



# Windmills & Wonders

July 11-23, 2010

Amsterdam to London

Amsterdam ◇ Rotterdam ◇ Copenhagen ◇ Gothenburg ◇ Oslo ◇

Bruges ◇ Antwerp ◇ Saint-Malo ◇ Paris ◇ Portland ◇ London



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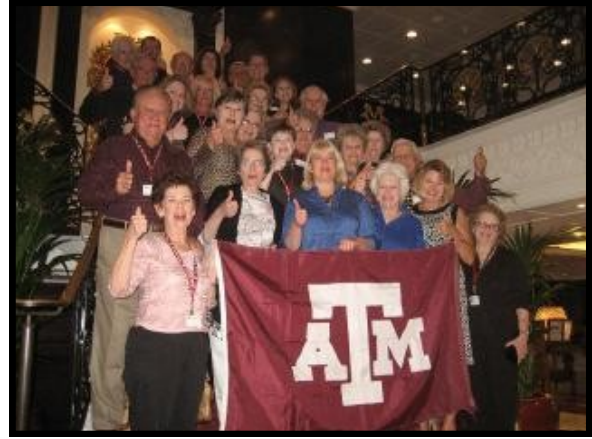


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## HOWDY AGS!

The Traveling Aggies are pleased to offer *Windmills & Wonders* – a 12-day cruise on Oceania Cruises *Insignia*, sailing July 11-23, 2010. This innovative voyage departs from Amsterdam and concludes in London. Adding to the splendor of this luxury cruise are four new ports of call for Oceania sprinkled throughout this itinerary, following more familiar ones.

Belgium's medieval Zeebrugge contrasts beautifully with contemporary Rotterdam, largely rebuilt after World War II. Fairy tale Copenhagen precedes Sweden's youthful Gothenburg. Oslo complements cultured Antwerp, a revitalized gem. Two French favorites, incomparable Paris and scenic Saint-Malo, combine as a wonderful prelude to the rugged isle of Portland in England's rural county of Dorset! Saint-Malo, France, is a fascinating, fortified town with winding streets and mazelike abbey passages. This itinerary also includes transit of the Kiel Canal which was built by Germany in the years (1895) before World War I.

Paris (Le Havre), France, offers the fantastic opportunity for an optional excursion to the D-Day landing beaches, through the now peaceful countryside of Normandy, where 60 years ago the most pivotal battle on the Western Front took place. This optional tour includes the emotionally moving American Cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach where some of the most intense fighting took place. Next you visit Pointe du Hoc, where a heavily armed German battery was heroically destroyed by American troops on the first day of the invasion. The view from here also provides a unique perspective on to the rugged terrain of Omaha Beach.

I have personally escorted over 20 Aggie groups on Oceania Cruises and all of them have loved the experience! The staff is outstanding and I think you will be pleased with all aspects of the trip!

I hope you can join your fellow Aggies on this sailing, where you will not only experience the fun and fellowship of the Aggie Network, but a wonderful trip and a great time! ***Space is limited so be sure to sign up early!*** Call us at 800-633-7514 or you may book directly with our tour partner, Alumni Travel Group, at 800-654-4934.

Gig 'em!

Jennifer Bohac

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**ITINERARY**

July 10 Depart US Gateway City  
Embarkation Port: Amsterdam

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
July 11	Amsterdam		10:00 p.m.
July 12	Rotterdam	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
July 13	Kiel Canal		
July 14	Copenhagen	8:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.
July 15	Gothenburg	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
July 16	Oslo	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
July 17	At Sea		
July 18	Bruges (Zeebrugge)	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
July 19	Antwerp	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
July 20	Paris (Le Havre)	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
July 21	Saint-Malo	8:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
July 22	Portland (Dorset)	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
July 23	London (Dover)	5:00 a.m.	

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, France & the UK**  
which includes Belgium 's medieval Brugge, and two French favorites, incomparable Paris and scenic Saint-Malo.

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# PORTS OF CALL



## Amsterdam

Take a boat ride along Amsterdam's charming canals past sturdy old houses and under quaint bridges. Visit one of the city's superb museums, housing many of the Dutch Masters' most outstanding works or learn about Anne Frank and the city's Jewish heritage. Or, journey into the countryside and see historic windmills and the fascinating porcelain works in Delft. **Dining:** Enjoy hearty Dutch meat dishes, pickled herring or smoked eel with beer. Sample the amazing variety of international cuisines or savor Indonesian rijsttafel - dishes of spicy vegetables, marinated meats and seafood served with rice. For dessert, try the fresh apple tarts or fruit pies. **Shopping:** Take home lovely Delft tiles, exquisite diamond jewelry, contemporary art or a wide variety of finely designed and crafted items.

## Rotterdam

Rotterdam holds the impressive title of Europe's largest port, and that vibrancy extends throughout the city. To get your bearings, go up the Euromast and Space Tower, the highest point in the Netherlands. Riding a small boat through the many channels and waterways provides another unique perspective. The only truly historic sections are the 17th century Delfshaven and Oude Haven; the rest of Rotterdam boasts highly contemporary, often whimsical architecture. For a respite, enjoy the Arboretum Trompenburg, a garden oasis of more than 4,000 plants. Art from Dutch and Flemish masters such as Rembrandt can be seen in the Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen. **Dining:** Delight in hearty stews, sausages, edam cheese and salty licorice. **Shopping:** Take home elegant fashions, watches, porcelain, modern art and pottery.

## Kiel Canal

The Kiel Canal runs for 61 miles through Germany's northern Schleswig-Holstein state, linking the North Sea with the Baltic Sea. Ships save nearly 250 nautical miles by transiting the canal instead of sailing around Denmark's Jutland Peninsula. Besides saving time, ships avoid the typically rougher seas to the north. Consequently, the Kiel Canal is the world's most heavily used seaway. In 1895, Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II opened the canal, and in his honor it was named the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Kanal. In 1948, the canal was renamed Kiel after the German city at its eastern terminus. Large cruise ships are unable to use the Kiel Canal because they can't clear the bridges; however, Oceania Cruises' mid-sized ship can easily take advantage of its benefits.

## Copenhagen

See another side of this lovely city with a cruise along its charming canals. Visit the quaint old harbor at Nyhavn and beautiful Rosenborg Castle and, of course, the famed statue of the Little Mermaid. Or venture into the countryside and enjoy its panoramic vistas, fairy tale castles and the village of Fredensborg. **Dining:** Enjoy delicious fresh gravlax and herring prepared 10 different ways and mouth-watering baked goods from one of the ubiquitous bakeries. **Shopping:** Fine amber, Danish silver, china and glass are the things to look for.

## Gothenburg

One look at the abundance of canals and gabled houses in Gothenburg, and it's clear that the Dutch founded this robust city on the Göta River. That was in 1621, close to the time that mighty Elfsborg Fortress was built at the harbor's mouth. Touring the citadel is fascinating, as are the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Crown House, Maritime Ship Museum, and Gothenburg Art Museum, with masterpieces from Edvard Munch to Picasso. For a vibrant atmosphere, walk along Kungälvavägen, Gothenburg's main street, which is a hive of cafés, boutiques and plazas. **Dining:** Try cod with Swedish caviar, Swedish meatballs with lingon berries and apple tarts. **Shopping:** Get great buys on crystal, silver, clocks and glass artwork.

## Oslo

Overlooking a gorgeous fjord, Norway's capital and largest city simply radiates with natural beauty and sophistication. Oslo's rich seafaring history is on display at the Viking Ships Museum, rivaled only by the Kon-Tiki Museum, which holds the balsawood raft that Norwegian adventurer Thor Heyerdahl used to sail from Peru to Polynesia. History aside, Oslo exudes a love of the outdoors in city parks like Vigeland, which is adorned with over 200 life-size sculptures by artist Gustav Vigeland. Much of Oslo is heavily forested with pines, making it one of Europe's greenest cities. **Dining:** For variety, try Aker Brygge, a shopping complex with restaurants of all ethnicities, including traditional Norwegian. **Shopping:** Enjoy this shopper's paradise for crystal, silver jewelry, enamelware, antiques, and pewter items with Viking designs.

## Bruges (Zeebrugge)

Step back in time to the 14th century as you meander along the narrow streets of this medieval gem past gabled buildings and through the bustling market. Take a boat ride along the city's canals. Or spend the day exploring Brussels and its famed Grand Place or Antwerp, home of diamonds, Rubens and Bruegel; seeing the verdant countryside along the way. **Dining:** Enjoy a typical Flemish dish of beef cooked in beer, fresh game in season or a delicious waterzooi, a stew of chicken or fish. **Shopping:** Find beautiful lace in Bruges, chocolates in Brussels and diamonds in Antwerp.

## Antwerp

The two most recurring sights in Antwerp are the works of local sculptor Peter Paul Rubens and hands, which adorn everything from the town flag to the local Belgian chocolates. The hands' symbolism is explained at Brabo Fountain in Grote Market Square, which depicts the soldier that severed the hand of a mythical giant who bullied the townspeople by taking tolls. Antwerp is also known for its beautifully preserved Gothic and Baroque architecture, which includes the Cathedral of Our Lady, a masterpiece of lace work in stone on Groenplaats Public Square. **Dining:** Much of the cuisine is French influenced, or try hearty sausages with sauerkraut and Flemish chicken stew. **Shopping:** Antwerp is a major world diamond center, so buy exquisite jewelry, haute couture fashions, lace and antiques.

## Paris (Le Havre)

Enjoy the scenic trip through the rolling French countryside to Paris and spend the day savoring its gardens, museums and historic sites. Visit the Louvre, Notre Dame and the Eiffel Tower. Take a boat ride along the Seine and a stroll along the Champs Elysee. Or visit historic Rouen or the battlefields of Normandy. **Dining:** Revel in fine French food wherever you are - from luscious quiche to foie gras, superb cheeses and the freshest baguettes, all accompanied by delectable wines. **Shopping:** Look for couture clothing, silks, lingerie, fine jewelry and perfume.

## Saint-Malo

Explore this fascinating fortified town or discover the lovely medieval town of Dinan with its impressive clock tower and picturesque half-timbered houses. Drive along the rugged Brittany coast and savor the stunning view of mystical Mont St. Michel before wandering through its steep winding streets and the maze-like abbey passages. **Dining:** Savor the unique taste of lamb reared on salt marshes, hearty fish stew, coquille St. Jacques or the local specialty - buckwheat crêpes filled with sweet or savory ingredients. Enjoy a delicious dry white Breton Muscadet wine with any dish. **Shopping:** Take home beautiful handmade lace, local crafts and artwork.

## Portland (Dorset)

Joined to the mainland of Dorset by narrow Chesil Beach, Portland is in the heart of England's dramatic Jurassic Coast, so called because its rock bed dates back 185 million years. The coastal cliffs and area's unique flora and fauna are awe-inspiring, the perfect complement to the town's rich history. Portland Castle overlooks the harbor and is one of Henry VIII's best-preserved coastal fortifications. Portland Bill Lighthouse is another landmark, literally, and has been guiding sailors for more than 300 years. You may also enjoy walking to the abandoned Tout Quarry, which has been turned into a delightful stone sculpture park. **Dining:** Go traditional with fish and chips or steak and kidney pie. **Shopping:** Take home antique nautical maps, glassware, and arts and crafts.

## London (Dover)

Take a trip up to London and get a bird's-eye view of the city from the London Eye. See sights like Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Piccadilly. Stroll along Lower Regent Street or visit the British Museum. **Dining:** Relax over an elegant meal or a charming pub lunch. **Shopping:** Start at Harrods and visit the famous Food Halls before moving on to other shops for linens, cashmere, woolsens, porcelain, crystal, fine clothing and jewelry.



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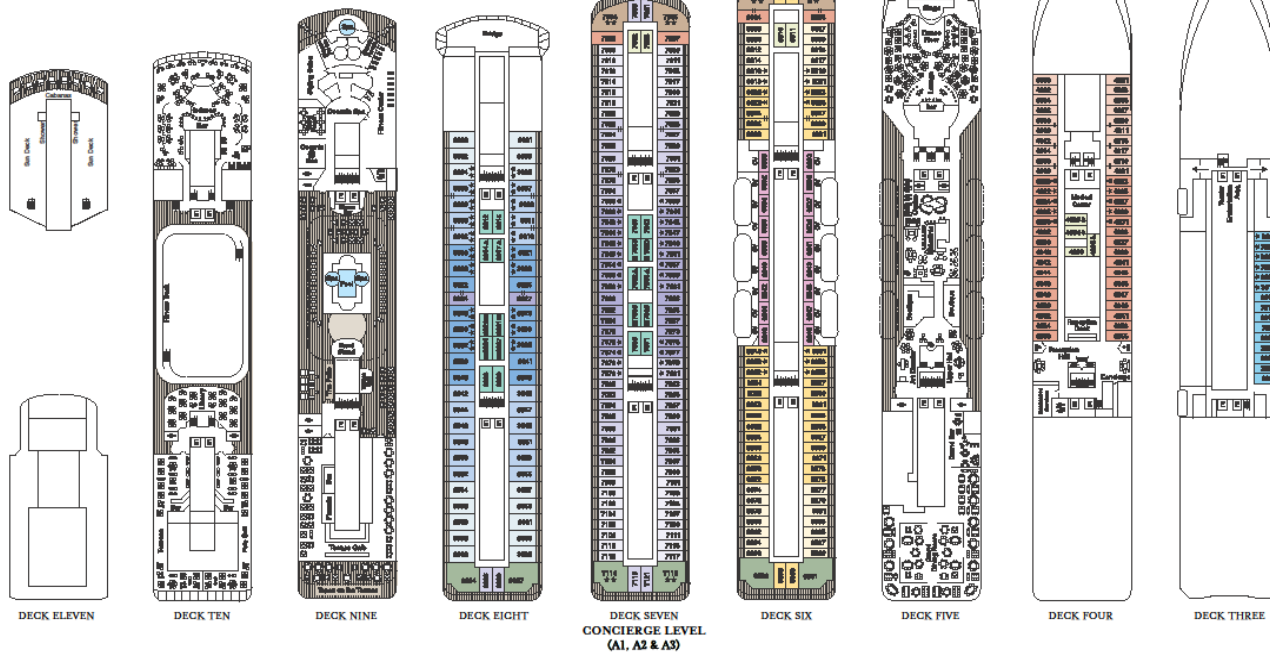
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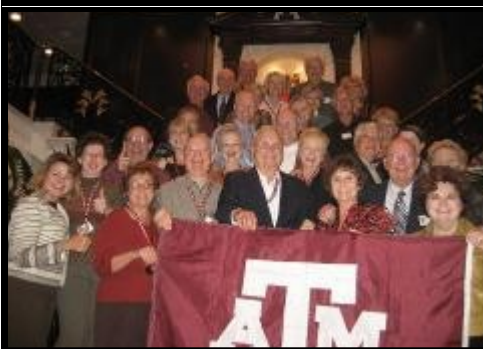
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 Guest-to-Staff Ratio: 1.71 to 1 - Nationality of Officers: European - Nationality of Staff: International - Country of Registry: Marshall Islands

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