



ADVENTURES ★ BY Disney®

Daily Adventurer

Day 7

Friday
April 14th, 2017
"Good Friday"

Amsterdam

Dutch Waterways



Sunrise & Sunset

Today's information

Sunrise: 06:44 AM

Sunset: 08:37 PM

Weather Forecast

Partly cloudy

Minimum: 46°F / 8°C

Maximum: 55°F / 13°C

Wake up this morning in the Netherlands and the Cultural capital of the Netherlands. Today a veritable cornucopia of sites to see and places to visit. Excursions include a canal boat ride of the city, Anne Franks House, The Rijks museum or the Van Gogh Museum.. In the afternoon enjoy more Dutch Adventures with a visit to Volendam or to the Delft factory!

Every time you leave the ship or return from shore, please remember to have your safety card scanned at the reception.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Docking Location:

Amsterdam:
Ruijterkade oost /
Steiger D IJRO 5

Ship Phone

0031 638 6946 68

Cruise Manager Phone

0049 160 5871 503



Your program today...



Cruise schedule is subject to change due to navigational conditions beyond our control

Cruising stretch Dutch Waterways: Emmerich (German border) – Amsterdam-Rijn-Canaal – Amsterdam // 134,6 km / 83,6 miles	
5:30 AM - 6:30 AM	Early Risers' pastries are available for you in the Lounge.
6:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast is served in the Main Dining Room.
7:30 AM	Approximate arrival of the <i>AmaKristina</i> in Amsterdam.
7:45 AM	Please meet in the Lounge to prepare for your morning tours departure.
8:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Amsterdam Canal Cruise, Panoramic City Tour and Anne Franks House visit departs from the ship by coach.
8:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Amsterdam Canal Cruise, Panoramic City Tour and Rijks Museum visit departs from the ship by coach.
8:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Amsterdam Canal Cruise, Panoramic City Tour and Van Gogh Museum visit departs from the ship by coach.
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Late Risers' pastries are available for you in the Lounge.
12:15 PM	Lunch is served in the Main Restaurant or a light lunch is available in the Lounge.
Afternoon	Please check the board by Pete's desk for your departure information and new luggage tags.
2:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Countryside tour of Volendam, Clog Decorating and Cheese Production Demonstration at Zaanse Schans departs from the ship by coach.
2:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Royal Delft Earthenware Factory Workshop in Delft leaves the ship by coach.
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Tea time and cakes in the Lounge with music from onboard entertainer Zsolt.
5:00 PM	Our onboard Gift Shop will be closed.
6:30 - 10:30 PM	Please settle your account at the Reception if you wish to pay with CASH . For guests paying with credit card the bills will be processed automatically tonight. Final statements will be delivered in your room. IMPORTANT! Once the account has been settled, it is not possible to make any changes!
7:30 PM	Dinner is served in the Main Restaurant or our New Tasting Menu is served in the Chefs Table Restaurant.
9:30 PM	Join our uber talented guest Trio La Strada for a Concert in the Lounge. Stringed instruments to enjoy.
After....	Join Zsolt in the Lounge for music to dance the night away!!!
10:30 PM	Your late night snack is available in the Lounge.
overnight	<i>AmaKristina</i> is overnight in Amsterdam. Amsterdam is a big bustling city. Please remember to lock your Balcony doors.
<i>Out of respect to your fellow travelers sleeping below, jogging and other physical activity is not permitted on the sundeck after 10 PM or before 8 AM. Thank you!</i>	



WELCOME TO AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam is the capital city of and the most populous within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Its status as the Dutch capital is mandated by the Constitution of the Netherlands though it is not the seat of the Dutch government and the seat of the King, which is at The Hague (Den Haag). It has a population of around 800,000 within city limits, and an urban population of roughly 1.5 million.

Settled as a small fishing village in the late 12th century, Amsterdam became one of the most important ports in the world during the Dutch Golden Age, a result of its innovative developments in trade. During that time, the city was the leading center for finance and diamonds.

Today Amsterdam is not only the Netherlands' commercial capital and one of the top financial centers in Europe; it's also the cultural capital. Amsterdam's main attractions, including its historic canals, the Rijksmuseum, the Hermitage, Anne Frank House – and not to forget - its red-light district and its many cannabis coffee shops draw more than 3.66 million international visitors annually. Its historic 17th-century canals, located in the heart of Amsterdam, were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in July 2010.

USEFUL INFORMATION

CURRENCY EXCHANGE: Best bet is to use your ATM (bank) card to withdraw money at any bank in the city. You'll always get the best rate of exchange that way, even if your bank charges you a small fee. Moneychangers can be found in the Central station and along the main street, Damrak.

GETTING AROUND

Amsterdam is known as the "Venice of the North" because of its many canals encircling the city center. It is a very compact city, easy to get around by streetcar, bicycle, or on foot. Be very cautious when walking in the city as there are bicycle lanes on nearly every street, and bicycles have the right of way.

THE NETHERLANDS

Holland is not an alternate name for the Netherlands but rather the name of two provinces within the country: North Holland and South Holland. The government seat is located in The Hague even though the capital is Amsterdam. In April 2013, after 33 years on the throne, Queen Beatrix officially handed over the reins to her eldest son, the Prince of Orange, Prince Willem-Alexander. Willem-Alexander is now known as the King of the Netherlands. In 2002, Willem Alexander married Maxima Zorreguieta Cerruti from Argentina, and together they have three daughters: The Princess of Orange (Catharina Amalia), Princess Alexia, and Princess Ariane.

17 million people claim the Netherlands as their home, but over 20 million around the world speak Dutch. Afrikaans, an Old Dutch dialect, is spoken in South Africa. Dutch is also spoken on islands such as Aruba and Curacao in the Dutch Antilles, as well as in the South America country of Surinam, a former Dutch colony.

DUTCH FACTS

Size	41,543 sq km/16040 sq mi
Population	16.8 million
Capital	Amsterdam (The Hague)
Language	Dutch
Currency	Euro (€)

USEFUL PHRASES

Hello	Hoi
Bye	Doei / Dag
Yes	Ja
No	Nee
Please	Alstublieft
Thank you	Dank u (wel)
You're Welcome	Graag gedaan
Do you speak English?	Spreekt u Engels?

DUTCH WINDMILLS

The Dutch have long been able to tame the landscape and to protect themselves from the ever-present threat of floods. They built polders, locks, and dykes and have used windmills to pump water out of low-lying areas since the 13th century. However, full control over the water level was never achieved. Throughout the centuries, the residents of the western part of the Netherlands suffered many floods, especially because of dyke ruptures. This is reflected in many local legends such as the one of the floating cradle at *Kinderdijk*, and the figure of Hans Brinker, the little Dutch boy with his finger in a ruptured dyke. Today there are nearly 1,000 old windmills still in existence in the Netherlands.

BICYCLING IN THE NETHERLANDS

Bicycling is an extremely popular way to get around in the Netherlands. The country is a bike-friendly place, with miles of bike paths and bike traffic signals, tunnels and lanes. Most children between the age of 10 and 16 bike to school, often as far as 15 km (9.3 mi) in each direction!

**AMSTERDAM'S COAT OF ARMS**

Amsterdam's coat of arms is composed of three St. Andrew crosses, aligned vertically and rotated 90 degrees, thought to represent the three dangers that have plagued the city over the years -- Floods, Fire and Pestilence. Of course, nowadays people find that Amsterdam's three biggest dangers are bicycles, streetcars (trams) and pickpockets. (Please be mindful of traffic – and your wallet – when you are out and about today!)

