

ROM

The Traveller

Volume 63, Spring 2024

Flemish Masterpiece Amsterdam, Bruges, and Beyond by Boat

April 28 to May 10, 2025



Figure 1: Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. © Nikolai Karaneshev, Wikimedia Commons, 2016.

Enjoy a delightful spring getaway to the Low Countries filled with cities, gardens, markets, museums, and local food. Throughout history, The Netherlands and Belgium have been a rich source of art, flowers, and gastronomic excellence. On our exciting 12-day itinerary, we will sail from Amsterdam to Bruges, navigating the waterways on a luxury river boat. Discover flower markets and gardens at their peak, and see famous masterpieces by Vermeer, Bruegel, and van Gogh, and the locations where they painted them. Dr. Alette Fleischer, a Dutch art historian who is knowledgeable about both Flemish fine art and the art and business of flower growing, will provide unique insights.



Figure 2: The Market Square, Bruges, Belgium. © Belgium-36, Wikimedia Commons, 2017.

There is so much to see and experience, and the best way to do it is slowly... savouring it by water. As a special experience we will be in The Netherlands for National Liberation Day celebrations.

Along with wonderful art in Amsterdam, we will also see the towns from where the artists came, and where their masterpieces originated. The countryside trip will take us by huge

fields of colour and will provide a unique opportunity to attend flower auctions, talk to growers and learn about “Flower Culture” at the world-famous Keukenhof, the “Garden of Europe”. The area’s culinary delights also await, from local cheeses to chocolate in the shops where it is made.

In addition to Amsterdam, we will see Ghent and Bruges, one of the most beautiful medieval cities in Europe.

Experience it all with like-minded travellers, a local expert resource, and an experienced ROM Coordinator.

Learn more on our [website](#).



Figure 3: Tulips at a flower seller’s kiosk, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. © Ioann Mark Kuznietsov, unsplash, 2017.

Coordinator:

Eric Morrison 416.586.8034

travel@rom.on.ca

Cost:

\$13,450 per person, double occupancy.

International flights not included.

Travel arrangements by:

Georgia Hardy Travel

Bryan Bonnah

647.343.1708 extension 2

kathleen@hardytours.com

Ontario Registration Number: 2747543

Timeless Thailand and Cambodia's Angkor Wat

November 2 to 16, 2024



Figure 4: Grand Palace, Bangkok, Thailand. © Wally Yang, Unsplash, 2023.

Discover Thailand's timeless history and the cultural wonders of locations like Angkor Wat, Cambodia's iconic UNESCO World Heritage site.

Into the Northwest Passage

August 16 to September 1, 2025



Figure 5: Iceberg, Greenland. © Dennis Minty, 2022.

The Arctic. Iconic. Majestic. Mysterious. Journey with us on an incredible expedition with Adventure Canada into the north and through the Northwest Passage.

Coordinator:

Sherrie Ann Pollock 416.586.8034

travel@rom.on.ca

Cost:

\$11,425 per person, double occupancy.
International flights not included.

Travel arrangements by:

Worldwide Quest International

Laurielle Penny 416.633.5666 or

1.800.387.1483

laurielle@worldwidequest.com

Ontario Registration Numbers: 2667946
and 1667935

Our itinerary includes immersive experiences and unprecedented sights, from vast ice floes and massive icebergs to a variety of wildlife. Visit and learn about Arctic communities, their art, and ways of life in both Canada and Greenland. Get to know other like-minded travellers in what will be a memorable experience.

Coordinator:

Jeannie Baldwin 416.586.8034

travel@rom.on.ca

Cost:

From \$14,495 United States Dollars per person, depending on cabin category.
Flights not included.

Looking Forward: Upcoming Trips

Berlin and Warsaw: Two Capitals Reborn, October 2025



Figure 6: Reichstag, Germany. © Cezary p, Wikimedia Commons, 2007.

See Germany and Poland through the lens of each capital city. Explore the complicated histories and spectacular post-communist renaissance of these vibrant capitals. Enjoy special behind-the-scenes access and gain fascinating insights.

Coordinator:
Margaret Magdziak 416.586.8034
travel@rom.on.ca

Argentina: Land of Contrasts, November 2025

Get away to sunny Argentina! Let Buenos Aires, “the Paris of South America”, enchant, then continue this engaging itinerary with an exploration of the breathtaking landscapes and wildlife of Patagonia. Indulge your eyes and palate visiting wineries in Mendoza and enjoy nature at its best at Iguazú Falls.

Coordinator:
Elida Huignard 416.586.8034
travel@rom.on.ca



Figure 7: Rodin's The Thinker statue at Plaza Congreso, Buenos Aires, Argentina. © Fabián Minetti, Wikimedia Commons, 2004.

Waiting List

Eternal Egypt and Jewels of Jordan, November 19 to December 5, 2024

Coordinator:
Neera Chopra 416.586.8034
travel@rom.on.ca

Postcard from Three Cities: Budapest, Vienna and Prague



Figure 8: Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna, Austria. © LMih, Wikimedia Commons, 2011.

Can you ever experience too much great art, too many fabulous palaces, too many gorgeous buildings? Well, a ROMTravel trip went to find out last October, visiting Budapest, Vienna and Prague, three of Europe's most beautiful cities, and they lived up to their billing.

Christopher Hume, Urban Affairs & Architecture columnist at the “The Toronto Star” gave ROM travellers his perspective on why these livable cities are so different from our own.

Visual arts, the music and the food delighted us. The Vienna State Opera mesmerized us with Tosca – there were 80 people on stage in one scene of soaring music. We talked to a young Canadian woman singing in the chorus about opera life behind-the-scenes.

These were just a few of the unforgettable, unique memories that we took home with us. In all, it was a trip that was a delight for the mind and for the senses. And it definitively answered the question...you can never experience too much beauty.

ROMTravel

100 Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M5S 2C6

Phone 416.586.8034

Email travel@rom.on.ca

Website www.rom.on.ca

ROMTravel is organized by ROM's Department of Museum Volunteers to provide support for the Museum. ROM is an agency of the Government of Ontario.

This accessible document is available in alternate formats upon request.

ROM