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The Brown Travelers  
**Holland & Belgium**

Amsterdam to Bruges Aboard *Magnifique III*

May 8-16, 2020

# CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

**CRUISE** aboard the exclusively chartered *Magnifique III*, an intimate Dutch-style boutique riverboat with just 20 cabins

**BE** among the first to visit the partially restored *Ghent Altarpiece* and experience an exclusive tour of its future dedicated museum in the catacombs of Saint Bavo's Cathedral

**EXPLORE** nine centuries of architecture, from 12th-century Gravensteen Castle in Ghent to Zaha Hadid's futuristic Harbor House in Antwerp

**DISCOVER** remarkable architecture and art in Antwerp

**EXPERIENCE** the Low Countries as the locals do, on optional cycling tours along gentle, even terrain

**GO** behind the scenes in the charming town of Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and meet a local artist in his studio

**ADMIRE** works by Rubens, Michelangelo, Anthony van Dyck, Hans Memling, the Van Eyck brothers and other masters

## BROWN FACULTY LECTURER

On this program, as on all Brown Travelers trips, a distinguished member of Brown's faculty will accompany our group, adding a unique and memorable perspective. The faculty lecturer will design and present an informative educational program, including lectures, discussions and suggested advance readings. As this brochure goes to press, the faculty member who will accompany the program has not yet been confirmed, but we wanted to mail the brochure in time for you to make plans to participate. Brown Travelers often cite the faculty member's participation as one of the primary reasons they continue to travel with Brown.



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Dear Brown alumni and friends,

Join us on an enchanting cruise through the Netherlands and Belgium. From the intriguing Dutch capital to the tiny Belgian town of Bruges, follow meandering rivers and canals aboard an exclusively chartered riverboat. Discover storybook villages, idyllic countryside and outstanding art and architecture. In early May, tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and other colorful flowers should be in full bloom in Holland and Belgium.

Begin in Amsterdam and enjoy a visit to the Rijksmuseum, the State Treasury of Dutch paintings, before embarking *Magnifique III*, a boutique river vessel with just 20 cabins. Admire the perfectly aligned windmills of Kinderdijk on an up-close visit. Call at Antwerp to see Rubens' powerful *Descent from the Cross*. In Sint-Niklaas, discover the fascinating Mercator Museum, dedicated to the 16th-century cartographer Gerardus Mercator. Explore Ghent's iconic Gravensteen Castle, with its moat, turrets and arrow slits (not to mention its torture instruments!). In Saint Bavo's Cathedral, marvel at the famous, partially restored *Ghent Altarpiece*, and, on a specially arranged tour, be one of the first to see its future home in the catacombs of the cathedral.

Conclude in UNESCO-listed Bruges to discover a prized Michelangelo sculpture, meet a local artist and enjoy some leisure time before disembarking. Admire the belfry overlooking Bruges' Market Square; you may opt to ascend the 366 steps of this bell tower. Throughout this journey, you may also wish to take advantage of daily, optional cycling opportunities to experience the Low Countries as the locals do—by bike.

We will share this departure with alumni and friends from Yale University and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. I hope you will join us to discover the best of the Netherlands and Belgium—by foot, by barge and by bike.

With best wishes from Brown,

Beth Goldman Galer '88  
Director of the Alumni Travel Program



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### FRIDAY, MAY 8: DEPARTURE

Depart on an overnight flight to Amsterdam. In early May, tulips and other colorful flowers should be in full bloom in the Dutch capital.

### SATURDAY, MAY 9: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

Arrive in Amsterdam for a canal cruise, with lunch on board, followed by a visit to the Rijksmuseum, the State Treasury of Dutch paintings. Embark *Magnifique III* and enjoy a welcome dinner as we cruise to Vianen along the winding Vecht River. L,D

### SUNDAY, MAY 10: VIANEN / KINDERDIJK / DORDRECHT, HOLLAND

This morning, admire fields of tulips on the way to picturesque Kinderdijk, a village famous for its impressive row of 19 large, UNESCO-listed windmills, a delight to see up close. Continue to Dordrecht, one of the Netherlands' oldest cities, for an afternoon walking tour. Alternatively, you may choose to cycle to Kinderdijk and then have lunch before meeting *Magnifique III* in Dordrecht, where the ship is docked overnight. B,L,D

### MONDAY, MAY 11: DORDRECHT / ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Transfer to Antwerp to view the beautifully restored Central Station. Following lunch, see the cathedral where Rubens' famous *Descent from the Cross* is on display. Before returning to the ship in Kattendijkdok, view the restored Harbor House, designed by Zaha Hadid. B,L,D

### TUESDAY, MAY 12: ANTWERP / SINT-NIKLAAS / SINT-AMANDS, BELGIUM

Return to Antwerp this morning to see the 17th-century Rubens House and view some of the Flemish painter's famous works. Afterwards, discover the Red Star Line Museum to learn the stories of the passengers who migrated to America between 1873 and 1935. Continue to Sint-Niklaas for a visit to the Mercator Museum, dedicated to the 16th-century cartographer Gerardus Mercator. Transfer to Sint-Amands and rejoin the ship. After dinner, take a walk in beautiful Sint-Amands. Tonight enjoy a private onboard concert. B,L,D





### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13: DENDERMONDE / GHENT, BELGIUM

This morning, sail or cycle to Dendermonde, known for its magnificent Flemish buildings. Visit the Church of our Lady, home to two Van Dyck paintings and a 12th-century baptismal font of Tournai stone, and the former Cloth Hall on Market Square. After lunch, continue to Ghent and visit the City Hall, followed by a tour through Ghent's medieval center, including Saint Bavo's Cathedral. View its greatest treasure, the partially restored 15th-century *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb* (Ghent Altarpiece) by the Van Eyck brothers, and take an exclusive tour of its future dedicated museum in the catacombs of the cathedral. B,L,D

### THURSDAY, MAY 14: GHENT / BRUGES, BELGIUM

Visit the Museum of Fine Arts in Ghent for a special behind-the-scenes tour and talk by restoration specialists, then view medieval Gravensteen Castle. Rejoin the ship in Bruges, where she remains docked overnight. Bikers may opt to cycle around Bruges or enjoy free time in this enchanting town. Join an evening stroll to see the city's illuminated medieval architecture. B,L,D

### FRIDAY, MAY 15: BRUGES

Today explore Bruges, a medieval gem laced with canals and gardens, with a look at some of its hidden treasures. Admire the belfry overlooking the city's Market Square, with an option to climb the tower. Visit the cathedral to see its celebrated *Madonna and Child* by Michelangelo, and view the collections at the Hans Memling Museum, housed in the Hospice of St. John. In the afternoon, visit the Groeninge Museum, where works by Jan van Eyck and other great Flemish artists are featured. Today we will also enjoy the opportunity to meet a local artist. Gather this evening for a festive farewell dinner. B,L,D

### SATURDAY, MAY 16: BRUGES / RETURN

Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the Brussels airport for flights home. B

*The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at <http://www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms>.*



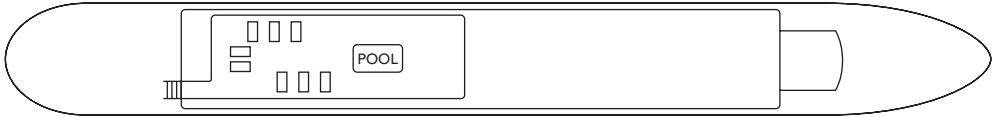
*The Shrine of St. Ursula (detail), Hans Memling Museum, Bruges*



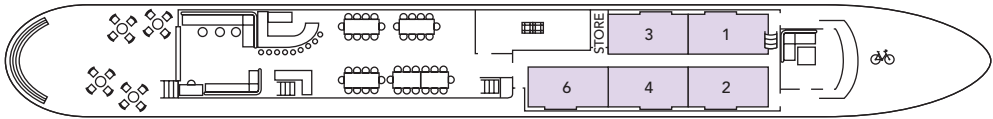
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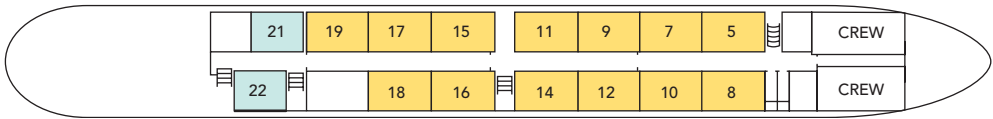
TOP DECK



UPPER DECK



LOWER DECK



Built in the style of Holland's traditional riverboats, *Magnifique III* made her premier voyage in the spring of 2018, sailing under the Dutch flag. All of her 20 cabins and suites feature individually regulated air conditioning and flat-screen satellite TV. The upper deck has a spacious salon that combines a restaurant, bar and lounge. Large windows open onto the partially covered sun deck. The top deck features a whirlpool/Jacuzzi and deck chairs for relaxing.

### CRUISE RATES

Cabins	Decks	Double	Single
21 & 22	Lower Deck	N/A	\$7,999
Single accommodations. One twin bed with portholes			
5, 7 to 12 & 14 to 19	Lower Deck	\$5,499	\$9,999
Standard, twin beds with portholes			
1 to 4 & 6	Upper Deck	\$7,999	Inquire
Deluxe, twin beds, small seating area, large windows			

### RATES INCLUDE

- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard *Magnifique III*.
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; wine and beer with lunches and dinners.
- Guided sightseeing by private motorcoach; entrance fees for all included visits.
- Airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities.
- Taxes, service and portorage charges.

**NOT INCLUDED IN RATES** International airfare; passport fees; meals and beverages not specified; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; trip insurance; luggage in excess of one suitcase; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, photo by Erik Smits

## BROWN TRAVELERS BELGIUM & HOLLAND ▪ MAY 8–16, 2020 RESERVATION FORM

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Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print.

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### ACCOMMODATIONS

Magnifique III cabin preference (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to share a room/cabin with \_\_\_\_\_

### FORM OF PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my check (payable to *Arrangements Abroad*)

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