Maasplassen, an extensive chain of lakes set around idyllic green landscapes. You have plenty of time to explore or you can join our optional excursion to visit the historic city of Maastricht and the white village of Thorn, which was once run by a convent of 20 noble ladies.

Day 4: Arcen – Grave

We cast off during breakfast and cruise to the village of Arcen for a short stop around midday. Here you can join our optional excursion to Arcen Castle, where we enjoy a tour of the 17th-century castle and the gardens which are said to be the most beautiful in the Netherlands. We meet our ship in the city of Grave, on the banks of the Maas river, and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 5: Heusden

Spend the morning relaxing on board our ship as we cruise to Heusden. This beautiful city, with its star-shaped city walls, is like an open air museum with over 130 listed buildings. From here you can join our optional excursion visiting Den Bosch, the largest walled city in the Netherlands with a stunning medieval centre. The rest of the day is then free to explore Heusden.

Day 6: Dordrecht

Another morning of cruising takes us to the city of Dordrecht, whose centre is beautifully preserved with 18th- and 19th-century buildings strung along a web of canals and harbours. There's plenty of time to explore and you can also visit the nearby city of Delft on our optional excursion to Royal Delft, the last remaining Delftware factory from the 17th century.

Day 7: Rotterdam

Rotterdam is known as the 'Manhattan on the Meuse' because of its impressive skyline, which showcases cutting-edge architecture. We arrive here around midday and enjoy an afternoon at leisure, during which you can also join our optional excursion to discover a wide variety of Dutch highlights in miniature, set around the scenic outdoor park of Madurodam.

Day 8: Rotterdam – UK

We bid farewell to our captain and crew after breakfast and set off on the return journey.

Some people are born with a passion that paves the path of a lifelong career.

For Wido Arts, his love of the waterways surrounding his homeland led him to nautical school in Amsterdam at the tender age of 15. By the time he was 20, he was first officer on the mps Lady Anne, and within two years he became the captain. Being young and ambitious, he decided to branch out and go in search of other possibilities on the water, and landed a job with a Swiss company. He then returned to the owner of the Lady Anne to work on a different ship, until 2002 when he was offered ownership of the Lady Anne – an opportunity that he snapped up at just 30 years of age. To this day, Wido spends year after year aboard his beloved ship, indulging in his passion and sharing it with thousands of people – he even met his wife, Jana, onboard.

You could say it was all meant to be.

M.P.S.
LADY ANNE

Captain Wido



Roermond



Heusden

8 DAYS FROM
£749



YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

BY COACH

- Coach travel to the port from your local area
- Ferry crossing from Dover, Hull or Newcastle
- Hull or Newcastle: Two nights' overnight ferry crossings with cabin accommodation
- Seven nights' cruise on a full board basis

To make your own way to the ship please see pages 63 & 65

2017 dates	No. of days	Coach routes	Ferry crossing
29 May	10	SOLD OUT	Newcastle
30 May	8	SOLD OUT	Dover
6 June	8	D1 D2 D3 D4 D5 D6 D12	Dover
12 June	10	H1 H2 H3 H4 H5	Hull
13 June	8	D7 D8 D9 D10 D11 D12	Dover
20 June	8	D1 D2 D10 D11 D12	Dover
26 June	10	N1 N2	Newcastle
27 June	8	D3 D4 D5 D6 D12	Dover

HOLIDAY PRICES

Tour code: CAPTC

BY COACH per person				
Code	Deck	Berth	Coach via Dover 8 days	Coach via Hull/N'castle 10 days
X3S	Passenger	3	£739	£889
X2S	Passenger	2	£749	£899
X1S	Passenger	1	£849	£999
M3S	Main Standard	3	£819	£969
M2S	Main Standard	2	£859	£1009
M2L	Main Superior	2	£909	£1059
P2S	Promenade	2	£959	£1109
P2X	Promenade Superior	2	£1009	£1159

See page 15 for deck plan and cabin occupancy

EXCURSIONS

- Museum Castle Wijchen.....£24
- Maastricht & the white village of Thorn...£17
- Castle Arcen & Gardens.....£27
- Medieval Den Bosch.....£20
- Delft & the Royal Delft pottery.....£24
- Madurodam – Holland in miniature.....£28

Pre-book package price **£109**
Saving per person **£31**