Dutch Waterways
MASTERPIECES OF ART AND NATURE

April 20 to 30, 2016
When I think of Holland, I envision tulips, wooden shoes and windmills, but the Netherlands is also a modern, progressive country. We’ll explore this fascinating blend of Holland’s Golden Age and 21st century as we navigate its scenic waterways, a labyrinth of canals and locks that’s a marvel of hydro-engineering. It being the height of the spring blooming season, we’ll cruise by brilliantly hued fields of Holland’s iconic tulips that exemplify the cutting edge of sustainable agriculture and biogenetics. We’ll travel through the idyllic countryside that inspired a genre and a generation of Dutch and Flemish masters whose works we’ll view at the region’s world-class art museums—some recently modernized. Come celebrate old/new Holland and the magnificent Dutch spring with us!

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

ENJOY a private seven-night cruise aboard the charming, intimate 26-passenger canal barge, MS Magnifique, fully renovated in early 2013.

VIEW renowned works of art by the great masters at the Rijksmuseum and the Van Gogh Museum.

TOUR the famous annex where Anne Frank and her family hid during World War II, and view her original diary.

EXAMINE the inner workings of the world’s largest flower auction in Aalsmeer and stroll through the Keukenhof Gardens’ 88 acres of magnificent flowers.
CAROLYN LOUKEE has been teaching history at Stanford since 1973. A specialist in early modern Europe, she has made pioneering contributions to that social and cultural history, particularly to the history of women and families. Her courses for undergraduates have regularly included Western Civ and its various successors. Both her teaching and her research include a focus on the small country of the Netherlands, because it played a disproportionately large role in the formation of Europe over the centuries—through its capitalist economy, its democratic governance, its artistic creativity—and continues to provide leadership on pressing issues, including water management in an age of climate change and international law in an age of global upheaval. This trip will offer insights into each of these aspects of “Holland’s” culture and into the challenges facing the Dutch in the years ahead.

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— Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel Award for Distinguished Service to Undergraduate Education
— Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching
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“Dr. Lougee is by far the best professor we have encountered in leadership of any trip we have been on. She did a fabulous job!”

GAIL STEVENS, ’64, MA ’65, VENICE TO PARIS ON THE ORIENT-EXPRESS, 2015

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**Wednesday & Thursday, April 20 & 21**
**U.S. / Amsterdam, The Netherlands**
Depart the U.S. on overnight flights to Amsterdam. Upon arrival on Thursday, transfer to our hotel in the heart of the city. Take time to rest after the flight or stroll through town before our welcome reception and dinner.

**Consortium Hotel (D)**

**Friday, April 22**
**Amsterdam**
After breakfast, depart on our first excursion, exploring the rich artistic history of the Dutch people. Begin with a leisurely guided walk through the Museum District, where we visit the recently renovated Van Gogh Museum. Enjoy lunch independently at one of Amsterdam’s many charming cafes. Take advantage of some free time this afternoon to soak up the local color and do a bit of shopping.

After dinner, perhaps attend an optional concert at Amsterdam’s famous Concertgebouw, one of the world’s finest acoustic concert halls and home of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra. **Consortium Hotel (B)**

**Saturday, April 23**
**Amsterdam / Embark**
Spend the morning at the Rijksmuseum, one of Europe’s greatest museums, newly reopened after a 10-year renovation and filled with masterpieces from the Dutch Golden Age. After lunch on our own, we gather again for a canal boat tour through the city’s labyrinthine canals. Weather permitting, take a stroll through the charming Jordaan neighborhood to the 350-year-old Noordermarkt, a historic farmers and flea market. Stop at the Anne Frank House for a vivid, firsthand look at the Secret Annex where this extraordinary teen hid with her family during WWII.

Embark our river barge late this afternoon. **MS Magnifique (B, D)**

**Sunday, April 24**
**Haarlem**
Relax on deck as our vessel makes its way west along scenic waterways into the harbor of Haarlem. This charming medieval market town gave its name to New York’s Harlem district in the 17th century when Manhattan was still a Dutch colony. Enjoy lunch independently before we begin our walking tour that takes us by the Town Hall, site of the city’s government since 1100, and into the impressive grote Kerk, a Protestant church and former Catholic cathedral. Inside its walls is Holland’s greatest pipe organ, standing more than 100 feet high with 5,000 pipes and once played by Mozart and Handel. Continue to the Frans Hals Museum, located in a 17th-century almshouse and home to many of the masterful portrait painter’s best-known works. **MS Magnifique (B, D)**

**Monday, April 25**
**Lisse / Leiden**
After an early breakfast, set out to experience the sights and fragrances of Lisse’s amazing Keukenhof Gardens, world-renowned for its seasonal display of more than seven million blooming tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and other colorful spring bulbs. Stroll through acre after acre of the world’s largest flower garden, taking in a beautiful scene that exists only for a short time each spring. Following lunch on our own, we travel along the famous Flower Route. Stop in the elegant city of Leiden, home to the oldest university in the Netherlands. Dine together this evening on our river barge. **MS Magnifique (B, D)**

**Tuesday, April 26**
**The Hague / Delft**
Begin the day in Den Haag (The Hague), the seat of government and home of the...
Royal Family. Our morning tour includes viewing of the Mauritshuis Collection, which features works by Vermeer, Rembrandt and other celebrated Old Masters. Spend the afternoon in Delft, birthplace of Dutch Golden Age artist Johannes Vermeer and an important center for the production of ceramics, specifically the world-famous Delftware. Return to our river barge in time for dinner.

**ROYAL FAMILY**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**

**ROTTERDAM / KINDERDIJK / GOUDA**

Rise this morning to the colorful, bustling activity of Rotterdam Harbor and enjoy breakfast while cruising to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Kinderdijk. Tour the windmills of Kinderdijk, built in the late 1700s, and now the largest concentration of traditional windmills remaining in the Netherlands. Take an optional bicycle ride along the canals to soak in the beauty of this historic area. Re-board our barge and have lunch while cruising to Gouda. Our afternoon tour includes a visit to Gouda’s architecturally rich city square and to St. John’s Church with its world-famous stained glass windows. Enjoy dining independently at one of Gouda’s many fine restaurants this evening.

**MS MAGNIFIQUE (B,L)**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28**

**GOUDA / OUDE WETERING**

Wake up in Gouda for a morning dedicated to the city’s most famous product. Call at the Cheese Weighing House, where we can test our knowledge of cheeses and even sample some of the tastier varieties. This afternoon, perhaps take a bike ride through the Groene Hart (“Green Heart”) of the Dutch countryside, a lovely rural landscape of lakes, fields and small villages or opt to relax on deck or enjoy a hands-on experience with our chef, helping out with tonight’s dessert. After we’ve worked up an appetite, enjoy a beer tasting and dinner onboard.

**MS MAGNIFIQUE (B,L,D)**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**

**AALSMER / AMSTERDAM**

Depart from our barge early this morning for a rare opportunity to witness the Aalsmeer Flower Auction, where we watch the haggling and deal-making among flower vendors and get a taste of life behind the scenes of the tulip trade. Return to our river barge for brunch and sail back to Amsterdam. Explore Amsterdam independently this afternoon before reuniting with the group to celebrate the end of our journey at this evening’s farewell dinner onboard our barge.

**MS MAGNIFIQUE (B.L.D)**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

**AMSTERDAM / DISEMBARK / U.S.**

Disembark our river barge and transfer to Amsterdam’s international airport for departing flights back to the U.S. (B)
MS Magnifique

Unlike the many large vessels that most commonly ply these waterways, the MS Magnifique is akin to a bed-and-breakfast on the water, with small, cozy cabins; traditional portholes; and a delightful owner/captain to guide our way. Refurbished in early 2013, the river barge features an intimate lounge/bar and dining area on the main deck with large windows, along with two sun decks, one with a small Jacuzzi for relaxing soaks. Each cabin is appointed with twin beds, private bath, fixed portholes, climate control and a flat-screen TV. Chartered exclusively for Stanford, this traditional barge accommodates just 26 guests, as well as our faculty and staff, creating an intimate and casual atmosphere.

Program Cost*

Rates are per person, based on double occupancy, unless otherwise noted.

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*Association nonmembers add $300 per person.
**Single accommodations are limited at this rate.

BUILT: 1999, refurbished in 2013
REGISTRY: Koudum (Friesland), The Netherlands
LENGTH: 203 feet
BEAM: 24 feet
DRAFT: 5 feet
CRUISING SPEED: 9 knots
Rates are per person, based on double occupancy, baggage insurance

**INCLUDED**
- 2 nights of hotel accommodations
- 7-night cruise aboard the **MS Magnifique**
- 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 7 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Bottled water on excursions
- Gratuities to porters, guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities
- All tours and shore excursions as described in the itinerary
- Airport transfers and baggage handling on program arrival day and group transfer to the airport on departure day
- Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Port fees and embarkation taxes
- Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

**NOT INCLUDED**
- International and U.S. domestic airfare
- Passport and visa fees
- Medical expenses and immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for non-group services

**AIR ARRANGEMENTS**
- International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare between San Francisco and Amsterdam is approximately $1,100 as of March 2015 and is subject to change without notice.

**FUEL COSTS**
- In the uncertain, often volatile oil market of late, it is difficult to predict fuel costs over the long term and, more specifically, at the time of operation of this voyage. Our prices are based upon the prevailing fuel rates at the time of brochure printing. While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if the fuel rates increase significantly, it may be necessary to institute a fuel surcharge.

**WHAT TO EXPECT**
- We consider this program to be mildly strenuous, and at times, physically demanding and busy. Daily excursions involve one to two miles of walking in all weather and occasionally on uneven terrain such as cobblestone streets. Lunches are generally eaten independently while we are on excursions, and there are several days in which guests are off the vessel for a full day while it repositions. The MS Magnifique is a casual barge, not a luxury riverboat. Passenger cabins are reached via a steep flight of 14 stairs with a handrail; there is no elevator access. There are several optional opportunities for biking over flat terrain. Participants must be physically fit and in active good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

**Deposit & Final Payment**
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**DETAILED INFORMATION**
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Kitty Holden, ’67, Dutch Waterways, 2014