RIVER LIFE®
along the
Waterways of Holland • Belgium
cruising aboard the
Deluxe M.S. AmaDolce
April 6 to 14, 2014
Dear Bucknellian:

“God created the Heavens and the Earth, but the Dutch created Holland,” according to an old proverb. Indeed, not only did they wrest half their land from the sea, but they succeeded in building upon it an enchanted realm carpeted with flowers and lined with storied waterways unparalleled anywhere else in the world.

Come celebrate the beauty of Holland and Belgium in springtime, the optimal season for this comprehensive itinerary, where you will discover the true essence of river life in the Low Countries with an included excursion in every port. See firsthand this sublime region’s breathtaking tulip fields in full bloom and visit the engineering marvel of the Delta Works, where a complex series of dikes pushes back the North Sea. Our expert-guided tours explore three UNESCO World Heritage sites—Amsterdam’s distinctive 16th- and 17th-century house-lined canals, the historic windmills of Kinderdijk and a full day in the well-preserved, medieval jewel of Bruges. Discover the rich histories and artistic legacies of the world-class Rijksmuseum and Kröller-Müller Museum and enjoy enriching lectures and the exclusive Village Forum®, featuring local residents’ personal perspectives that provide an insider’s view of modern life and cultural heritage in Holland.

The deluxe, state-of-the-art M.S. AmaDolce, one of the premier AmaWaterways ships, provides the best of Five-Star accommodations while cruising the canals of this delightful polder land.

River Life® along the Waterways of Holland and Belgium is a popular travel program and an excellent value—it includes all accommodations, meals, specially arranged excursions and exclusive Cultural Enrichments. You will want family and friends to join you on this tour; book now to participate in Early Booking Savings.

Dank u wel!

‘Ray Bucknell,

Katie Malague ’94
President
Bucknell University Alumni Association

Cover photo: Cruise through Holland, where millions of tulip blooms announce the arrival of spring.

At the heart of the newly renovated Rijksmuseum is Rembrandt’s The Night Watch, painted in 1642 at the height of the Dutch Golden Age.
Experience firsthand the true character and traditions of Holland and Belgium’s great waterways during this comprehensive *vaart* (cruise) featuring Amsterdam and the medieval cities of Bruges and Antwerp, and the charming and historic towns of Volendam and Nijmegen. Enjoy an enriching travel experience like no other, including a specially designed excursion in every port and all accommodations and meals—an excellent value. Interact with local people and experience the rhythm of daily life in the Low Countries; explore the history and culture, art, language and cuisine; and unpack just once! This popular program is one of the VILLAGE LIFE® series that immerses you in a comprehensive and intimate travel experience at just the right pace.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS** are specially arranged and available on this custom-designed itinerary:

- **Hear it from the Experts!** Guest lecturers and experienced, English-speaking local guides will accompany you throughout the program and discuss historical, cultural and contemporary Holland.

- **Engage** local Dutch *plaatselijke* (residents) during the VILLAGE FORUM® where they share their candid perspectives on daily life in Holland.

- **Meet** the *molenaar* (miller) of Kinderdijk who provides an insider’s look at Holland’s most famous windmills.

- **Explore** the wonders of Keukenhof Gardens; the world-famous artistic heritage of the Rijksmuseum and the marvelous medieval architecture of Amsterdam and Bruges.

- **Learn key phrases** and pronunciation to make your interactions with local residents all the more enjoyable.

- **Enjoy time on your own**—stroll along the charming boulevards of Antwerp, sample authentic Belgian chocolates made by hand in Bruges and observe the rhythms of life in Amsterdam’s Dam Square.

Tour 18th-century windmills, the perfect examples of innovative Dutch engineering, at Kinderdijk.  
Inset above right: Cheese porters move sleds of Gouda through a traditional Dutch cheese market.
A private canal cruise offers a unique firsthand look at the integral role waterways have played for centuries in the life of this city. Amsterdam’s canal district, a UNESCO World Heritage site ringed by concentric canals lined with 16th- and 17th-century merchant row houses, charming houseboats and world-renowned museums, is brimming with history and artistic wealth. Enjoy a guided tour of the Rijksmuseum’s prestigious collection of Dutch master paintings.

Volendam
Quaint 18th-century houses, historic canals and a picturesque waterfront typify the beauty and charm of the Dutch fishing port of Volendam, where many residents still don the traditional dress of the region. Built along the top of a dike, the village’s
primary thoroughfare is lined with colorful cafés and purveyors of fresh fish, handmade cheeses and a myriad of traditional crafts.

Kröller-Müller Museum
Located in the picturesque De Hoge Veluwe, The Netherlands’ largest national park, the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum is lauded for its chronological collection of Van Gogh’s masterpieces. The museum also exhibits works by Picasso, Renoir and Manet as well as captivating late 19th- to 21st-century sculptures in its unique 60-acre garden.

Nijmegen
Scenic Nijmegen is widely regarded as the oldest city in The Netherlands and was settled in the first century B.C. The Valkhof Hill downtown features an impressive ninth-century Carolingian chapel overlooking the River Waal. Among the well-preserved historic buildings are the 15th-century town hall and Latin school, the 16th-century, Renaissance-style Waag (weighing hall) and a series of quaint 17th-century houses.

Antwerp, Belgium
Antwerp preserves its Flemish culture and charm in its Old Town. A labyrinth of squares and narrow passages leads into the spectacular Grote Markt, where beautifully preserved guildhalls once bustled with Antwerp’s 17th-century merchants and tradesmen. In the Cathedral of Our Lady, the pride of Belgium with a remarkable 49-bell carillon and soaring 404-foot, delicately ornamented spire, you will see the 17th-century Baroque masterpieces of the city’s native son, Peter Paul Rubens’ paintings of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, The Raising of the Cross and The Descent from the Cross.

Bruges
Timeless Bruges is a UNESCO World Heritage site of treasured architecture, virtually untouched since the 15th century and one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe. It is built around a double ring of picturesque canals and connected by charming arched foot bridges. From the Market Square to the Chapel of the Holy Blood, see Bruges’ magnificent, deftly crafted stone guildhalls and opulent churches from the very best perspective—aboard your private canal cruise.

The Delta Works
In the southern Netherlands, see one of the most impressive feats of hydraulic engineering in the world, the famous Delta Works. Developed over the past 60-plus years, this vast and complex system of locks, sluices, channels, bridges, slides and storm-surge barriers was built to protect the southwestern Netherlands from the encroaching North Sea and to reclaim polder lands, otherwise below sea level.

Kinderdijk
A national monument and a UNESCO World Heritage site, Holland’s greatest concentration of traditional windmills provides an opportunity to see firsthand the internal workings of an authentic windmill. Little has changed here since the mid-18th century, when 19 tall, wooden windmills were erected side by side at Kinderdijk to drain the Alblasserwaard, one of many regions in The Netherlands located below sea level. Though no longer used to monitor water levels, the windmills are still one of Holland’s most picturesque sights and represent examples of the exceptionally advanced achievements of 18th-century Dutch engineering.
The deluxe M.S. AmaDolce sets a new standard in European river cruising and offers grand comfort and style while providing the finest onboard service of any river cruise line.

All of the staterooms are deluxe river-view accommodations with private bathroom; most feature a French balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with iron railings). Each stateroom is appointed with the fine amenities of a deluxe hotel including plush bedding and bathrobes, individual temperature control, the most comprehensive “Infotainment” system in the industry, a computer and complimentary high speed Wi-Fi Internet access (also available throughout the vessel), a safe and hair dryer. Complimentary bottled water is replenished daily in your stateroom.

The M.S. AmaDolce’s dining room accommodates all guests in a single, unassigned seating. Chaîne des Rôtisseurs menus feature regional cuisine prepared with fresh meat, cheese and produce. Buffet breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary house wines produced by local vintners are served with lunch and dinner. Coffee and tea are available 24 hours.

There is a tastefully appointed, spacious Main Lounge with floor-to-ceiling windows, a bar, a quieter Aft Lounge, an expansive Sun Deck with lower Sun Deck and teak Front Deck, elevator, a whirlpool, a massage and beauty salon and a spa and fitness center. Performers come onboard to provide evening entertainment.

Bicycles are available on board free of charge when the ship is in port for passengers to ride along riverside paths. Audio headsets are provided during excursions.

Amsterdam Pre-Cruise Option
The historic heart of Amsterdam, laced with tree-shaded canals and stately 16th- and 17th-century merchant houses, is designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, and is the perfect prelude to your cruise. A guided city tour acquaints you with its landmarks and famous monuments. Walk through Jordaan, the most picturesque neighborhood in Amsterdam and a center for art, music and antiques; and visit the impressive Anne Frank House museum. Enjoy time at leisure in this city known for its vibrant culture and friendly people. Five-Star accommodations for two nights are in the Renaissance Amsterdam Hotel.

Pre-Cruise Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Included Features

On board the Deluxe M.S. AMA DOLCE
◆ Seven-night cruise round trip Amsterdam, with port calls at Volendam, Arnhem for Kröller-Müller Museum, Willemstad, Kinderdijk and Utrecht, The Netherlands; and Antwerp and Ghent for Bruges, Belgium.
◆ Spacious, deluxe, river-view stateroom accommodations, each with a private bathroom.
◆ Captain’s Farewell Reception.
◆ Complimentary house wine is served with lunch and dinner and complimentary bottled water is replenished daily in your stateroom.
◆ All meals—breakfast, lunch and dinner—featuring regional cuisine served at single seatings, and early-risers’ coffee, afternoon tea and late-evening snack.

Local Expert-Guided Excursions
◆ Private cruise along Amsterdam’s UNESCO World Heritage site canal district.
◆ Guided tour of the prestigious Rijksmuseum.
◆ Walking tour of the charming fishing village of Volendam, where traditional Dutch attire is still worn.
◆ Exploration of the Low Countries’ rich artistic heritage with guided tour of the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum.
◆ Antwerp city tour, featuring a visit to see three of Peter Paul Rubens’ masterpieces.
◆ Full-day excursion to Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with private canal cruise.
◆ Visit to the Delta Works, a 20th-century Dutch engineering marvel.
◆ Tour of the legendary 18th-century windmills at Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Excursion to the magnificent gardens of Keukenhof during the best time of year to see more than 1000 varieties of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths in bloom, weather permitting.

Exclusive Cultural Enrichments
◆ Special VILLAGE FORUM® with local residents who will discuss life in Holland.
◆ Meet the molenaar at Kinderdijk.
◆ Learn Dutch phrases.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
◆ The services of an experienced team of Gohagan & Company Program Directors throughout the program.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Keukenhof Gardens

A brilliant and breathtaking tapestry of colors and fragrance when in full bloom, the gardens of Keukenhof are deservedly known as the “Greatest Flower Show on Earth.” Our program has been planned during the height of Holland’s spectacular spring flower season, when more than seven million flowers are expected to be in bloom across this 77-acre wooded park in a dazzling display of color, weather permitting.

“Keukenhof” translates to “kitchen garden” and was inspired by the early 15th-century Countess Jacoba of Bavaria, who resided in a nearby castle and tended an herb garden on this site. Today a showcase for Dutch bulb growers, Keukenhof Gardens features more than 1000 varieties of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths, which are meticulously planted and landscaped amidst an idyllic setting complete with tranquil ponds, gently flowing streams and winding, tree-shaded paths.
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*Singles are available in category 2 at $8195 and in category 1 at $9395 on or before September 23, 2013. Add $1000 for reservations made after September 23, 2013.

*Taxes are an additional $195 per person and are subject to change.

**LAND/Cruise Tariff** (per person, based on double occupancy)

**WATERWAYS OF HOLLAND • BELGIUM RESERVATION FORM**

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

☐ Double occupancy (two twin beds).

☐ Double occupancy (one queen bed).

☐ Single accommodations.

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

Amsterdam Pre-Cruise Option

☑ Double at $695 per person.

☑ Single at $1095 per person.

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

☐ I/we want you to book my/our air from

( fill in departure city) to and from Amsterdam, The Netherlands, at additional cost to be advised.†

☐ Economy Class

☐ Business Class

☐ First Class

†Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

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

M.S. **AMA**DO**L**CE

**Sun Deck**  **Violin Deck**  **Cello Deck**  **Piano Deck**
Amsterdam’s charming bridges and picturesque canals bring the intimacy of a small town to one of Europe’s most celebrated cities.

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