



ARENA
TRAVEL

FLORIADE 2022

*A once-in-a-decade floral spectacular
River Cruises - Holidays by Rail*



Once every 10 years in the Netherlands, we are treated to the world's ultimate flower show in a spectacular festival of flowers. In 2022, the **Floriade World Horticultural Expo** takes place in the Dutch town of Almere and will be spread over five themed zones across an enormous 66 hectares and is also a celebration of plants, vegetables, fruit and produce.

The Expo's theme, Growing Green Cities, will focus on the Green City of the Future. The sub-themes are green, food, energy and health. The Expo will be situated in a unique Green City Arboretum. It will cover the entire site and feature a stunning collection of trees, plants, crops and flowers - in a seemingly unending spectrum of amazing colours and scents. Join us and be part of this once-in-a-decade celebration of the world's most innovative horticulture.

We have a collection of River Cruises and Rail Holidays visiting this spectacular event and also taking in the very best sights of the Netherlands and Belgium from Amsterdam to Antwerp.



Flexible travel options

River Cruises

by Coach

- Coach travel from your local area
- Ferry crossings from Dover, Hull or Newcastle

by Rail

- Travel by Eurostar from London St Pancras
- Return connecting rail journeys

by Air

- Return flights from Heathrow
- Regional flight options available on request

Holidays by Rail

- Travel by Eurostar from London to Amsterdam
- Return coach transfers from station to our hotel

Zaanse Schans

Floriade & the Gardens of Holland & Belgium aboard MS Arena



Keukenhof

7 DAYS from **£1095**
Departs April & May 2022

Join us as we visit the horticultural wonder that is the Floriade Expo. On this river cruise we will also enjoy time in Amsterdam, see the windmills of Kinderdijk, explore the diamond shops in Antwerp and witness the wonderful displays at Keukenhof Gardens. Guests will also have the opportunity to visit Appelteren Gardens, and the National Botanic Garden of Belgium on this spectacular spring break.

Itinerary

Day 1: UK – Amsterdam

Travel to Amsterdam and board our ship.

Day 2: Floriade

Travel to the Floriade World Horticultural Expo in the town of Almere where you will have time to enjoy this floral delight.

Day 3: Kinderdijk – Dordrecht – Antwerp

Visit Kinderdijk, renowned for its 19 beautifully preserved windmills. Our optional excursion visits one of the mills, where we learn about the lifestyle of a miller. Return to the ship and sail for Dordrecht where you can join our optional excursion to Appelteren Gardens.

Day 4: Antwerp

We arrive in Antwerp this morning. Here you can join our optional excursion to Floralia, the spring flower show held in the grounds of Château de Grand Bigard. Return to the ship for lunch, then the remainder of the day is free to explore Antwerp.

Day 5: Antwerp – Rotterdam

This morning's optional excursion takes you to the National Botanic Garden of Belgium (Meise) and the Plant Palace. We return to the ship for lunch and begin cruising to Rotterdam.

Day 6: Rotterdam – Keukenhof – Amsterdam

Today we have an optional excursion to Keukenhof Gardens where there are over seven million bulbs on show. This evening we enjoy our final dinner onboard the ship and sail overnight to Amsterdam.

Day 7: Amsterdam – UK

Return home after breakfast onboard.

Cruise highlights

- Visit the once-in-a-decade Floriade Expo
- Spend time in the Dutch capital of Amsterdam
- See Kinderdijk's famous windmills
- Enjoy time exploring Dordrecht & Rotterdam
- Discover the world-famous diamond shops of Antwerp
- Witness the wonderful blooms at Keukenhof Gardens

Your cruise includes

- Six nights cruise on a full board basis on MS Arena (see page 8 for ship information)
- Five visits included to Amsterdam, Kinderdijk, Dordrecht, Antwerp and Rotterdam
- Excursion: Floriade
- A program of exciting optional excursions to choose from
- Welcome drink & Captain's Gala Dinner
- Morning & afternoon tea/coffee & late evening snack
- On board entertainment every evening
- Services of a Cruise Manager



Kinderdijk



Floriade

Amsterdam, Keukenhof Gardens & Floriade aboard MS Arena



7 DAYS from **£1149**
Departs April & May 2022

Keukenhof

Join us for the ultimate spring escape as we visit two of the Netherlands most famed floral events. Not only will the river cruise see us sail to the likes of Amsterdam, Den Helder and Lelystad but we will also delight in the tulip displays at world renowned Keukenhof Gardens, experience the once-in-a-decade Floriade Expo and have the opportunity to visit Het Loo Palace and De Kruidhof Botanical Garden.

Itinerary

Day 1: UK – Amsterdam

We travel to Amsterdam and board our ship.

Day 2: Amsterdam – Hoorn

This morning, there's the opportunity to join our optional excursion to the Van Loon Museum in Amsterdam. We return to ship for lunch onboard and this afternoon cruise onwards to Hoorn.

Day 3: Den Helder – Keukenhof

We arrive in the unique town of Den Helder. From here, we travel by coach to Keukenhof Gardens for our included excursion. We return to the ship in Den Helder for a relaxing evening.

Day 4: Harlingen – Kampen

This morning you can join our optional excursion to De Kruidhof Botanical Garden. We return to the ship at lunchtime and sail onwards to Kampen arriving later this evening.

Day 5: Kampen – Lelystad

This morning you can join our optional excursion to Het Loo Palace. We return to the ship at lunchtime and sail onwards to Lelystad where there's time to explore this lively little port as we are berthed here overnight.

Day 6: Floriade

Visit the Floriade World Horticultural Expo in the town of Almere.

Day 7: Amsterdam – UK

We bid farewell to our captain and crew after breakfast and set off on the return journey.

Cruise highlights

- Visit the once-in-a-decade Floriade Expo
- Enjoy the unique setting of Kampen
- Spend time in the traditional town of Lelystad
- Experience and enjoy free time in Hoorn, Den Helder and Harlingen

Your cruise includes

- Six nights cruise on a full board basis on MS Arena (see page 8 for ship information)
- Six visits included to Amsterdam, Hoorn, Den Helder, Harlingen, Kampen, Lelystad
- Excursions: Keukenhof Gardens & Floriade
- A program of exciting optional excursions to choose from
- Welcome drink & Captain's Gala Dinner
- Morning & afternoon tea/coffee & late evening snack
- On board entertainment every evening
- Services of a Cruise Manager



Hoorn



Lelystad

Springtime in Holland & Floriade Spectacular aboard MPS Calypso



7 DAYS from **£1049**
Departs May & June 2022

Tulips

On this unique and colourful river cruise we will not only give you access to the magnificent Floriade Expo, held just every ten years but visit many of the highlights along the Dutch Waterways as we go, including the renowned 'cheese town' of Alkmaar, Lelystad and a chance to witness the unique architecture of Zaandam.

Itinerary

Day 1: UK – Schiedam

Travel to Schiedam and board our ship.

Day 2: Utrecht – Zaandam

We sail from Utrecht to Zaandam this morning. From here, there is the opportunity to join our optional excursion to Keukenhof Gardens.

Day 3: Zaandam – Alkmaar – Den Helder

This morning we sail from Zaandam to Alkmaar. Sit back and enjoy the scenery as we pass by the pretty town of Zaanse Schuans. The afternoon is free to explore Alkmaar. Later this afternoon, we set sail onwards to Den Helder.

Day 4: Den Helder – Lelystad

This morning we cruise from Den Helder to Lelystad arriving at around lunchtime. The afternoon and evening are free for you to explore.

Day 5: Floriade

Travel to the Floriade World Horticultural Expo in the town of Almere where you will have plenty of time to enjoy this floral delight.

Day 6: Lelystad – Scheidam

This morning, we cruise from Lelystad to Schiedam where we arrive after lunch. This afternoon, there's the opportunity to join our optional excursion to Rotterdam.

Day 7: Scheidam – UK

Return home after breakfast onboard.

Cruise highlights

- Visit the once-in-a-decade Floriade Expo
- Enjoy the unique setting of Zaandam
- Spend time in the traditional cheese town of Alkmaar
- Experience and enjoy free time and overnight stays in Den Helder, Lelystad & Schiedam

Your cruise includes

- Six nights cruise on a full board basis on MPS Calypso (see page 8 for ship information)
- Five visits included to Zaandam, Alkmaar, Den Helder, Lelystad, Schiedam
- Excursion: Floriade
- A program of exciting optional excursions to choose from
- Welcome drink & Captain's Gala Dinner
- Morning & afternoon tea/coffee & late evening snack
- On board entertainment every evening
- Services of a Cruise Manager



Zaandam



Alkmaar

Floriade Spectacular & Delights of Amsterdam

by rail



Zaanse Schans

5 DAYS from **£695**
Departs May – October 2022

This rail holiday will see us travel to the Netherlands to visit the famed Floriade Expo - which will be held in the Dutch town of Almere. We will also visit the unique and traditional towns of Zaanse Schans, Volendam and Marken, and enjoy a day exploring of the capital city of Amsterdam.

Itinerary

Day 1: London -Amsterdam

Travel to Amsterdam and check into our hotel.

Day 2: Floriade

Travel to the Floriade World Horticultural Expo in the town of Almere where you will have plenty of time to enjoy this floral delight.

Day 3: Zaanse Schans, Volendam & Marken

Enjoy a scenic drive to Zaanse Schans where you'll see it's iconic green houses and windmills. From here we continue to a cheese farm in Volendam where we'll enjoy a tasting and demonstration. We then drive to Marken, where there's free time to explore.

Day 4: Amsterdam & Canal Cruise

Join a cruise through the canal network of Amsterdam. This evening, we enjoy a farewell dinner at the Grand Café Restaurant in Amsterdam – the perfect ending to this memorable holiday.

Day 5: Amsterdam – London

Return home by Eurostar.

Please note: The running order of the itinerary may vary depending on availability. The final running order will be confirmed in your final Travel Documents.

Tours & experiences

- Visit the world's greatest flower spectacular at Floriade Experience
- Visits to the pretty towns of Zaanse Schans, Volendam & Marken
- Enjoy a relaxing cruise in Amsterdam

Your holiday includes

- Return Eurostar from London to Amsterdam
- Four nights' half board accommodation in Corendon City Hotel, Amsterdam (see page 8 for hotel information) including a farewell dinner at the Grand Café Restaurant on the last night
- Services of our experienced Tour Manager



Floriade

The Spring Gardens of Keukenhof & Floriade

by rail



Amsterdam

5 DAYS from **£795**
Departs 24 April & 8 May 2022

Make sure you do not miss out on this epic spring break, as two of the world's most stunning floral events combine on this rail holiday. Join us as we visit the tulips at Keukenhof gardens, experience the once-in-a-decade Floriade Expo and spend time in the historical capital of Amsterdam.

Itinerary

Day 1: London -Amsterdam

Travel to Amsterdam and check into our hotel.

Day 2: Floriade

Travel to the Floriade World Horticultural Expo in the town of Almere where you will have plenty of time to enjoy this floral delight.

Day 3: Keukenhof Gardens

After breakfast, our coach takes us to Keukenhof Gardens for our included visit

Day 4: Amsterdam & Canal Cruise

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Day 5: Amsterdam – London

Return home by Eurostar.

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Floriade



Amsterdam

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- Visit the magnificent Gardens of Keukenhof
- Enjoy a relaxing cruise in Amsterdam
- Farewell dinner at the Grand Café Restaurant in Amsterdam

Your holiday includes

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Keukenhof

Your Accommodation

MS Arena

Step aboard and feel right at home from the minute you set sail on the stylish and spacious MS Arena. Let the Captain and crew take care of your every need while you prioritise relaxing in comfort as you glide along the river. Take advantage of the wellness and fitness suite, treat yourself to a drink or two in the Ambassador's Lounge or soak up the ambience and spectacular sights from the sun deck. Wherever you choose to spend your time on board, you'll be in great hands.



MPS Calypso

Captain Wido and Arena River Cruises are thrilled to introduce you to the newest addition to our fleet: the MPS Calypso. Sailing along the Dutch and German Waterways. Captain Wido runs a tight ship, and from the spotless brass furnishings and smart uniforms, to the well-presented meals and sparkling glassware, the crew's attention to detail is second to none. Carrying just 92 guests, MPS Calypso is a vessel that simply oozes authenticity, and includes a restaurant, lounge, bar and sundeck.

Corendon City Hotel, Amsterdam

The four-star Corendon City Hotel Amsterdam is in the city district Nieuw-West (New West). You can reach the centre of Amsterdam by public transport in 10 minutes and the hotel is just over two miles from Museum Square and the Van Gogh Museum too. The hotel has free Wi-Fi and has a restaurant, bar, terrace and lift. There is also a swimming pool, Spa area with sauna, jacuzzi, steam room and a gym (all available at small extra cost). Each bedroom has a flat screen TV, air conditioning, safe and a minibar.

