Aboard the Five-Star M.V. Heidelberg
The Beauty of Keukenhof Gardens
All Excursions and Meals Included from $2595*

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Dear Carleton Alumni and Friends:

We are pleased to sponsor RIVER LIFE ALONG THE WATERWAYS OF HOLLAND AND BELGIUM, a unique opportunity to experience the true character of life in the Low Countries and to celebrate the beauty and spirit of springtime as Holland’s legendary tulips burst into full bloom.

This itinerary, one of the highly successful and innovative travel programs in the VILLAGE LIFE series, is ideal for exploring the fascinating history, rich artistic legacy and daily life of Holland and Belgium. This is the optimal time—and only in Holland—to see rippling fields of more than 1,000 varieties of tulips alongside daffodils and hyacinths stretching as far as the eye can see throughout magnificent Keukenhof Gardens and along the calm canals that weave through the countryside. Throughout the program, enjoy accommodations aboard the five-star M.V. HEIDELBERG, one of Europe’s newest and most luxurious river vessels.

Among the many included features of this travel program is the unique VILLAGE FORUM, where local residents share their insights into life and culture in the Low Countries. Expert-led excursions encompass the region’s most notable landmarks, from the 17th-century Royal Delft porcelain factory and the legendary windmills of Kinderdijk to the medieval merchant houses of Bruges and Antwerp. These tours combine with a comprehensive program of lectures, cultural enhancements and opportunities to sample local culinary specialties like Belgian beers and chocolate to further enhance your appreciation for the region’s rich history and deep-rooted culture.

An exceptional value including accommodations, meals and excursions and the convenience of unpacking only once combine with a fascinating destination to create a truly enticing travel program. This has been a very popular travel program in the past, so we encourage you to join fellow alumni and friends and make your reservation today!

Sincerely,

Althea Dotzour ’99

Chair, Alumni Adventures Committee

On behalf of the Alumni Adventures Committee:
Karin Feldt ’61
Andrea Iseminger ’59
Joanne Mechling ’87
Ted Myers ’76
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Lecturer
A frequent lecturer at alumni club events around the country, Lauren Soth, professor emeritus, taught art history at Carleton for forty years, including courses on the art of the Low Countries. He has published several articles on van Gogh and has lectured at the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam. He will be accompanied by his wife, Nancy, a retired administrator of Carleton study-abroad programs.
RIVER LIFE along the Waterways of Holland and Belgium is designed for those travelers who know that the true character of a region is best found along its waterways, on the backroads and around the local market squares. This comprehensive week-long program offers you a cultural and educational experience like no other. For one full week, cruise the waterways of Holland and Belgium to charming canal-lined towns where the past seamlessly blends with the present, including perfectly preserved medieval Bruges, the historic port of Middelburg and the market towns of Delft and Volendam, whose character has remained unchanged since the height of the Dutch Golden Age in the 17th century. Stroll in the footsteps of Rembrandt van Rijn and Peter Paul Rubens along the boulevards of Amsterdam and Antwerp, and in Kinderdijk, explore the inner workings of Holland’s most famous windmills. This itinerary has also been carefully planned to coincide with the height of spring when the Dutch countryside is carpeted with a dazzling display of flowers in full bloom, and includes a visit to Keukenhof Gardens where millions of tulips, daffodils and other varieties of flowers create a breathtaking tapestry of colors and scents.

The m.v. HEIDELBERG has been specially selected for this travel program as it features deluxe accommodations, superior service and skillfully prepared regional and international cuisine.

The exclusive VILLAGE FORUM provides an opportunity to become acquainted with local residents whose personal insights offer a candid look at the culture, history and contemporary issues facing the citizens of Holland and Belgium.

Unpack once! This exceptional travel opportunity includes all accommodations, meals and exclusively arranged excursions for an incredibly attractive price. Come experience a special way of life: RIVER LIFE along the WATERWAYS OF HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.
AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS
Ringed by concentric canals lined with 16th- and 17th-century row houses, charming houseboats and world-renowned museums, Amsterdam is brimming with history and artistic wealth. A private canal cruise offers a glimpse of some of the city’s most noteworthy landmarks from a unique perspective and an opportunity to witness the integral role waterways and canals continue to play in the life of the city. Then tour the Van Gogh Museum, and see the world’s preeminent collection of paintings by the noted Dutch Impressionist.

DELFT
Tree-lined canals, Gothic churches and a beautiful 17th-century Markt (Market Square) flanked by a magnificent Renaissance-style Stadhuis (town hall) are hallmarks of Delft, which proudly displays its heritage from the Dutch Golden Age, when it was a home port for the Dutch East India Company. Today, Delft continues to maintain its 17th-century character and is synonymous worldwide with its magnificent “Delft Blue” porcelain, which has been hand-crafted and painted in the Royal Dutch Delftware Manufactory De Porceleyne Fles for generations. Established in 1653, it is the last delftware factory still in operation from the Dutch Golden Age.

KINDERDIJK
Little has been altered 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 below sea level. Though no longer used to monitor water levels, the windmills are still one of Holland’s most picturesque sights and represent exceptional examples of the advanced levels achieved by 18th-century Dutch engineering. Designated a national monument and a UNESCO World Heritage site, Kinderdijk offers an opportunity to see firsthand a windmill’s internal workings.

MIDDELBURG/THEDELTA WORKS
The quaint 13th-century port of Middelburg is defined by the marvelous fortifications, bastions and strategic moats that symbolize its long and prestigious history. One of the oldest towns in Holland, its cobblestone streets lead to the central Market Square and the monumental Gothic Town Hall. Inspired by Brussels’ legendary town hall, it encompasses a highly distinctive bell tower and the Burgerzaal, a former cloth hall furnished with authentic antiques.

Just to the northeast of Middelburg stands one of the most impressive feats of hydraulic engineering in the world, Holland’s famous Delta Works. Developed over the past 50 years, this vast and complex system of locks, sluices, channels,
bridges, slides and storm-surge barriers was built after the catastrophic floods of 1953 to protect southwestern Holland from the encroaching North Sea.

**Bruges, Belgium**

From the Market Square to the Chapel of the Holy Blood, Bruges exudes the timeless atmosphere of Europe on the eve of the Renaissance. One of the best preserved medieval towns in Europe, Bruges was built around a double ring of picturesque canals and is connected by arched foot bridges. The magnificent façades of deftly crafted stone guildhalls, where merchants conducted business, and opulent cathedrals stand as reminders of the enormous wealth and power Bruges once possessed. See historic Burg Square and the lively Grand-Place Market, the center of life in Bruges, and enjoy a sample of Belgium’s world-acclaimed chocolates.

**Ghent**

The rich history and commercial heritage of Ghent are reflected in the splendid 12th- to 17th-century guildhalls lining the quay. In St. Bavo’s Cathedral, admire the Van Eyck brothers’ magnificent polyptych, the altarpiece of the *Adoration of the Mystical Lamb*.

**Antwerp**

Repository of the 17th-century Baroque masterpieces of the city’s native son, Peter Paul Rubens, Antwerp preserves its Flemish charm in its Old Town. A labyrinth of squares and narrow passages lead into the spectacular *Grote Markt*, where beautifully preserved guildhalls once bustled with merchants and tradesmen. See Rubens’ masterpieces, *Resurrection* and *Assumption*, in the Cathedral of Our Lady, the pride of Belgium with its remarkable 47-bell carillon and soaring 404-foot, delicately ornamented spire.

Visit the restored Rubenshuis, the elegant Renaissance-baroque home where Rubens once lived and worked, that now exhibits a collection of his paintings.

**Volendam, The Netherlands**

Eighteenth-century row houses, sleepy canals and a picturesque waterfront evoke the glory days of the Zuiderzee and typify the beauty and charm of Dutch fishing ports like Volendam, where many residents still don traditional dress. Built along the top of a dike, the village’s primary thoroughfare is lined with colorful cafés and shops offering fresh fish and a myriad of traditional Dutch crafts, including handmade cheeses and wooden clogs. A quieter side of Volendam can be found on the other side of the dike, on the tranquil, narrow streets where the town’s fishermen and merchants have lived for centuries.

**Amsterdam Pre-Program Option**

Before embarking the M.V. Heidelberg, join us on this exclusive optional two-night stay in Amsterdam featuring accommodations in the first-class *Crown Plaza Amsterdam*, a landmark property located in the heart of the city. Visit Amsterdam’s most important monuments on a specially arranged walking tour through Old Town, including the Dam Square and the Royal Palace. During a tour of the Rijksmuseum, home to one of the finest collections of art in the world, witness the genius of the great Dutch Masters. Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Stroll through delightful Amsterdam, city of canals, flowers and charming merchant houses.
Launched in 2004 and lauded as the best European river ship, the five-star M.V. HEIDELBERG is one of the finest river vessels in Europe, distinguished by a combination of refined elegance and modern facilities. Providing an intimate and luxurious cruise experience, the M.V. HEIDELBERG is reminiscent of a deluxe “boutique” European hotel with rich wood paneling, the artful use of fabrics and original artwork placed throughout the ship. The 56 deluxe cabins are a generous 190 square feet with two twin beds or one queen bed, and each is beautifully furnished with private bathroom facilities and shower, a built-in closet, desk, telephone, television and radio. Hair dryers and terry robes are also available upon request. Each stateroom offers a private view of the legendary scenery.

Each meal — breakfast, morning bouillon, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and midnight snack — is served in a single seating in the ship’s elegantly-appointed dining room. The acclaimed international cuisine is prepared fresh daily with local produce and ingredients. Guest facilities and services include a lounge, bar, beauty salon, boutique, laundry facilities, library, sun deck and fitness center with massage, sauna and steam room. The experienced international staff maintains the highest levels of excellence in service and hospitality. This ship meets the highest international safety and environmental standards.

**RIVER LIFE DAY BY DAY....**

**Day 1**
Depart from your gateway city.

**Day 2**
Arrive in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Enjoy a private canal cruise through the city. Embark the five-star M.V. HEIDELBERG. Depart Amsterdam late this evening.

**Day 3**
**Excursion**
Set out on a walking tour of Delft. Continue to the windmills of Kinderdijk.

**Exclusive Enrichment**
Observe a private demonstration of how the famous “Delft Blue” porcelain is made at the 17th-century Porcelainy Fles. Join the Captain for a special RIVER LIFE welcome toast.

**Day 4**
**Excursion**
Visit the Delta Works and enjoy free time in Middelburg to explore the Market Square.

**Day 5**
**Excursion**
See beautifully preserved medieval Bruges on a walking tour and private canal cruise. In nearby Ghent, visit St. Bavo’s Cathedral to see the Van Eyck brothers’ magnificent altarpiece.

**Day 5 Continued...**

**Exclusive Enrichment**
Visit a chocolatier and sample Belgium’s world-famous handmade chocolate.

**Day 6**
**Excursion**
Tour of Antwerp, center of Belgian commerce, featuring guided visits to the Rubenshuis and the Cathedral of Our Lady.

**Exclusive Enrichment**
Meet local residents during the specially arranged VILLAGE FORUM, followed by a private tasting of Belgium’s famous beers.

**Day 7**
**Excursion**
Enjoy a walking tour of the fishing town of Volendam. Special RIVER LIFE farewell toast.

**Day 8**
**Excursion**
Spend the morning in the spectacular Keukenhof Gardens, one of the world’s greatest floral exhibitions. This afternoon, tour the Van Gogh Museum.

**Day 9**
Disembark the ship and transfer to the airport for your return flight.
**Keukenhof Gardens**

A brilliant and breathtaking tapestry of colors and fragrance, Keukenhof Gardens is deservedly known as the “Greatest Flower Show on Earth.” Our program has been planned for the height of Holland’s spectacular spring flower season, when more than seven million flowers bloom across this 77-acre wooded park in a dazzling display of color unlike any other on earth.

Keukenhof’s name translates to “kitchen garden” and was inspired by the grounds’ history. In the early 15th century, the Countess Jacoba of Bavaria, who resided in a nearby castle, maintained her herb garden on this site. Currently a showcase for Dutch bulb growers, the gardens feature more than 1,000 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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### Included Features

- Seven-night round trip cruise from Amsterdam aboard the deluxe M.V. Heidelberg, with calls at Rotterdam (Delft), Dordrecht (Kinderdijk), Middelburg, Ghent (Bruges), Antwerp and Volendam.
- Spacious, deluxe accommodations in an outside cabin with private bathroom facilities.
- All meals served at a single seating—breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and late-night snack—featuring international cuisine.
- Special welcome and farewell toasts and dinners.
- Nightly live entertainment.

**All tours and excursions listed in the itinerary, led by expert local guides:**

- Private **Amsterdam** canal cruise.
- Walking tour of historic **Delft**.
- Tour of the legendary windmills at **Kinderdijk**.
- Excursion to the **Delta Works** and time at leisure in **Middelburg**.
- Excursion to the World Heritage site of **Bruges**, featuring a private canal cruise.
- Visit to **St. Bavo's Cathedral** in Ghent to see the *Adoration of the Mystical Lamb* altarpiece.
- **Antwerp** city tour, featuring a visit to the Cathedral of our Lady.
- Tour of charming **Volendam**, featuring its famous Golden Age houses.
- Visit to **Keukenhof Gardens**, one of the world’s greatest floral exhibitions.
- Tour of the **Van Gogh Museum**, which holds the world’s largest collection of the artist's paintings.

**Plus a full program of educational and cultural enrichment including:**

- Specially arranged tour of **Porcelayne Fles** and a demonstration of porcelain creation in Delft.
- Exclusive **Village Forum** featuring local citizens who will discuss the culture, politics, history and social issues in Holland and Belgium.
- A visit to a Belgian **chocolatier** in Bruges for a demonstration of the chocolate-making process and a sampling of Belgium’s world-renowned chocolates.
- A private tasting of specially selected **Belgian beers**.
- Guided tour of Peter Paul Rubens’ home and studios at the **Rubenshuis** in Antwerp.

**And to ease your travel experience, we will also provide:**

- All transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- A hospitality desk on board the ship.
- The services of an experienced Program Director throughout the program.
- All gratuities for local guides and drivers on included excursions.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information for each participant.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance for each participant.
A brilliant and breathtaking tapestry of hyacinths, which are meticulously planted on this site. Currently a showcase for Dutch tulips, daffodils and 1,000 varieties of tulips, daffodils and on a nearby castle, maintained her herb garden in a 77-acre wooded park in a dazzling display of Rhine Deck - All cabins are outside with two twin beds or one double bed, private bathroom with shower, desk, telephone, television and radio.

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• Singles are available in category 2 at $6395 and category 1 at $7595 on or before October 8, 2008. Add $300 for reservations made after October 8, 2008.

• Taxes are an additional $250 per person and subject to change.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $________ as deposit ($600 per person, plus $200 per person Amsterdam Pre-Program). Make check(s) payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company. Deposits can also be made by credit card; however, all FINAL payments are required to be made in cash, by check or wire transfer by January 26, 2009.

I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit to: Visa MasterCard

Card No. __________________________ Exp. Date ____________

Signature as it appears on credit card

Please make my/our reservations in cabin category:

☐ 1st Choice ____ 2nd Choice ____

☐ Double occupancy (two twin beds)

☐ Double occupancy (one double 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).

AMSTERDAM PRE-PROGRAM RESERVATIONS:

☐ Double at $695 per person.

☐ Single at $1125 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).

Program Air:

☐ Flights Minneapolis/Amsterdam with return Amsterdam/Minneapolis. Airfare is available at an additional cost.®

☐ Flights from

(fill in departure city) to Amsterdam, The Netherlands, with return from Amsterdam, The Netherlands, at an additional cost to be advised.®

Class: ☐ Economy ☐ Business ☐ First

An Air Coordinator will contact you no later than four months prior to departure regarding your selections. Please contact your travel agent or air carrier directly for any deviations to the above.

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

☐ I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.
Bruges’ 16th-century merchant houses symbolize its status as a prosperous medieval center of commerce.

CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS

NOT INCLUDED: Taxes, passport fees, visa and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry and telephone calls; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; excess baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air taxes; airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the “Included Features” section; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/ship on day(s) of arrival and/or departure; 1) if you have not purchased your air arrangements through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, or 2) if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); meals and alcoholic beverages not listed in the “Included Features” section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the “Included Features” section.

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To share accommodations and will cost to be advised.‡

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REGISTRATION: CST#: 2031868-40; WST#: 601 767 666. OCT#: TA 0905.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.

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