

Springtime in the Gardens of Holland & Belgium

aboard ms Serenity

Experience the ultimate spring sensation at two of the most beautiful gardens in Europe. Keukenhof opens its doors to thousands of visitors every year; still, it doesn't beat the number of bulbs you will find here, with more than seven million of them creating a spectacular carpet of colour. In the neighbouring country of Belgium, Floralia is the must-see spring event where thousands of bulbs are on show around a beautiful castle. Together they are the perfect addition to this relaxing cruise, plus we include visits to Appeltern Gardens and the National Botanic Garden of Belgium along with free time in beautiful Dutch and Belgian cities.



Includes visits to:

- Floralia Flower Show
- Botanic Garden of Belgium
- Keukenhof Gardens
- Appeltern Gardens

Day 1: Amsterdam

We travel to Amsterdam, capital of the Netherlands, and enjoy a relaxing evening onboard our ship.

Day 2: Amsterdam

We set off early this morning on an optional excursion to the Aalsmeer Flower Auction, where you can experience the hustle and bustle of the auction floor and admire the stunning flowers traded daily from more than 10 countries (a packed breakfast will be taken because of the early start). Later today you can join another optional excursion which reveals the best views of Amsterdam on a cruise around the city's canals.



Botanic Garden of Belgium

Day 3: Kinderdijk & Appeltern Gardens

This morning we reach Kinderdijk, which is renowned for its 19 beautifully preserved windmills. Our optional excursion visits two of the mills, where we learn about the lifestyle of a miller and the mechanism of a mill, before cruising to Dordrecht. Our included excursion then takes you to Appeltern Gardens, home to 200 model gardens bursting with colour and inspiration. Later today we begin cruising towards Belgium.

Day 4: Antwerp & Floralia

After breakfast our coach departs on an included trip to Floralia, the spring flower show held in the grounds of Château de Grand Bigard. Here you can wander among more than a million bulbs and

Join Charlie Dimmock to talk gardens

Following her trip aboard the mps Lady Anne, Charlie Dimmock, one of the UK's best-known gardeners will be back with us in 2018 aboard the ms Serenity, joining our 3rd May departure of the 'Springtime in the Gardens of Holland & Belgium' cruise.

Charlie first graced our screens on BBC One's Ground Force and has since gone on to present a number of TV shows including Garden Invaders, Charlie and the Duchess, and Garden Rescue, as well as the BBC's coverage of the iconic Chelsea Flower Show.

During the cruise, Charlie will be sharing her gardening experiences with passengers through talks and question sessions, as well as joining excursions to the Appeltern Gardens, Floralia Flower Show, National Botanic Garden of Belgium, the Keukenhof Gardens and Flower Auction.



Charlie Dimmock

Keukenhof Gardens

admire the glasshouse exhibits. The remainder of the day is free to explore Antwerp which is renowned for its skilled diamond cutters and cherished artist Peter Paul Rubens.

Day 5: Antwerp & Meise

Today's included trip takes you to the National Botanic Garden of Belgium (Meise) and the Plant Palace. This is one of the largest botanic gardens in the world, which also boasts an enormous glasshouse filled with more than 10,000 plant species. Later today we begin cruising to Rotterdam.

Day 6: Rotterdam & Keukenhof Gardens

After breakfast our coach departs on an included trip to Keukenhof Gardens, where over seven million bulbs are on show. You can follow the pathways which surround shimmering lakes, ancient trees and wonderful works of art, browse the pavilions, find your way around the hedge maze and enjoy the entertainment taking place throughout the day. Later this evening begin cruising back to Amsterdam.

Day 7: Amsterdam – UK

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



Floralia Flower Show

NEW
CRUISE ITINERARY

7 DAYS FROM
£879



YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

- Six nights' cruise on a full board basis
- Excursions: Appeltern Gardens, Floralia Spring Flower Show, National Botanic Garden of Belgium (Meise) & the Plant Palace, Keukenhof Gardens
- For included visits see itinerary
- Services of a Cruise Manager

BY COACH

- Coach travel to the port from your local area
- Ferry crossing from Dover or Hull
- Hull: Two nights' overnight ferry crossings with cabin accommodation

BY RAIL

- Travel by Eurostar from London St Pancras
- Connecting rail journeys
- Coach transfers between station and ship

BY AIR

- Return flights from Heathrow, Manchester or Aberdeen. Prices are subject to change and availability and will be confirmed at the time of booking
- Coach transfers between airport and ship

For more travel arrangement details see pages 30 & 31

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

- Aalsmeer Flower Auction.....£29
- Amsterdam Canal Cruise.....£39
- Windmills of Kinderdijk.....£17

Pre-book package price £75
Saving per person £10

2018 dates	No. of days	Coach routes	Ferry crossing/ train station/ airport
8 April	9	H3 H4	Hull
9 April	7	D1 D2	Dover
14 April	9	H2	Hull
15 April	7	D3 D4	Dover
15 April	7	-	St Pancras
15 April	7	-	LHR ABZ
3 May	7	D1 D2 D3 D4	Dover
3 May	7	-	St Pancras
3 May	7	-	LHR MAN

HOLIDAY PRICES

Tour code: SPGDN

COACH INCLUSIVE - from £879 per person			
Dates	Deck	Coach via Dover 7 days	Coach via Hull 9 days
April	Main	£879	£1029
	Middle	£979	£1129
	Panorama	£1079	£1229
May	Main	£929	
	Middle	£1029	
	Panorama	£1129	

AIR & RAIL INCLUSIVE - from £1069 per person				
Dates	Deck	Air 7 days	Rail 7 days	Join at Ship 7 days
April	Main	£1069	£1119	£835
	Middle	£1169	£1219	£935
	Panorama	£1269	£1319	£1035
May	Main	£1119	£1169	£885
	Middle	£1219	£1269	£985
	Panorama	£1319	£1369	£1085

For deck plan and cabin occupancy see page 7

All cabins have two berths, single occupancy 50% supplement

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INSURANCE & DEPOSITS - see page 32 for details