



HOLLAND

PANACHE - HOLLAND CRUISE (TOUR CODE: 14935)

STARTS AND ENDS

Alkmaar to
Delft

TRAVEL PERIODS

22 Mar 26 - 03 May 26

EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

Panache cruises Holland in spring, the best time to visit, showcasing vibrant blooms and the country's most captivating highlights.

Highlights

- Tour Keukenhof Gardens with the largest display of flowers in the world and visit the vast Aalsmeer flower auction
- See the windmills of the Zaanse Schans conservation area
- Visit the Royal Delft pottery to see the world famous earthenware being hand-made and painted
- Tour picturesque Haarlem and visit a museum of the Dutch painter, Franz Hals
- Tour the charming city of Leiden, Rembrandt's birthplace

Panache is a charming hotel barge styled like a classic yacht, featuring brass and mahogany finishes, polished hardwood floors and inviting leather sofas. The spacious saloon is filled with natural light from large picture windows and includes a cocktail bar, while the separate dining area offers a relaxed atmosphere for up to 12 guests to enjoy gourmet cuisine and fine wines. In spring, Panache cruises through Holland at the height of flower season—undeniably the best time to visit. Each itinerary is thoughtfully crafted to showcase the very best of the Netherlands.



INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights onboard the Hotel Barge Panache in a Junior Suite
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- Crew of 6 members
- Captains farewell dinner on your last night
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- Use of barge facilities

ITINERARY

Deck Hotel Barge Panache

Deluxe | 12 Passengers | 6 Crew

- 128 Feet Long
- 6 Twin/Double Junior Suites (150sq ft incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned / Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool
- TV / DVD in Cabins



Day 1

Alkmaar

Guests are met in Amsterdam and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to Panache. Once on board, enjoy a champagne welcome and an introduction to your crew and hotel barge. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Panache** in a Junior Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Dinner



Day **2**

Alkmaar Zaanse Schans

Enjoy a walking tour of Alkmaar, before your first cruise to Zaanse Schans near Amsterdam, a place renowned for its wooden windmills, barns and houses built in the traditional Dutch style. After lunch on board, take a tour of Zaanse Schans, an open air conservation area and museum, giving you a vivid impression of the Dutch way of life in the 17th and 18th centuries. This historical area consists of authentic houses and windmills, a historic shipyard, pewter factory, a cheese and dairy farm and an age-old grocery store dating back to the 1900's. Dinner on board.

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Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **3**

Zaanse Schans Haarlem

Enjoy an early morning cruise to the historic city of Haarlem, dating back to the 13th century. After lunch on board, this

afternoon marks a highlight of the week with a visit to the world famous Keukenhof Gardens, known as the 'Garden of Europe'. There are more than 100 acres filled with over 7 million flowering bulbs and you will stroll through a breath-taking backdrop of colour on this unforgettable half-day excursion. Dinner ashore this evening at a local restaurant.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **4**

Haarlem Oude Wetering

An optional very early morning tour to Aalsmeer flower auction, where some 17 million cut flowers from all over the world are traded each day. Later, return to the hotel barge for breakfast, then enjoy a tour of Haarlem. The city is home to the Frans Hals Museum founded in 1862 with its vast collection of Old Masters. Other highlights include St. Bavo's Cathedral on the main square, where both Handel and Mozart played the magnificent Muller organ, or there is free time to visit a fine selection of boutique shops. After lunch on board, the barge cruises to its mooring at Oude Wetering where there is time to walk or cycle along the towpaths around the lake. Dinner on board.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **5** Oude Wetering Leiden

After breakfast, cruise to Leiden. Home to one of the oldest universities in the country and the birthplace of Rembrandt, Leiden is an historical city full of charm and character, a perfect place to explore on a bicycle, or simply stroll the banks of the pretty tree-lined canals. This afternoon, take a tour of the city and a private boat trip, with your tour leader explaining the history that dates back to Roman times and more recent sites such as the church, St. Pieterskerk, from which the pilgrims departed for America. Free time to explore the many local cafes, boutique shops, markets and antique dealers. Dinner on board.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **6** Leiden Delft

Morning cruise arriving in Delft by lunchtime, the final mooring. Delft is renowned for its pottery ceramic products, which were styled on the imported Chinese porcelain of the 17th century. This beautiful, unspoilt town is more than 750 years old, and began as the home port of the Dutch East India Company. Following lunch, visit the Royal Delft factory, just 5 minutes' walk from our mooring to learn how this world-famous porcelain is made. You will have time during the afternoon to explore Delft further. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

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Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **7**

Delft

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to their choice of location in Amsterdam.

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Supplier Booking Conditions Apply

Due to the boutique nature and limited capacity of this travel experience, under our Bookings Conditions this package classifies as “Booking Type 2 – Travel Experience where we act as agent only”. Your contract for the delivery of travel arrangements will be with the principal supplier and will be subject to their Booking Conditions. We will advise you prior to confirming your booking the full details and Booking Conditions of the principal supplier. Our responsibility to you where we sell travel arrangements as agent for the supplier is specified in the ‘Responsibility’ section of our Booking Conditions.

Blackout dates may apply.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package