VIKING

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Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Today's Weather: Partly Cloudy/Showers
9 – 17° C / 49 – 62° F

6:00-11:00 AM
Café Breakfast: Coffee and pastries are available at the coffee station in front of the Lounge.

6:00-11:00 AM
Continental Breakfast: A selection of beverages and breakfast items are available on the Aquavit Terrace.

7:00-10:00 AM
Breakfast: Enjoy a buffet breakfast and a choice of dishes cooked to order in the Restaurant.

9:30-10:30 AM
Post Extension Briefing Amsterdam: Join your Program Director Dominique in the Lounge for some information about places of interest and how to get around in Amsterdam. There will also be time for questions and answers about Amsterdam. For all guests who are staying in Amsterdam after the cruise.

10:30-12:00 PM
Open Wheelhouse: Join Captain Josef inside the wheelhouse and learn how the ship is navigated.

12:00 PM
Lunch: Join us for lunch in the Restaurant, or if you prefer, enjoy a lighter buffet-style lunch on the Aquavit Terrace.

Approx. 1:30 PM
Welcome to Gorinchem: *Viking Lofn* makes a brief stop in Gorinchem where guests will leave the ship for the optional afternoon excursion.

1:45-6:30 PM
Optional Excursion: Kinderdijk Windmills & Dutch Cheese Making. An Insider's Taste of Holland's Most Delicious Export.

Approx. 4:00 PM
Welcome to Kinderdijk: *Viking Lofn* arrives in Kinderdijk, The Netherlands.

4:30-6:30 PM
Shore Excursion: Kinderdijk Windmills. Visit to the Kinderdijk Windmills, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

5:30-7:30 PM
Cocktail Hour: Enjoy one of our cocktails and live music in the Lounge.

6:45 PM
Cast Off! *Viking Lofn* leaves Kinderdijk for Amsterdam.

7:00 PM
Captain's Cocktail Party: Join Captain Josef for a farewell toast to celebrate your Viking journey, new friends and memories made.

7:15 PM
Farewell Dinner: Join fellow travelers in the Restaurant for a farewell dinner.

7:15 PM
Bar Menu: Enjoy a casual meal on the Aquavit Terrace.

9:15 PM
Evening Entertainment: We welcome you to the Lounge for music and dancing.

SHIP INFORMATION

Ship Phone Numbers:
Reception: 00 49 152 225 38 692
Program Director: 00 49 152 225 38 694

Ship Location: Kinderdijk, The Netherlands

Wi-Fi password: Stateroom number and last name

Please note: Because of the nature of data bandwidth and latency, as well as potential interruptions in satellite signals based on terrain, weather, bridges and locks, you may experience slower online connections than you are accustomed to at home.

Departure Information

Time to place your luggage outside your stateroom door	Room number and colored tags for your luggage	Transfer flight number	Time of departure from ship
3:30 AM	Pink (color) Ribbon 113 (1), 115 (1), 117	LH 2311, DL 133	4:30 AM
4:45 AM	Light Green (color) Ribbon 105, 111, 120 (1), 323, 328	LH 1003, UA 71 DL 47, KL 605 KL 601	5:45 AM
5:45 AM	Brown (color) Ribbon 101, 104, 106 (1), 114, 116 (1), 119, 123, 221, 234, 236, 312, 320, 331	BA 429, AA 221 DL 161, DL 135 AA 203, UA 908 UA 21	6:45 AM
6:45 AM	Orange (color) Ribbon 108, 110, 112, 215, 232	BA 431, AC 825 UA 947	7:45 AM
7:45 AM	Red (color) Ribbon 205, 222, 305, 309, 315, 317	DL 9382, KL 611 DL 145, DL 75	8:45 AM
8:00 AM	Purple (color) Ribbon 227, 319, 321	DL 137, KL 641	9:45 AM
8:00 AM	Blue (color) Ribbon 340	EI605	11:30 AM
1 Hour Before Departure and Latest 8:00 AM	Black or White (color) Ribbon 102, 103 (1), 107, 109, 118, 121, 122, 125, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 216, 217, 219, 223, 224, 225 (1), 226, 228, 229 (1), 230, 231, 233, 235, 237, 301 (1), 303, 304, 307, 308, 311, 313, 316, 324, 325, 327, 329, 330, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 341	Individual	Individual

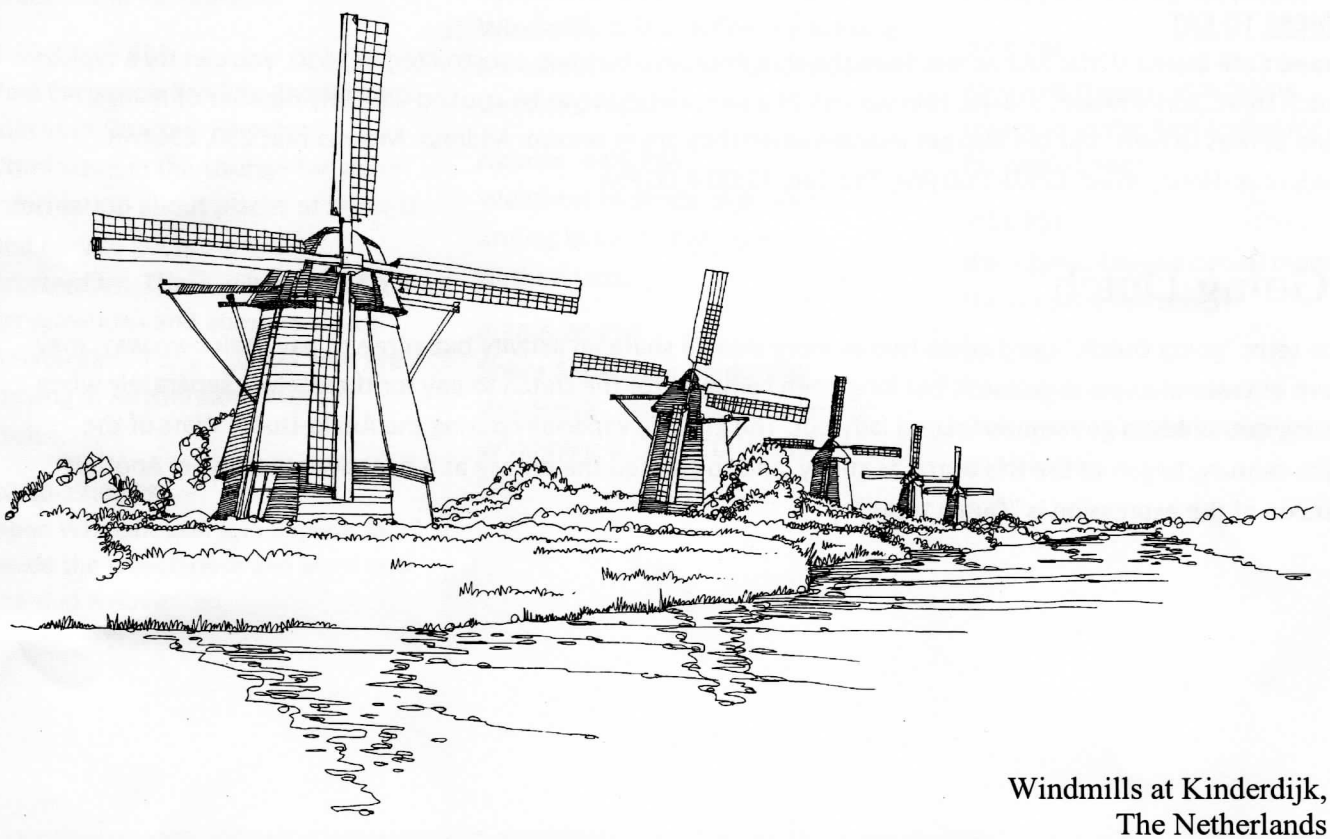
Windmills of Kinderdijk

The Netherlands is, of course, famous for its windmills, with none so captivating as those you can explore at Kinderdijk, a village in the province of South Holland, about 15 kilometers east of Rotterdam.

Granted UNESCO World Heritage Site status in 1997, the windmills of Kinderdijk are used to pump water from the polders using internal or external scoops into reservoirs on two levels. At one time, there were more than 150 windmills in the Alblasserwaard and Vijfheerenlanden area; today the total is only 28, of which 19 are in the Kinderdijk area.

The eight mills that survive on De Nederwaard were all built in 1738. They are bonnet mills (only the top section revolves with the wind), built from brick and with large sails that come within one foot of the ground, and thus are nicknamed "ground sailors." Eight mills are also in place on De Overwaard. All date from 1740, although one was reconstructed in the 1980s.

In the words of the UNESCO organization: "The Kinderdijk-Elshout mill network is an outstanding man-made landscape that bears powerful testimony to human ingenuity and fortitude over nearly a millennium in draining and protecting an area by the development and application of hydraulic technology."



Windmills at Kinderdijk,
The Netherlands

Things to see & do: Kinderdijk

Kinderdijk, the only place in the world with so many windmills so close together, represents the courageous fight of the Dutch against the sea. The village of Kinderdijk is surrounded by the Groene Hart (Green Heart), an extensive peat landscape right in the middle of Randstad, the bustling region of Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague and Utrecht. An oasis of peace and quiet, filled with harmless wildlife, Groene Hart is a marvelous place to go for a walk or bike ride. You can follow one of the well-maintained footpaths or venture off the path. Even a short-distance walk is definitely worth the time.

WHERE TO GO

Best view of the windmills: When you leave the ship, cross the street and turn right. Walk along the Molenstraat as far as the wooden fence, and you will be rewarded with a perfect view of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Boat ride: Take a scenic, half-hour boat ride on a canal where you can view the 19 historic windmills of Kinderdijk. The dock for embarkation is across from the souvenir store. The clock at the dock tells you when the next departure is scheduled. Hours: Apr-Oct, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM. Fee: €4.50 (approx. $6/£4).

Bike ride: Want to experience Kinderdijk in a more active way? A great way to explore the beauty of this area is by bicycle, as the city is crisscrossed by multiple bike paths. Bikes can be rented at the souvenir store on top of the dike and at the souvenir store close to the windmills. Fee: €3 per hour (approx. $3.50/£2).

WHERE TO EAT

Grand Café Buena Vista: Just across from the ship dock, in a building constructed in 1630, you can try a typical Dutch treat, *pannenkoek*, a large, thin version of a pancake that can be cooked with any number of fillings, from berries to ham. You can also get mussels when they are in season. Address: Molenstraat 230, 2961AR Kinderdijk. Hours: Wed, 12:00-5:00 PM; Thu-Sun, 12:00-9:00 PM.

"Going Dutch"

The term "going Dutch," used when two or more people share an activity but agree to pay their own way, may have its cultural origin as a slur. It has long been common for the Dutch to pay for themselves separately when dining out, unless a gentleman takes a lady out. The English, especially during the Anglo-Dutch Wars of the 17th century, began to see the Dutch as stingy, and so created the phrase as a negative stereotype. Another version of the expression is "Dutch treat."

VIKING GUEST SERVICES

Want to reserve a table at the best restaurant? Order theater tickets? Book a spa appointment? Arrange for a private guide? Just like a hotel concierge, our Viking Guest Services staff are available 24 hours and will happily handle any request. Ask about special performances, events, festivals and seasonal exhibits.