

Yale *Educational Travel*



April 22-30, 2018

Belgium & Holland by Barge:
Bruges to Amsterdam Aboard
Magnifique II

Gene Moore '69

Professor Emeritus, Humanities, University of Amsterdam

Dear Yale Traveler

From medieval Bruges in Belgium to the vibrant Dutch capital of Amsterdam, follow meandering rivers and canals through storybook villages and idyllic countryside aboard the delightful and intimate barge, *Magnifique II*.

Begin in Bruges with a look at some of the city's hidden artistic gems. Stop in Ghent, one of the largest and wealthiest cities in medieval Europe. In Dendermonde, admire the former Cloth Hall on the Market Square or tour a local brewery. Step ashore in Antwerp to visit the 17th-century Rubens House.

In Holland, where peace and prosperity reigned during the Golden Age of the 17th century, call at Vianen to see the "silver city" of Schoonhoven. Discover picturesque Kinderdijk, a village famous for its impressive row of 19 large windmills, or sample local cheeses and sweet *stroopwafels* in Gouda. In Amsterdam, whose elaborate canal system is lined with the historic homes of wealthy merchants, see the splendid masterpieces of the Rijksmuseum.

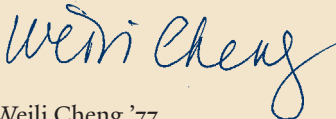
During optional daily bike tours (averaging two to three hours of easy cycling on flat terrain), pedal along scenic canal-side paths, stopping to explore medieval villages, windmills, and farmland. Non-bikers may take guided walking tours to enjoy a variety of fascinating historic and cultural sites.

Traveling with you is Gene Moore, Professor Emeritus at the University of Amsterdam. A specialist in comparative literature, Dr. Moore will lecture on authors who have visited Belgium and The Netherlands and share his knowledge of the area.

Space on this exceptional cruise is limited. Please visit www.yaleedtravel.org/holland18 to register now, or call Yale Educational Travel at (203) 432-1952 or email edtravel@yale.edu with any questions.

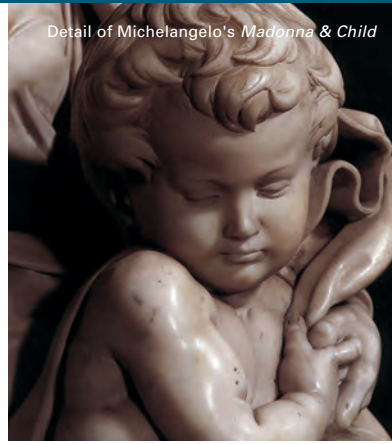
Happy travels!

Sincerely,



Weili Cheng '77
Executive Director, Association of Yale Alumni

Detail of Michelangelo's *Madonna & Child*



Highlights

Enjoy a walking tour in the UNESCO World Heritage-listed center of medieval Bruges

Pedal through beautiful scenery and along gentle, even terrain on optional bike tours

Tour the recently reopened Antwerp City Brewery, whose beers have been brewed for over 180 years

Experience the renowned Gouda Cheese Market, chatting with vendors and sampling their wares



Ghent



Upcoming Trips

Cuba by Sea Aboard

Variety Voyager

1/25/18 - 2/2/18

With Alan Plattus '76,
Professor of Architecture
and Urbanism

The Enchanting Douro River Aboard *AmaVida*

4/16/18 - 4/24/18

With K. David Jackson,
Professor of Portuguese

Waterways of the Tsars

Aboard *Volga Dream*

6/2/18 - 6/12/18

With Elihu Rubin, Associate
Professor of Architecture

Sailing the Baltic's Amber Coast Aboard *Sea Cloud II*

6/29/18 - 7/11/18

With Paul Bracken, Professor of
Management and Political
Science

Yale Study Leader



Gene Moore '69

Professor Emeritus, University of Amsterdam, Humanities.

For twenty-seven years Gene Moore taught English and American literature at the University of Amsterdam. A graduate of Yale College (1969) and the University of Texas at Austin (Ph.D. in comparative literature, 1978), he taught French and German at Virginia Commonwealth

University before moving to Amsterdam in 1984. He is the author of some sixty articles on various aspects of literary modernism, with a particular focus on authors such as Joseph Conrad, Henry James, Ford Madox Ford, and William Faulkner.

Professor Moore has led Yale programs before and looks forward to traveling with fellow alumni again, sharing his personal knowledge of the Low Countries and lecturing on authors who visited the region and commented on the riverscapes and artworks they encountered. He will be joined by his wife Krisztina, a cultural historian in the Department of European Studies at the University of Amsterdam who has explored the relations between nationalism and music in recent books on opera and choral societies.

Front cover: Windmills of Kinderdijk

Book Corner

Why the Dutch are Different

Ben Coates

Mingling history with travelogue, English expat Ben Coates speaks to why the Netherlands is such a fascinating country, significant beyond its size. His probing narrative explains the importance of the color orange, the ongoing battle to keep water out, the Dutch love affairs with milk and beer, their attitudes toward nature and their world-famous culture of tolerance.

Tulip Fever

Deborah Moggach

A surprise bestseller, this vivid drama is set in 1630s Amsterdam. In this gripping novel, a man contracts the talented painter Jan Van Loos to paint a portrait of him and his beautiful wife, Sophia. But as Van Loos begins his work, a mutual attraction develops between him and Sophia.

Recommendations by
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WELCOME PHONE CALL

Thursday, April 12

Join Gene Moore and Yale travelers at 1 PM EST for a pre-trip welcome call in order to learn more about what to expect and get the chance to ask any questions you have.

DEPARTURE

Sunday, April 22

Depart on an overnight flight to Brussels.

BRUSSELS/BRUGES, BELGIUM

Monday, April 23

Arrive in Brussels and transfer to Bruges. Enjoy time in this UNESCO-listed city of sublime architecture and art. Visit the Hans Memling collection and the Groeninge Museum, and see Michelangelo's *Madonna & Child* in the Church of Our Lady. Pending confirmation, you will meet with the president of the College of Europe. Transfer to *Magnifique II* and settle into your cabin. Tonight the captain hosts a welcome reception and dinner. **(R/D)**

BRUGES/GHENT, BELGIUM

Tuesday, April 24

This morning cruise past canals and small villages en route to Ghent. Pause to watch the operation of the "Eye," Belgium's giant lock system, and picnic alongside the River Lys. In the afternoon a guided walking tour of Ghent will reveal the fascinating history of this lively city, which in the Middle Ages was one of the largest and wealthiest in Europe. Later in the afternoon, cyclists may take a short bike trip before rejoining the ship. **(B/L/D)**

GHENT/SINT-AMANDS, BELGIUM

Wednesday, April 25

Cruise along the Scheldt River to Dendermonde, a small city known for its magnificent Flemish

buildings. Those who wish may continue by bicycle from Dendermonde to Sint-Niklaas. Alternatively, you may remain in Dendermonde to visit the Church of Our Lady, home to two Van Dyck paintings and a 12th-century baptismal font of Tournai stone, and to see the medieval Cloth Hall on Market Square. Drive to nearby Sint-Niklaas, home to Belgium's largest square and the only Mercator Museum in the world. The museum presents a chronological history of cartography from ancient to modern times. Join *Magnifique II* in Sint-Amands and enjoy an evening concert on board. **(B/L/D)**

SINT-AMANDS/ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Thursday, April 26

Step ashore in Antwerp to visit the newly renovated Central Station, one of the most beautiful in Europe, and view the restored Harbour House, designed by Zaha Hadid. Continue to the 17th-century Rubens House to see some of the Flemish painter's famous works. Experience Belgium's celebrated beer culture on a tour of the recently reopened Antwerp City Brewery. Its iconic De Koninck brews have been made here for more than 180 years, with each variety served in its own special glass. **(B/L/D)**

ANTWERP/DORDRECHT, HOLLAND

Friday, April 27

View the impressive Kreekrak lock system, before going ashore to visit the town of Yerseke for a tasting lunch of oysters and mussels. Continue to Dordrecht, one of the Netherlands's oldest cities and best discovered on foot. Walk past its historic harbors, ancient warehouses, and busy merchant streets. Visit the Great Church, the Dordrecht Museum, and the 13th-century Augustine monastery. *Magnifique II* remains docked in Dordrecht overnight. **(B/L/D)**

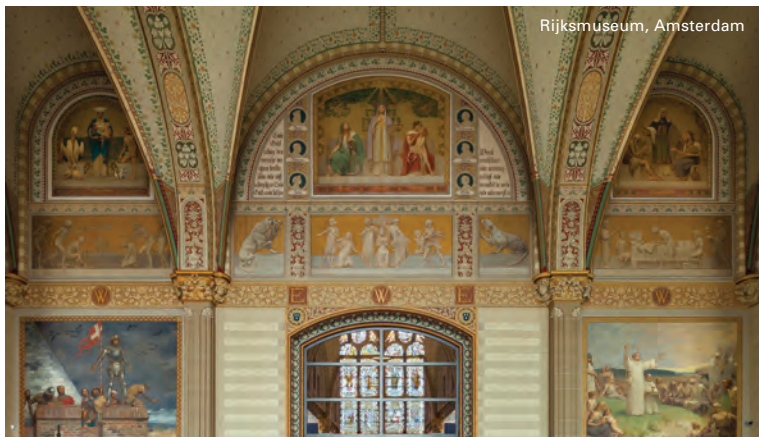
DORDRECHT/VIANEN, HOLLAND

Saturday, April 28

This morning cruise to Kinderdijk to see the impressive windmills at this UNESCO-designated site. Drive to the Gouda Cheese Market for tastings and talks with local producers. Those who wish to may cycle from Kinderdijk to Schoonhoven before reuniting with the rest of the group. In Schoonhoven, a center for silversmiths since the 17th century, there will be an opportunity to shop and to visit a local craftsman. Follow the Lek River to Vianen and rejoin the ship. After dinner, take an evening walk in Vianen, once home to American Revolutionary hero, the Marquis de Lafayette. **(B/L/D)**

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Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam



Gouda Cheese Market

VIANEN/AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

Sunday, April 29

Today you may choose to pedal along the Vecht River and later join fellow participants for a canal cruise in Amsterdam. Alternatively, drive to Amsterdam for a canal cruise through this historic city. In the afternoon, visit the Rijksmuseum, the State Treasury of Dutch paintings.

Rejoin *Magnifique II* and celebrate a memorable voyage at tonight's farewell dinner. **(B/L/D)**

RETURN

Monday, April 30

Disembark and transfer to the airport for the flights home. **(B)**

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/R/D = Breakfast/Lunch/ Reception/Dinner.

What is Included:

- Program of lectures and discussions with Professor Gene Moore.
- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard *Magnifique II*.
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary; bottled water and coffee / tea with all meals; thoughtfully selected wine and beer with included lunches and dinners.
- Escorted sightseeing by motor-coach and entrance fees for visits.
- Airport / pier / airport group transfers for those on suggested flights; portage.
- Taxes and service charges; gratuities to guides and drivers.
- Customary shipboard gratuities.
- Emergency medical evacuation services through UHC Global Assistance.

What is Not Included:

- International airfare.
- Passport fees.
- Alcoholic beverages other than wine and beer at included lunches and dinners.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone calls, internet, etc.
- Travel insurance.
- Optional Amsterdam postlude.
- Baggage in excess of one suitcase.
- Any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

OPTIONAL POSTLUDE IN AMSTERDAM

April 30–May 2, 2018

Spend two art-filled days in and around the charming Dutch capital of Amsterdam. Discover the Rembrandt House Museum, where the artist lived and worked from 1639 to 1658, and the treasures of the Van Gogh Museum, housing the world's largest collection of his paintings and drawings. We will also admire the impressive collection of Dutch Masters at Mauritshuis in The Hague. Later visit the Keukenhof Gardens, where over a million flowering bulbs provide a vast carpet of color, and the floating flower market.



The Hague

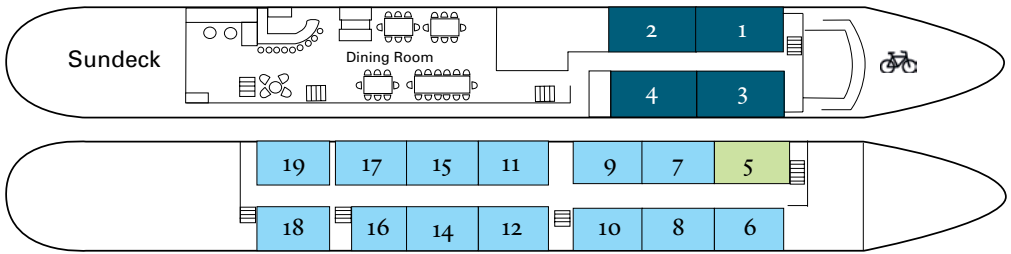
\$1,899 per person. Single supplement \$599

Includes two nights at the Hotel Pulitzer, breakfast daily, two lunches, and one dinner. Sightseeing as noted.



Dutch wooden shoes

Magnifique II



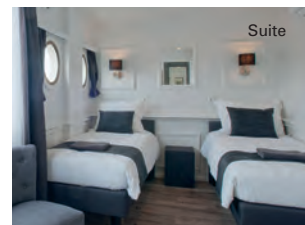
Built in the style of Holland's traditional river barges, *Magnifique II* made her premier voyage in spring of 2016, sailing under the Dutch flag. All of her 18 cabins feature individually regulated air conditioning and flat-screen satellite-TV. The upper deck has a spacious salon as well as a restaurant, a bar, and a lounge with large windows for viewing the passing scenery. The aft of the barge has a partly covered teak sun deck. Limited Wi-Fi is available in the lounge.

CRUISE RATES per person

Cabins	Decks	Double Rates	Single Rates
6 to 12, 14 to 19	Lower Deck	\$4,999	\$6,999
Twin beds with portholes			
5	Lower Deck	\$5,999	Inquire
Premium double. Twin beds, small sitting area			
1 to 4	Top Deck	\$6,999	Inquire

Suites, twin beds, small sitting area, large windows

NOTE: All twin beds can be joined to make a double bed.



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Belgium & Holland by Barge: *Bruges to Amsterdam Aboard Magnifique II*

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**Visit the Rijksmuseum, the National
Heritage Kinderdijk windmills, and a historic
Belgian brewery**

**Discover remarkable architecture
and art in Antwerp**

