

Stanford **TRAVEL/STUDY**

Dutch Waterways

April 19 to 28, 2022

Journey through the idyllic countryside that inspired a genre and a generation of Dutch and Flemish masters with art history professor Alexander Nemerov. We've chartered the 28-passenger barge *MS Magnifique II*, on which we'll ply the region's scenic waterways—a marvelous labyrinth of locks and canals—for a truly unique and delightful cruising experience. Discover historical treasures in Gouda, Delft and The Hague, bike through the countryside, be awed by the iconic windmills of Kinderdijk and view the works of Dutch and Flemish artists at major museums. Highlights of our journey include a stop in Aalsmeer to attend the world's largest flower auction and a visit to Keukenhof—80 acres of more than 7 million bulbs and 800 varieties of tulips—at the peak of the blooming season.

FACULTY LEADER

Alexander Nemerov

Alexander Nemerov is the Carl and Marilyn Thoma Provostial Professor in the Arts and Humanities at Stanford, where he has taught since 2012. Prior to that, he spent 11 years in the department of the history of art at Yale. Named one of Stanford's top 10 professors by the *Daily*, Alexander teaches the popular course *How to Look at Art and Why*, as well as classes on van Gogh, Rembrandt and Vermeer. He has lectured on art in museums and universities around the United States and Europe, and he appears in the 2018 HBO documentary about the contemporary art market, *The Price of Everything*. From 2015 to 2021, Nemerov served as chair of Stanford's art and art history department, and in 2017 he gave the 66th annual Andrew W. Mellon Lectures at the National Gallery of Art, becoming the first Mellon lecturer to speak on American art. Nemerov's most recent book, *Fierce Poise: Helen Frankenthaler and 1950s New York* (Penguin, 2021) has been praised as "thrillingly alive" (*Vogue*) and a "collage-like narrative that conjures the glamor and bustle of postwar New York City" (*O, The Oprah Magazine*).

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Tuesday, April 19

AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

Arrive in Amsterdam and transfer to our hotel in the heart of the city. Rest after the flight or stroll through town before our welcome reception and dinner. CONSERVATORIUM HOTEL (D)

Wednesday, April 20

AMSTERDAM

After breakfast, depart on a city excursion to survey the rich artistic heritage of the Netherlands. Visit the Van Gogh Museum to explore the world's largest collection of the painter's work. After lunch on our own, enjoy free time in the Museumplein. Dine independently this evening. CONSERVATORIUM HOTEL (B)

Thursday, April 21

AMSTERDAM / EMBARK

Spend the morning at the Rijksmuseum, which is filled with masterpieces from the Dutch Golden Age.

After lunch on our own, take a canal boat ride to visit the Noordermarkt (Northern Market), the farmers market where protesters held their first public meetings against the Nazi deportation of Jews in 1941. Embark on the *Magnifique II* in the late afternoon. Enjoy dinner on board. MS *MAGNIFIQUE II* (B,D)

Friday, April 22

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 neighborhood in the 17th century, when Manhattan was a Dutch colony. After lunch on board, we begin our walking tour, which takes us by the Town Hall, seat 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 famed Müller pipe organ. Standing more than 100 feet high, with 5,000 pipes, this magnificent instrument was once played by Mozart and Handel. Continue to the Frans Hals Museum, located in a 17th-century almshouse and home to many of the master portrait painter's best-known works. MS *MAGNIFIQUE II* (B,L,D)

Saturday, April 23

LISSE / LEIDEN

After an early breakfast, set out to experience the sights and fragrances of Lisse's amazing Keukenhof, the world's largest flower garden, world-renowned for its seasonal display of more than 7 million blooming tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and other colorful spring bulbs. Stroll through acre after acre, taking in a stunningly beautiful scene that comes into being for only a brief moment each spring. Following lunch on our own, we drive the famous Flower Route, stopping in the elegant city of Leiden, home to the oldest university in the Netherlands. Dine together this evening on our barge. MS *MAGNIFIQUE II* (B,D)

Sunday, April 24

THE HAGUE / DELFT / ROTTERDAM

Begin the day in The Hague (Den Haag), the country's seat of government and home of the royal family. Our morning tour includes the Mauritshuis collection, which features works by Vermeer, Rembrandt and other celebrated Old Masters. Time permitting, we also stop at the extraordinary late-19th-century Panorama Mesdag, an immersive cylindrical landscape painting some 45 feet high and 400 feet around. 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 barge in Rotterdam Harbor in time for dinner. MS *MAGNIFIQUE II* (B,D)

Monday, April 25

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, the largest concentration of traditional windmills remaining in the Netherlands. Tour the 19 windmills, built in the late 1700s, then take an optional bike ride along the canals to soak in the beauty of this historic area. Reboard our barge and have lunch while cruising to Gouda, famous for the cheese produced here since the late 12th century. Our afternoon tour includes a visit to Gouda's Gothic Stadhuis (City Hall) and to Saint John's Church, with its world-famous stained glass windows. Dine independently at one of Gouda's fine restaurants this evening. MS *MAGNIFIQUE II* (B,L)

Tuesday, April 26

GOUDA / OUDE WETERING

Begin the day with a walking tour of Gouda, including the medieval Markt square. This afternoon choose to 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 traditional Dutch dessert. After we've worked up an appetite, enjoy a Dutch cheese-and-beer tasting and dinner on board. MS *MAGNIFIQUE II* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, April 27

AALSMEER / AMSTERDAM

Early this morning pay a visit to Aalsmeer's flower auction, the largest such event in the world, then enjoy a relaxing cruise back to Amsterdam. This afternoon stroll the city's charming streets or explore some of its most beloved sites before joining the group back on our barge for tonight's farewell reception and dinner. MS *MAGNIFIQUE II* (B,D)

Thursday, April 28

AMSTERDAM / DISEMBARK / HOME

Disembark the *Magnifique II* and transfer to Amsterdam's international airport for flights home. (B)

INFORMATION

Covid-19 and Travel

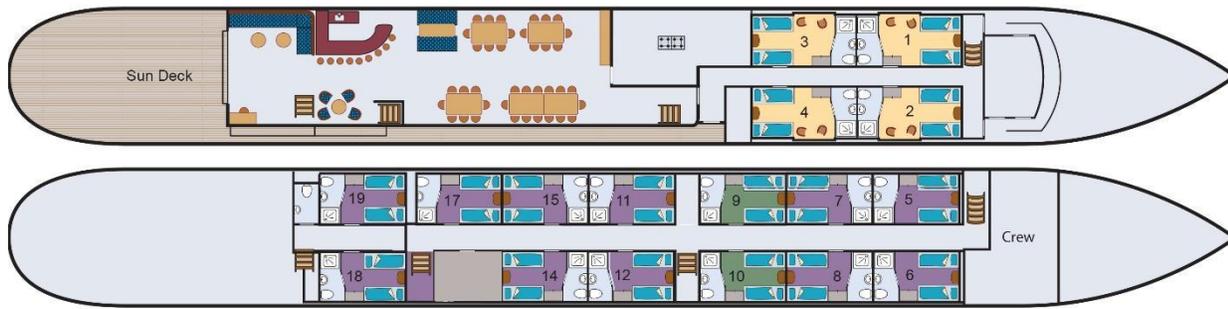
Due to the fluid nature of travel requirements and local Covid-19 conditions, travel protocols for our program will be shared with confirmed travelers closer to departure. To read more about Travel/Study's general approach to ensuring traveler health and safety, visit <https://alumni.stanford.edu/get/page/covidtravel>.

Size

This trip is limited to 26 participants. Single accommodations are limited.

About Our Ship

Unlike the many large vessels that ply the Dutch waterways, the MS *Magnifique II* combines modern features with the comfortable atmosphere of a traditional barge. Built in 2016, she features a tastefully furnished salon with a restaurant and bar on the upper deck, along with a teak sundeck. Cabins are appointed with twin beds, private baths, climate control and flat-screen TVs. The lower-deck cabins (Category A) have fixed portholes; the four upper-deck suites (Category AA) have large windows. Chartered exclusively for Stanford, the barge accommodates just 28 guests.



Cost*

Rates are per person, based on double or single occupancy, as specified.

Category	Description	Double Rate	Single Rate
A	Standard cabin on lower deck with fixed portholes 118 sq. ft.	\$10,295	—
A–Single	Standard cabin on lower deck with fixed portholes 118 sq. ft.	—	\$12,995
AA	Junior suite on sundeck with large windows 151 sq. ft.	\$12,795	—

*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add \$300 per person.

Included

- Educational program with lecture series and predeparture materials, including an education resource list and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Gratuities to guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities
- 2 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- 7-night cruise aboard the *MS Magnifique II*
- Port fees and embarkation taxes
- 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 7 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- On-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- General medical, accident and evacuation insurance

Not Included

- Your personal flights to and from the program
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- Baggage insurance

- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

Air Arrangements

You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you details with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

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 II* 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 opportunities for biking over flat terrain. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Eligibility

We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is \$300 more than the members' price. The nonmember fee is waived for anyone traveling as a paid guest of a current member, as well as for emerita or emeritus faculty and staff. To purchase a membership, call (650) 725-0692 or visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership.

Deposits, Payments and Cancellations

A \$1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space on this program. Final payment is due 120 days prior to program start. Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a \$500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to program start. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and we resell your place(s), in which case a \$1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance

Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian residents with general medical, accident and evacuation coverage, as well as on-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage, under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage and/or baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be included in your confirmation materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your insurance within 14 days of receiving your welcome email.

Responsibility

The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates include arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. We reserve the right to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. We also reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. It is understood that the ship's ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association, nor Stanford University, nor our operators accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect at the time the brochure is published and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign an Assumption of Risk.

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