



'Panache – Holland

7 days - Limited to 12 guests

Lovely 'Panache' is outfitted in traditional yacht-style with brass and mahogany fittings. Panoramic windows admit natural light into the barge's spacious salon with its leather sofas and polished hardwood flooring. Absorb the beauty of Amsterdam, visit the cheese town of Alkmaar, explore museums, and view prolific springtime blooms in Holland's magnificent gardens. Along the way, pause in the historic university town of Leide, and visit the fabled porcelain factory in Delft.

Itinerary

DAY 1 SUNDAY

You are met in Amsterdam and transferred to the barge, moored in Alkmaar, where a welcome reception awaits followed by dinner on board.

'Panache' | Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 MONDAY

In the town of Alkmaar today, visit the Dutch Cheese Museum. After lunch on board the barge, visit Zaanse Schans. This recreation of life in the 17th and 18th centuries features authentic houses, a working windmill, historic shipyard and pewter factory.

'Panache' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 TUESDAY

Cruise to the historic city of Haarlem for a visit to Keukenhof Gardens, Holland's premier springtime attraction. From late March to early May, an ever-changing display of lovely flowers is showcased here. Dinner this evening is ashore at a local restaurant.

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DAY 4 WEDNESDAY

Early risers may choose to visit Aalsmeer this morning, a fascinating flower auction where 7,000 growers supply the 18 million blooms sold daily. Then tour Haarlem, a center of Dutch painting in the 16th and 17th centuries. Visit St. Bavo's Cathedral where both Mozart and Handel played the magnificent Müller organ. Later, cruise to the quiet town of Oude Wetering.

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DAY 5 THURSDAY

Cruise to the old university town of Leiden this morning. Also the birthplace of Rembrandt, Leiden is full of charm with pretty tree-lined canals. On your guided tour, visit St. Pieterskerk where the Pilgrims gathered to pray before departing for America.

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DAY 6 FRIDAY

After a morning cruise to Delft, visit the tableware factory to learn how the world-famous porcelain is produced. There is time to wander the cobbled streets and pedestrian bridges of the town before a gala farewell dinner aboard the barge this evening.

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DAY 7 SATURDAY

After breakfast on board, return to Amsterdam.