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## BRUSSELS TO AMSTERDAM RIVERBOAT CRUISE



MARCH 25–APRIL 1, 2024  
on board *Avalon ms Imagery II*



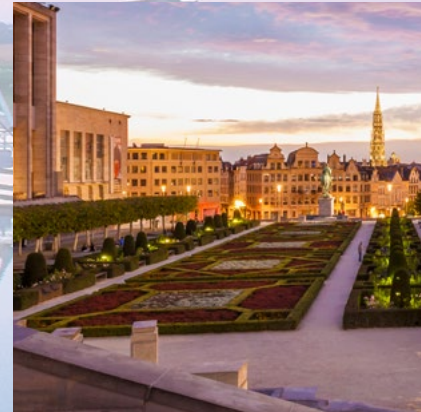
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BOSSUIT | MIDDELBURG  
VEERE | KINDERDIJK  
ROTTERDAM | ZAANDAM  
HAARLAM | AMSTERDAM







**Make your visions of tulip season in Holland and Belgium come into view!** Cruise from Brussels to Amsterdam for quintessential scenes of windmills, waterways, and rows of blooming color. With ports of call in Ghent, Middleburg, Kinderdijk, and Zaandam, this cruise offers the opportunity to discover the rich Dutch legacy of medieval commerce and art, sample Belgian chocolate and other delicacies, tour WWI monuments, cycle past windmill farms, explore tulip gardens and more! You'll end your trip in the LGBTQ+ haven of Amsterdam, with its iconic canals, gabled homes, and cobblestone lanes.







## ITINERARY SUMMARY

**Monday, March 25, 2024**

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

**Thursday, March 28, 2024**

**Friday, March 29, 2024**

**Saturday, March 30, 2024**

**Sunday, March 31, 2024**

**Monday, April 1, 2024**

Brussels, Belgium (all aboard at 5 pm)

Ghent, Belgium

Bossuit, Belgium

Middelburg and Veere, The Netherlands

Kinderdijk and Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Zaandam and Haarlam, The Netherlands

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Amsterdam, The Netherlands (disembark)

*\*Itinerary is subject to change due to weather, locks, schedule, river traffic, and water levels.*

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Ghent, “The Diamond of Flanders,” and visit St. Bavo’s Cathedral and its impressive collection of Dutch masterpieces
- Explore the In Flanders Field Museum dedicated to the fallen heroes of WWI
- Stroll through the winding cobblestones and canals of Middelburg
- See the windmills of Kinderdijk by bike
- Explore the quintessential Dutch town of Zaandam and visit the stunning Keukenhof tulip gardens

### INCLUDED

- Accommodations for 8 days/7 nights on Avalon’s ms *Imagery II*
- All meals and snacks while on board
- Complimentary spirits, wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages
- Standard wifi in all cabins and public areas
- Olivia entertainment and programming, as well as local entertainment
- Included sightseeing tours in each port
- Gratuities to ship crew and Avalon cruise director
- Olivia staff assistance throughout

### NOT INCLUDED

Airfare to Brussels, Belgium and from Amsterdam, The Netherlands; transfer from the ship in Amsterdam to the Amsterdam Airport; optional excursions; alcoholic beverages, bottled water, and soft drinks (except where indicated); laundry; phone; travel insurance; and personal incidentals.







## AVALON MS *IMAGERY II*

**If image is everything, the Avalon ms *Imagery II* is the real thing. The Avalon ms *Imagery II* embodies all of Avalon's outstanding traditions to deliver exceptional cruise experiences and service.**

Choose from two full decks of Panorama Suites, featuring wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows that transform the living space into river cruising's only Open-Air Balcony. At a spacious 200 square feet, the Panorama Suites are more than 30% larger than the industry standard, affording the incomparable opportunity to awaken each morning with Europe's splendid scenery at your feet. Onboard amenities include complimentary wifi, an expanded Fitness Center, elevator, alternative light menu options in the Panorama Bistro or al fresco grill lunch at the Sky Bistro. Relax to your heart's content on the expansive Sky Deck's premium lounge chairs, take a dip in the whirlpool, get cool in the shade on deck, and play deck games too! Your image just got a lot more relaxed.

**Total Occupancy: 128 guests**



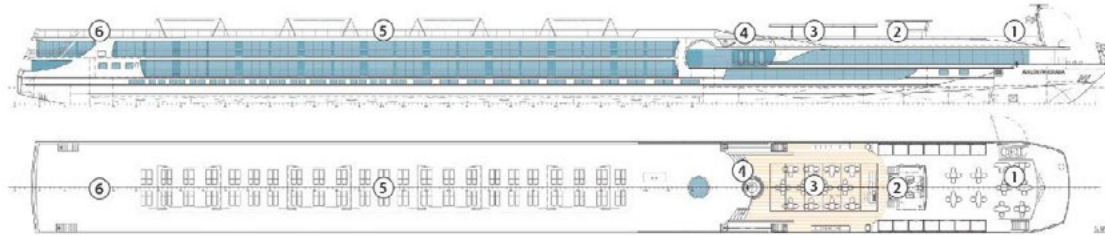
Some of the other features and amenities you'll enjoy on board:

- Complimentary wifi
- Panoramic windows
- Elegant, contemporary design & décor
- Friendly, English-speaking crew and Cruise Director
- Sky Deck with whirlpool, shade awnings, game area and premium lounges
- Covered Observation Lounge
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate and premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day
- Elevator
- Bikes, walking sticks, binoculars, daypacks
- Maps for hiking, biking and jogging routes



### IMAGERY II DECK PLANS

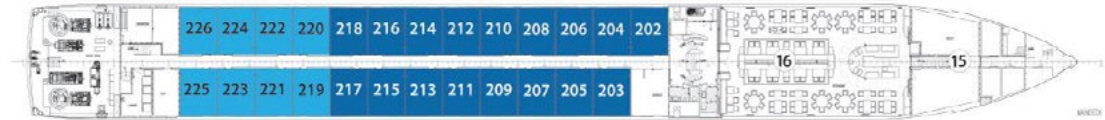
SKY DECK



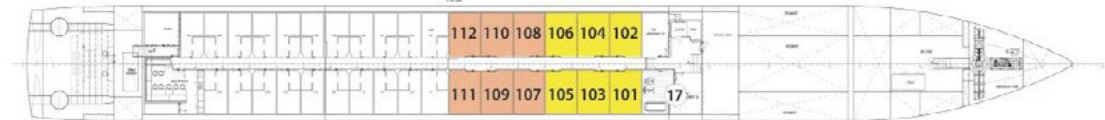
ROYAL DECK



SAPPHIRE DECK



INDIGO DECK



#### DECK PLAN

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| 1 Sky Lounge                                    | 6 Deck Game Area     | 12 Elevator       |
| 2 Navigation Bridge                             | 7 Observation Lounge | 13 Lobby          |
| 3 Sky Grill                                     | 8 Panorama Bistro    | 14 Club Lounge    |
| 4 Whirlpool                                     | 9 Panorama Lounge    | 15 Galley         |
| 5 Premium Lounge<br>Chairs and Shade<br>Awnings | 10 Bar               | 16 Dining Room    |
|   | 11 Reception         | 17 Fitness Center |

#### CATEGORIES

- **Royal Suite** Royal Deck | Royal Suites
- **Cat. P** Royal Deck | Panorama Suites
- **Cat. A** Sapphire Deck Forward | Panorama Suites
- **Cat. B** Sapphire Deck Aft | Panorama Suites
- **Cat. D** Indigo Deck Aft | Deluxe Staterooms
- **Cat. E** Indigo Deck Forward | Deluxe Staterooms



### DELUXE STATEROOM, CATEGORY E

**EARLY BIRD \$3,799 PP** REGULAR \$4,899 PP

Located on the Indigo Deck, this Deluxe Stateroom features small windows, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert to two singles, soft and firm pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, full shower with glass doors, robes, slippers, writing desk and chair, and full-length closets. Windows are high on the wall and do not open. Room is below the water line. 172 sq. ft.



### DELUXE STATEROOM, CATEGORY D

**EARLY BIRD \$3,899 PP** REGULAR \$4,999 PP

Located on the Indigo Deck, this Deluxe Stateroom features small windows, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert to two singles, soft and firm pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, full shower with glass doors, robes, slippers, writing desk and chair, and full-length closets. Windows are high on the wall and do not open. Room is below the water line. 172 sq. ft.





### PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY B

**EARLY BIRD \$4,999 PP** REGULAR \$6,499 PP

Located on the Sapphire Deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, sliding glass doors, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert into two singles, soft and firm pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, full-sized bathroom with marble counter, full shower with glass door, robes, slippers, writing desk, chair, sofa, coffee table, and full-length closets. 200 sq. ft.



### PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY A

**EARLY BIRD \$5,099 PP** REGULAR \$6,599 PP

Located on the Sapphire Deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, sliding glass doors, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert into two singles, soft and firm pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, full-sized bathroom with marble counter, full shower with glass door, robes, slippers, writing desk, chair, sofa, coffee table and full-length closets. 200 sq. ft.

### PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY P

**EARLY BIRD \$5,199 PP** REGULAR \$6,699 PP

Located on the Royal Deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, sliding glass doors, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert into two singles, soft and firm pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, full-sized bathroom with marble counter, full shower with glass door, robes, slippers, writing desk, chair, sofa, coffee table, and full-length closets. 200 sq. ft.





### ROYAL SUITE

**EARLY BIRD \$6,099 PP** REGULAR \$7,899 PP

Located on the Royal Deck, the Royal Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows, sliding glass doors, a Comfort Collection bed that can convert into two singles, soft and firm pillows, Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, flat-screen satellite TV with movie channels, telephone, minibar, full-sized bathroom with marble counter and two sinks, robes, slippers, writing desk, chair, sofa, coffee table, and full-length closets. 300 sq. ft.



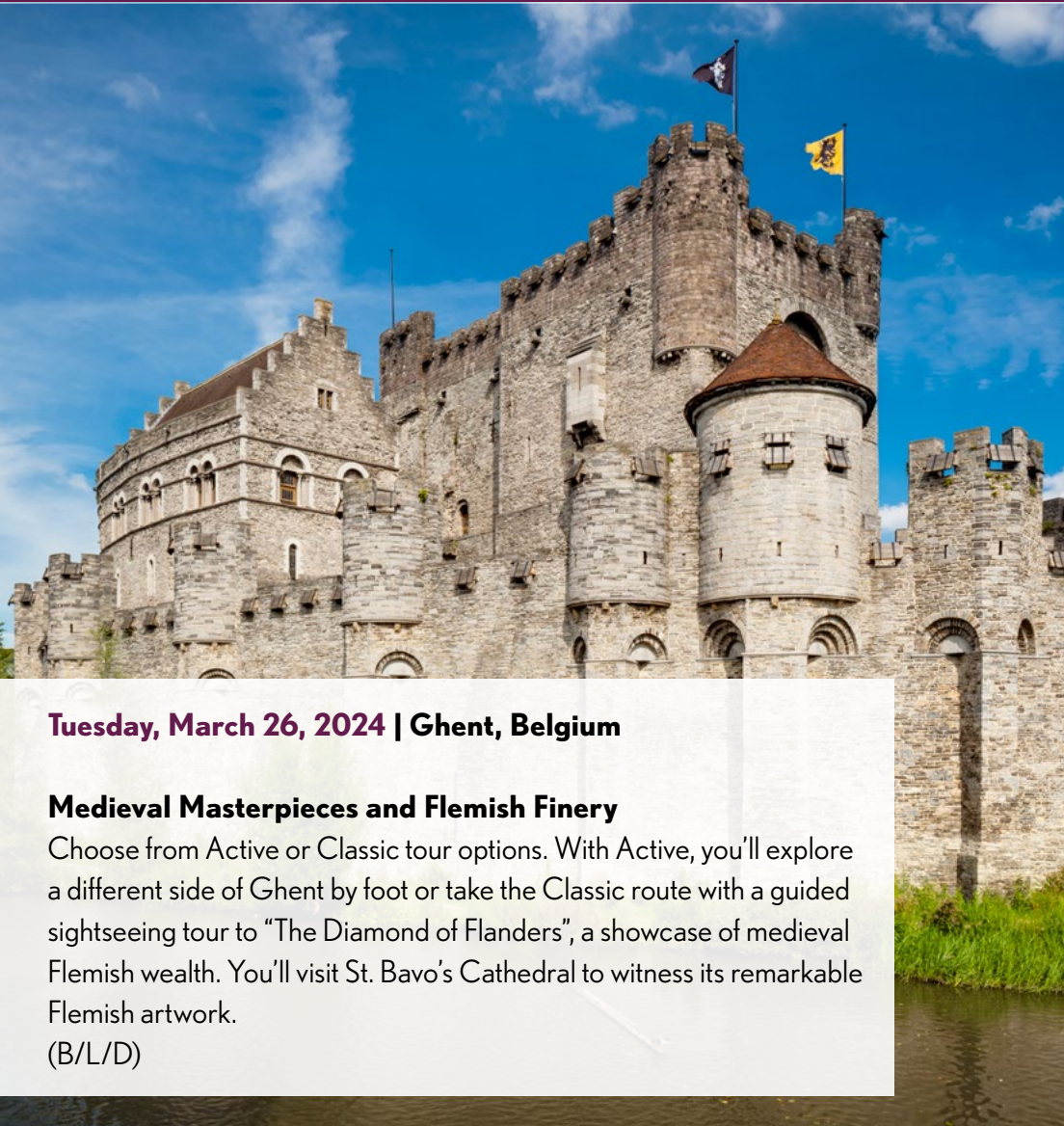




### **Monday, March 25, 2024 | Brussels, Belgium (Embarkation)**

Welcome to Belgium! Flights into Brussels must arrive by 2 pm and guests must be on the ship by 5 pm. After check-in, enjoy your first dinner on board as you sail for Ghent this evening.  
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**Tuesday, March 26, 2024 | Ghent, Belgium**

### **Medieval Masterpieces and Flemish Finery**

Choose from Active or Classic tour options. With Active, you'll explore a different side of Ghent by foot or take the Classic route with a guided sightseeing tour to "The Diamond of Flanders", a showcase of medieval Flemish wealth. You'll visit St. Bavo's Cathedral to witness its remarkable Flemish artwork.

(B/L/D)







**Wednesday, March 27, 2024 | Bossuit, Belgium**

### **Battlefield Remembrances in Flanders**

Today is all about Discovery tours. Visit the In Flanders Field Museum in Ypres – named for the soldier's famed poem. Learn about the story of the invasion of Belgium, the first months of the mobilization, the four years trench war in the Westhoek, the end of the war, and the lasting remembrance to follow. Enjoy lunch at the Museum Café. Then visit battlefields, cemeteries, memorials, and private collections. Experience the Last Post Ceremony, taking place nightly under the arches of the Menin Gate and pause for a moment of silence.

(B/L/D)

**DETAILED ITINERARY**





**Thursday, March 28, 2024 | Middelburg and Veere, The Netherlands**

### **A Spicy History in Middelburg's Dutch Harbor Town**

Choose from Active or Classic tours today. With Active, explore Middelburg by bike. Or choose Classic for a guided walking tour through the winding cobblestones and canals of Middelburg. See the 15th-century Gothic Town Hall and learn about its important role in the spice trade and Dutch East India trading. Enjoy lunch on board while cruising to Veere. Upon arrival in Veere, you can choose the Active tour and bike your way to the beach from Veere. Or take the Classic guided tour of the Delta Works, the largest flood-protection system in the world, and a miracle of modern technology. (B/L/D)





### Friday, March 29, 2024 | Kinderdijk and Rotterdam, The Netherlands

#### Harnessing the Wind for 300 Years

Choose from Active or Classic tours today. With Active, you'll see the windmills of Kinderdijk by bike. The Classic guided tour of Kinderdijk takes you to where 19 windmills were built in 1740 as flood prevention and water management. You'll hear about the windmill's vital role in the Netherlands history and why it became a national symbol of Holland. Later you'll cruise through Rotterdam harbor. The Active tour option explores Rotterdam by bike. And the Classic guided sightseeing tour features innovative architecture, including the marvelous Erasmus Bridge. (B/L/D)



### Saturday, March 30, 2024 | Zaandam and Haarlem, The Netherlands

#### Windmills, Waterways, and Waving Fields of Flowers

Arrive in Zaandam this morning with free time to explore this quintessential Dutch town. Take a Guided Optional Excursion to Keukenhof Gardens, where more than 7 million tulip and flower bulbs are planted every year. Cruise to Haarlem this afternoon while enjoying lunch onboard. While in Haarlem, take an Active tour bike ride to the beach or take the Classic tour for a visit to Haarlem, a major flower bulb growing district outside of Amsterdam. Explore former North Sea trading port with its medieval features, gabled houses, and leafy courtyards. This evening, you'll depart for Amsterdam. (B/L/D)







### **Saturday, March 31, 2024 | Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

#### **Canals of Colorful Amsterdam**

Choose from Active or Classic tours today. With Active, you'll join a biking tour through the Dutch countryside past polders, dykes and quaint centuries-old villages. The Classic tour explores the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a guided canal cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age". In the afternoon, consider joining one of the optional excursions (extra cost). We will be docked overnight in Amsterdam.

(B/L/D)

### **Monday, April 1, 2024 | Amsterdam, The Netherlands (Disembarkation)**

Your cruise ends with breakfast in the morning.

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### CATEGORY

#### DELUXE STATEROOM, CATEGORY E

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#### PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY B

Located on the Sapphire deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling window. 200 sq ft.

#### PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY A

Located on the Sapphire deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows. 200 sq ft.

#### PANORAMA SUITE, CATEGORY P

Located on the Royal deck, this Panorama Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows. 200 sq ft.

#### ROYAL SUITE

Located on the Royal deck, the Royal Suite features floor-to-ceiling windows. 300 sq ft.

### PRICING PP

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## ACTIVITY LEVEL

This trip requires some mobility without the use of a wheelchair or scooter, as most tours are walking tours for up to 3 hours, which may include walking on cobblestone streets and stairs. A 'Gentle Walkers' group is offered on most included walking tours, which accommodates those needing a little extra time and sometimes offers a shortened version of a tour, designed to encounter as few stairs as possible.

If you are bringing a portable wheelchair or collapsible travel scooter, you must be able to collapse it and store it in your cabin. It cannot be used to get around the ship, only while off the ship on tours that are wheelchair/scooter accessible. On tours, the usefulness of a portable wheelchair or scooter may be limited because we will be navigating cobblestone streets with hard curbs (no curb ramps) and stairs.

If you have limited mobility, you are required to travel with someone who can assist you.

## AIRFARE

Please check our airline discounts page for the latest discounts:

<https://www.olivia.com/airfare-specials>

## VACATION STRETCHERS

We will not be offering vacation stretchers for this cruise. We do encourage you to arrive at least one day early in case of travel delays. In Brussels, there are plenty of hotel options and we recommend you look on Trip Advisor to find the top-rated hotels. The ship will be docked in Brussels at a location approximately 20-30 minutes from the Brussels International Airport and city center. Exact location will be shared in your final trip documents which will be sent 2-3 weeks prior to departure. If you plan to extend your time in Amsterdam, the Doubletree by Hilton Amsterdam Centraal Station is one of the best located hotels. We also recommend the Movenpick Hotel Amsterdam City Centre, although it's a little further away, but still walking distance from the city center and train station.

## FLIGHTS

You will need to fly into **Brussels International Airport (BRU)** and out of **Amsterdam-Schiphol International Airport (AMS)**.

We encourage all guests to arrive at least one day early to avoid the stress of unexpected delays.

Your flight into Brussels International Airport (BRU) should arrive by 2 pm on March 25, 2024. If your flight arrival time is close to this cutoff time, please call 800-631-6277 to confirm that the choice of flight will be acceptable.

Your flight home can depart the Amsterdam-Schiphol International Airport (AMS) at any time on April 1, 2024, as the ship will overnight in Amsterdam on March 31.





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