If you can’t make up your mind about how best to spend a vacation, this trip may be for you. We’ve managed to fill 12 day with some great walking, some unbelievable sightseeing and just enough culture to thrill you. And if that’s not enough we begin this amazing trip with several days in Amsterdam during the middle of their world famous tulip festival. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see this spectacular floral display. And, in-between the great cities of Amsterdam and Paris we have included a small gem. The city of Bruges, Belgium is an undiscovered wonder with just enough small European charm that you may want to stay forever. (We also sneak in a quick trip to Ghent).

This trip is 12 days full of everything to delight your
Day 1 (Saturday, April 18): Leave USA

Day 2 (Sunday, April 19): Arrive Amsterdam. Check into hotel. Late afternoon we will get acquainted with each other and Amsterdam’s Old Side by walking the Old Side Walk tour. 2.7 km. 2 hours. Overnight.

Day 3 (Monday, April 20): Enjoy a morning Amsterdam City Orientation Walk. 5.8 km. 3 hours. and an evening Western Canal Belt Tour 2.9 km. 2 hours. Overnight

Day 4 (Tuesday, April 21): Depart this morning for Keukenhof Gardens [Best known tulip gardens in all of Holland.]. Overnight

Day 5 (Wednesday, April 22): Rijksmuseum. Spend half a day or the whole day exploring this amazing museum which houses the Dutch Masters and the largest collection of Rembrandt paintings including Night Watch or marvel at the Vermeer collection. If time permits visit one of the other famous museums such as the Van Gogh Museum or the Anne Frank Museum. [If visiting the Anne Frank Museum tickets must be ordered in advance.] Overnight

Day 6 (Thursday, April 23): After breakfast depart by private motor coach to Brugge. Check-in. After lunch depart for the Brugge Landmarks walking tour. 4.2 km. 2 hours. After dinner gather for the Famous Bars walking tour. 1.2 km. 1 hour +. Overnight

Day 7, April 24: After breakfast we are off to Ghent by train. This delightful city is often overshadowed by Brussels, Brugge, and Antwerp, but it is a gem. We will visit as many of the city sites as possible and making sure we do not miss “The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb” altarpiece painting at St. Bavo’s Cathedral. We return to Brugge for dinner. Overnight
Day 8 (Saturday, April 25): After breakfast depart by train for Paris. After checking into our hotel, we will do the Palais-Bourbon walk that will take in the Eiffel Tower, the Parc du Champ de Mars, the Pont Alexandre III, Les Invalides, etc. 4.6 km. 2 hours. Overnight

Day 9 (Sunday, April 26): Both today and tomorrow will focus on the Museums of Paris. You will have a two day museum pass which will allow you to choose which museums you wish to see. Among the highlights suggested are: The Louvre, Musée de l"Orangeries, Musee d'Orsay, Centre Georges Pompidou. Evening will feature the Walk Through Montmarte...2 hours. Overnight

Day 10 (Monday, April 27): continuation of day 9. In the evening we will meet for a group walking tour of Le Marais. Overnight

Day 11 (Tuesday, April 28): After breakfast depart for the Hotel de Ville walk which includes the gem, Notre Dame. After lunch, free time to explore other city options of which there are many, relax at an outside café, or do some last-minute shopping at Galeries Lafayette on Boulevard Haussmann in the 9th arrondissement. Overnight.

Day 12 (Wednesday, April 29): Transfer to Airport. Depart for U.S. A
Leaders:

Dick Cable has been an AMC-AT leader for 7 years and has lead or co-led hiking and biking trips to Yosemite National Park, Mongolia, Sicily, Spain, Italy, France, Nepal, Patagonia, Finland, Tanzania India, Vietnam/Cambodia, Bhutan Morocco and Portugal. He is an education programming specialist and teaches spinning and group exercise classes.

Joe Thomas has an avid interest in health and fitness which has paved the way to adventure travel. He has participated in bike trips through the Po Valley of Italy and the Camino de Santiago in Spain. He has co-led trips to Machu Picchu/Easter Island, Puglia, Italy, Patagonia, Dolomites, Tanzania, India/Bhutan, Vietnam/Cambodia and Morocco.

Both leaders have a strong interest in sharing the allure of adventure excursions to the most beautiful and intriguing places on earth. Both are CPR and Wilderness First Aid certified.

TRIP COST:

Total Trip Cost $3755: $1500 due with application; $1500 due June 1, 2019 and $755 due November 1, 2019.

TRIP INCLUDES:

10 nights lodging; all breakfasts and a cash debit card for lunches and dinners; English speaking guide all activities and tours; 2-day Paris Museum pass; Travel insurance

TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Airfare of approximately $1000.

The leaders build a trip based on an approximate 10% higher rate of exchange of the current rate. Foreign currencies such as the euro can fluctuate and we want to advise you that if the exchange rate moves higher than expected, we may have to come to you with a modest price increase. We try to avoid this by budgeting wisely; however, there is always the possibility of rate changes. Anyone who does not want to accept the price increase may withdraw from the trip with a full refund.
AMC Adventure Travel trips are run on a nonprofit basis. Leaders are not compensated except for their travel and administrative costs associated with the trip. A program fee is assessed toward AMC Adventure Travel Excursion program and administrative expenses.

As leaders, our goals for the group are to have fun, utilize your skills, and savor a foreign culture at reasonable cost and in the company of other adventurers with similar interests. We encourage your individual contributions, cooperation and good humor to enrich the group’s experience. We anticipate each participant’s engagement as part of a group, and expect each to abide by the leaders’ decisions and work towards the group having a good time. Be prepared to help your fellow walkers and spend time with other participants on the trip. In doing so, you will help ensure each participant’s maximum experience and enjoyment of the trip.

The AMC Adventure Travel cancellation policy is based on the fact that your cancellation may not raise the cost to the other participants or to the leaders. If actual costs (expenses already incurred on your behalf and any unavoidable future expenses that will be incurred as a result of your registration and cancellation) are higher, they will be assessed instead, unless they can be applied toward another acceptable participant. Should the leaders be able to replace you, you may be charged a reduced or zero penalty. This will generally not be determined until after the trip. Please refer to insurance information in the section titled “What Trip Price Includes.”
When you participate in this activity, you should be in proper condition for the challenges outlined in this prospectus and equipped with the appropriate gear as stated. You should always be aware of the risks involved and conduct yourself accordingly. You are ultimately responsible for your own safety. Prior to your acceptance as a participant in this trip, you may be asked to discuss your capabilities and experience with us. We may also request references to confirm your fitness level and suitability for participating in trip activities.

This trip is designed so that everyone may experience our adventure in Amsterdam, Bruges and Paris through shared participation in activities and tasks in an organized group environment. AMC travelers are known for their cooperative efforts, and expectations are that all participants will be considerate of others sharing this AMC Adventure Travel experience.

It may happen on any trip that a trip member is or becomes unable to participate in one or more of the planned activities. Leaders in their sole judgment have the right and obligation to refuse participation in any activity to any group member for reasons of safety, whether it be of the group or of the individual. Illness, injury or lack of proper gear or fitness for a particular activity are examples of some conditions that might result in a participant’s being unable to perform one or more activity. Leaders may try to find a substitute activity for the trip member, but this may not always be possible.

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