

Peoria Charter Travel presents...

Canals, Champagne & Culture: A Journey through the Netherlands, Belgium & France

April 25 – May 6, 2026



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Small Group Travel rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

12 Days • 16 Meals: 10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Amsterdam, Canal Cruise, Keukenhof Tulip Gardens, Impact Moments, Kinderdijk, Choice on Tour: Kinderdijk Boat or Bike Tour, Bruges, Reims, Route du Champagne, Paris, Parisian Bakery Workspace, Parfum Workshop, *Le Marais*, *Île de la Cité*, Seine River Cruise, Eiffel Tower Dinner

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4 The Manor Amsterdam, Amsterdam
Days 5, 6 Aragon Hotel BVBA Bruges, Bruges
Days 7, 8 Continental Hotel, Reims
Days 9 – 11 Renaissance Paris Republique Hotel, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Saturday, April 25, 2026 Overnight Flight From iconic Dutch windmills and cozy Belgian streets to the world-renowned Champagne region and the "City of Light," experience the essence of three European countries. Connect with deeply rooted cultures as you make your way through the Netherlands, Belgium, and France.

Day 2: Sunday, April 26, 2026 Amsterdam, Netherlands Narrow canals, stone bridges, and bike-brimmed lanes – this is Amsterdam, the lively starting point of your journey. Check into your hotel,* an impressive historic building with rich history and your home for the next three nights. Get a taste of the local flavors and meet your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Monday, April 27, 2026 Amsterdam See the city the way it's meant to be seen – by canal on a private boat. Cruise under sloping bridges and pass by classic Dutch houses. Continue discovering Amsterdam on a walking tour with a local guide. Spend the late afternoon chatting with a local about the city's progressive (and often controversial) culture. Enjoy an evening at leisure to spend time in the city however you wish. (B)

Day 4: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 Amsterdam - Keukenhof Tulip Gardens This morning, explore the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens,** featuring acres of tranquil ponds, shaded paths, and more than 7 million tulips and other flowers on exhibit, including hyacinths, daffodils, lilies, roses, carnations, and irises. Afterward, return to Amsterdam in the late afternoon for some free time. Complete your day with an **Impact Moment** at A Beautiful Mess – a restaurant that helps refugees find independence in the Dutch community. Be united by food and enjoy locally sourced, environmentally conscious ingredients over dinner with your inspiring hosts. (B, D)

Day 5: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 Amsterdam - Kinderdijk - Bruges, Belgium Today, **it's your choice** as you visit Holland's storied windmills. Perhaps you'll stroll along the winding paths and venture inside of a working windmill -OR- bike alongside a local guide through Dutch landscapes. No matter what you choose, take in the wind, water, and open spaces that make Dutch history come to life in Kinderdijk (UNESCO). End your day in storybook Bruges, your home for the next two nights, and join for an evening stroll in the city. (B, D)

Day 6: Thursday, April 30, 2026 Bruges Wander the cobblestone streets of Bruges and get familiar with this cozy Belgian city on a walking tour with a local guide this morning. Then, cruise through fairytale canals before connecting with local traditions. Taste Belgian chocolate and learn about the intricate craft of lace making. After an afternoon at leisure, cheers to the day with a visit to a local brewery where you'll taste Belgium's most classic beverage. Continue tasting your way across local cuisines and enjoy dinner on your own. (B)

Day 7: Friday, May 1, 2026 Bruges - World War I Battlefields - Reims, France Traverse Flanders with a local expert. Witness the stars and stripes raised over the graves of the valiant soldiers who gave their lives on the Western Front during the First World War inspiring John McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields." Take time to unwind with a glass of wine as you enter the heart of France's illustrious Champagne region – Reims. Settle into your hotel before tasting your way through French cuisine paired with a glass of champagne. (B, D)

Day 8: Saturday, May 2, 2026 Reims - Champagne Winery - Reims Uncover the city's Celtic roots and Gothic architecture during a guided walking tour in Reims. Step into the cathedral of Notre-Dame de Reims and gaze up at a sea of colorful stained glass. Enjoy an extraordinary culinary experience during a lunch and **Impact Moment** at L'ExtrA, an inclusive, eco-responsible restaurant. This afternoon, cityscapes give way to vineyard rows as you make your way along the Route du Champagne. Learn all about this world-famous artisan production during a tour and tasting at a nearby *maison du champagne*.*** Enjoy your afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, L)



Per Person Rates*:

Double \$7,099; Single \$7,999

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from OHare Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$549 per person

* *All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change*

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 9: Sunday, May 3, 2026 Reims - Meaux - Paris Make your way to the French capital this morning. Pause in Meaux – the capital of the famous *Brie* cheese. Learn about the artisanal production methods and aging process from a local cheese enthusiast before sampling some for yourself. Say *bonjour* to Paris this afternoon and learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop led by an expert perfumer, affectionately referred to as *nez* (nose). Explore your new neighborhood – your new home for the next three nights – until the sun fades and the “City of Light” debuts its sparkling grandeur. Enjoy your evening at leisure. (B)

Day 10: Monday, May 4, 2026 Paris Start your day alongside your Tour Manager wandering through one of the most popular quarters of Paris – *Le Marais*. This neighborhood is famous for old-world charm, narrow cobblestone streets, hidden courtyards, and tranquil gardens among a vibrant Jewish community. Enter the kitchen of an authentic Parisian bakery to see the workspace and learn the history behind how these bakers make their delicious

bread. Explore Paris as you please this afternoon. Perhaps you’ll take a stroll through the Tuileries Garden or elegant Place Vendôme displaying jewelry and high fashion. Experience Paris’ nightlife during an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin**** cabaret show, featuring champagne, can-can dancers, and endless excitement. (B)

Day 11: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 Paris Be romanced by Paris today. Join a guided walk to discover the city’s oldest settlement, *île de la Cité*. Sparkling with history, it is home to iconic Notre Dame and the beautiful bridges that straddle the Seine. Enjoy essential Paris during a cruise on the Seine before continuing to legendary Saint-Germain-des-Prés with free time to explore one of the city’s most beautiful areas on your own. End the day with an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring French cuisine and breathtaking views. (B, D)

Day 12: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 Paris - Tour Ends Say *au revoir* to Europe as you depart for home. (B)

Experience It! Keukenhof

Keukenhof – which means “kitchen garden” in Dutch and also called the “Garden of Europe” – is the world’s largest flower garden. It is situated on former royal hunting grounds from the 15th century and covers an area of 80 acres. The current park was envisioned by the local mayor and opened in 1949 as a place for gardeners to show off an array of hybrid flowers. Each year, approximately 7 million flower bulbs are planted and grown, creating a landscape of bright colors and vibrant hues. Keukenhof is located in South Holland in the small town of Lisse, south of Haarlem and southwest of Amsterdam. Famous for its meandering lanes, canals, sculpted garden rows and seemingly endless supply of floral colors, the park draws more than 30 million visitors each year. The best time to view the tulips is from the end of March through early May, depending upon the weather.

For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1301580>

PLEASE NOTE:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some full days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in the historic areas of Amsterdam, Bruges, Reims, and Paris. Because of these restrictions, some of your touring in Amsterdam and Paris will take place via public transportation (tramways, city buses, subway) which require the ability to stand in moving vehicles using handrails and handles for support as seating cannot be guaranteed. For your comfort, we recommend bringing comfortable walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our Client Care Agents can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

Travel with an average of 19 people (maximum of 24).

***The champagne cellars are only accessible via several flights of steep steps. The cellars are located underground and there are 120 steps down and 120 to exit the cellars. There is no elevator on the premises.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Days of features are interchangeable.

**The Keukenhof is a seasonal garden, and it opens only in spring. The gardens are immensely popular, and you can expect some crowds during your visit.

****Paradis Latin may be considered unsuitable for children - consult your Tour Manager.

*The Manor Amsterdam is situated in the east of Amsterdam. The city center is easy to reach within 7 minutes by using public transportation.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Triple accommodations are not available due to hotel restrictions.

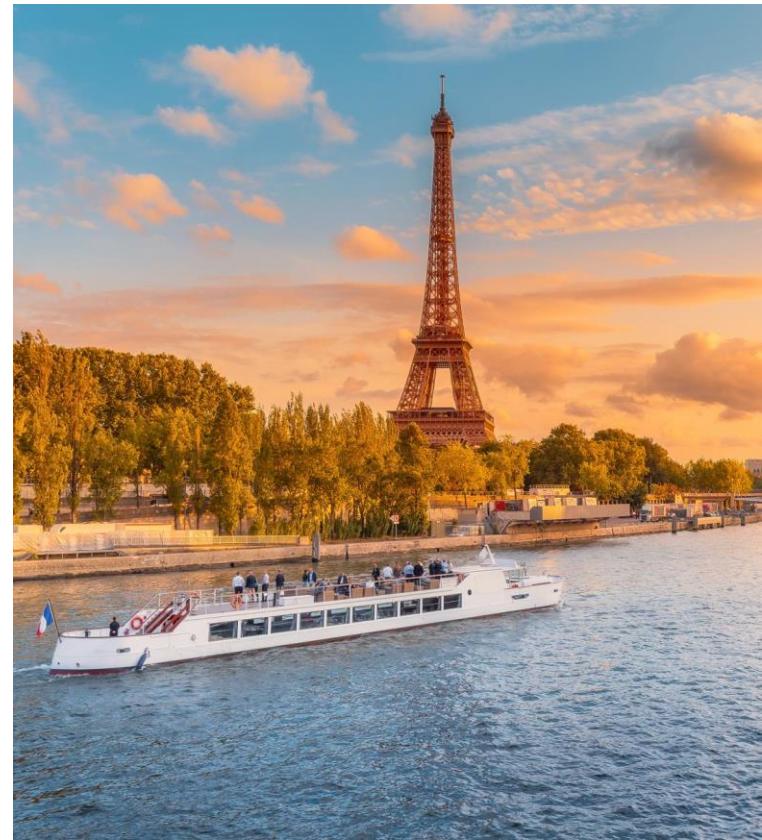
To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for



details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of September 19, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 25, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until September 26, 2025.

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BOOKING NUMBER: 1301580

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through the Netherlands, Belgium & France *featuring*
the Keukenhof Tulip Gardens

DEPARTURE DATE: April 25, 2026

GROUP NAME: Peoria Charter Travel

Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Paris

Showtime in Paris!

\$225 USD

Join us for a spectacular evening in one of Paris's most beloved institutions, the famous Paradis Latin. Situated in a building associated with Napoleon and rebuilt by Gustav Eiffel himself, the Paradis has been running here since 1889. Enjoy a sumptuous dinner with wine, then bring on the champagne and let the show commence! *Duration: Approximately 5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

Email: TravelOperations@collette.com

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Mail: Collette: Travel Operations
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TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made.

*Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

****To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No

- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Are you traveling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

*Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers.
Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.*

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

• Walk-in shower	Yes	No
• Grab bars	Yes	No
• Raised toilet seat	Yes	No

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane.
Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations.

Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Internal Use Only

Reason: _____

Tour: _____ **Reservation #** _____

TS/Group: _____

Tour Date: _____