The Michigan State University Alumni Association presents

**RIVER LIFE™**

along the

**Waterways of Holland • Belgium**

cruising aboard the Deluxe M.S. AMALYRA

with MSU Professor Dr. Alan Prather

April 17 to 25, 2012

featuring

**FLORIADÉ**

World Horticultural Exposition

Held only once every 10 years!
Dear Alumni and Friends:

Come celebrate the beauty of Holland and Belgium in springtime, the optimal season for this culturally rich, seven-night cruise aboard the M.S. AMALYRA, showcasing river life along the Low Countries’ storied waterways.

We invite you to join us and experience the wonders of Holland’s breathtaking tulip fields in full bloom and a special opportunity to attend the amazing FLORIADE 2012 World Horticultural Exposition, held only once every 10 years! This kaleidoscope of unique flora from around the world will highlight “living nature” and its interconnection with health, the environment, “going green” and sustainable and pioneering architecture on a global platform. And as an added benefit, MSU Professor Alan Prather will join you on this tour to share his knowledge of the region’s flora.

Throughout the cruise, discover the true essence of life in the Low Countries. Our expert-guided tours explore three UNESCO World Heritage sites, including Amsterdam’s 16th- and 17th-century, house-lined canals, the historic windmills of Kinderdijk and the well-preserved, medieval jewel of Bruges. Experience the daily traditions at the legendary Aalsmeer Flower Auction and rich history and artistic legacy of the world-class Rijksmuseum. Enriching lectures and the exclusive VILLAGE FORUM, featuring local residents’ personal perspectives, provide an insider’s view of modern life and cultural heritage. You can also learn to speak some Dutch, making your immersion in daily life all the more interesting.

Deluxe accommodations aboard the state-of-the-art M.S. AMALYRA, one of Europe’s newest river vessels, complement the picturesque canals that weave through this delightful polder land.

An exceptional value, our program includes all accommodations, meals and excursions, as well as the convenience of unpacking just once. RIVER LIFE™ ALONG THE WATERWAYS OF HOLLAND AND BELGIUM is consistently praised by our past travelers as the ideal Holland and Belgium experience. So don’t delay, space sells quickly. We encourage you to make your reservation today!

Go Green!

Regina Cross
Travel Coordinator
MSU Alumni Association

Alan Prather (Ph.D., University of Texas, 1995) joined MSU’s faculty in 1997 and is an Associate Professor and Director of the MSU Herbarium in the Department of Plant Biology. He studies plant systematics and the evolution of pollination systems. He has described several new species in the Phlox and Mint families and has traveled through many of the mountainous regions of Central and South America in search of more. For the next few years, a lot of Alan’s effort will be focused on a grant from the National Science Foundation to work with natural history collections across the U.S. to learn how to better use specimens in science and education. In 2009, he served as faculty host for the MSUAA tour to the Amazon.

A minimum number of participants are needed to send the MSU host.

Travellers, whether alumni or friends, must be current MSUAA members to participate in Association travel offerings. Forty-five dollars ($45) establishes a one-year single membership with all other Association benefits. Joint membership is $55. Children under 18 may travel on parents’ membership. Membership dues are non-refundable. Please make dues payable by separate check to Michigan State University. You may also join on-line at www.msualum.com or call toll free (888) 697-2863.

Go Green!

Enjoy the delightful atmosphere of Bruges, one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Europe.
Experience firsthand the true character, traditions and daily rhythms — “a way of life” — in Amsterdam, Antwerp and the charming and historic towns of Volendam, Willemsstad and Bruges on this exclusive River Life™ Along the Waterways of Holland and Belgium cruise. One of the highly successful and exceptional value offerings in the Village Life™ series, this unique program immerses you for one full week in a comprehensive and personal travel experience at just the right pace. All accommodations, meals, carefully planned excursions and featured Cultural Enrichments are included and are only available in this exclusively arranged travel program. And, reserve by the Early Booking date for a special savings!

The state-of-the-art M.S. AmLyra has been specially selected for your deluxe accommodations. It features superior service and skillfully prepared regional cuisine, and, you will unpack only once!

Cultural Enrichments are key educational components of River Life™ Along the Waterways of Holland and Belgium and offer you a travel experience like no other:

♦ Hear it from the Experts! Prominent faculty and experienced, English-speaking local guides will accompany you throughout the program and talk about historical, cultural and contemporary Holland and Belgium.

♦ Learn key phrases and pronunciation that will enable a more lively and personal interaction with locals during the specially arranged introduction to the Dutch language.

♦ Meet locals—residents share their candid perspectives on daily life in the Low Countries during the exclusive Village Forum™, and the molenaar (miller) at Kinderdijk gives you an insider’s look of Holland’s most famous windmills.

♦ Explore the wonders of the world’s foremost horticultural exposition at Floriade; the rich artistic heritage of the Rijksmuseum and the marvelous medieval architecture of Amsterdam and Bruges.

♦ Enjoy time on your own—stroll along the charming boulevards of Antwerp, sample rich Belgian chocolates in Bruges and observe the rhythms of life in Amsterdam’s Dam Square.
**DAY BY DAY ITINERARY**

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| 2   | AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS/ EMBARK M.S. AMALYRA.  
  - Private canal cruise. |
| 3   | AMSTERDAM/VOLENDAM  
  - Volendam walking tour.  
  CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:  
  - Tour of Rijksmuseum.  
  - VILLAGE FORUM™. |
| 4   | ARNHEM/VENLO  
  - FLORIADE horticultural exposition. |
| 5   | ANTWERP, BELGIUM  
  - City tour.  
  - Visit to Cathedral of Our Lady. |
| 6   | GHENT/BRUGES  
  - Private canal cruise in Bruges.  
  - Bruges walking tour. |
| 7   | WILLEMSTAD/KINDERDIJK  
  - Walking tour in Willemstad.  
  - Visit to Kinderdijk.  
  CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:  
  - Meet Kinderdijk’s molenaar. |
| 8   | UTRECHT/AMSTERDAM  
  - Aalsmeer Daily Flower Auction.  
  - Visit to Keukenhof Gardens. |
| 9   | AMSTERDAM/ DISEMBARK M.S. AMALYRA/ RETURN TO THE U.S. |

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

A private canal cruise offers a unique glimpse of the most noteworthy landmarks and a firsthand look at the integral role waterways and canals have played for centuries in the life of this city. Ringed by concentric canals lined with UNESCO World Heritage site 16th- and 17th-century row houses, charming houseboats and world-renowned museums, Amsterdam is brimming with history and artistic wealth. See the Rijksmuseum’s prestigious collection of the Dutch masters’ works.

Volendam

Eighteenth-century row houses, sleepy canals and a picturesque waterfront evoke the glory days of the Zuiderzee and typify the beauty and charm of the Dutch fishing port of Volendam, where many residents still don the traditional dress of the region. Built along the top of a dike, the village’s primary...
thoroughfare is lined with colorful cafés and purveyors of fresh fish, handmade cheeses and a myriad of traditional crafts.

**Venlo/FLORIADE**

In 2012, Venlo is the host city for FLORIADE, Europe's largest global horticultural exposition. Held only once every 10 years, this dazzling international showcase features flora from around the world, never-seen-before sustainable architecture and exquisite floral and plant displays.

**Antwerp, Belgium**

Antwerp preserves its Flemish culture and charm in its Old Town. A labyrinth of squares and narrow passages lead into the spectacular Grote Markt, where beautifully preserved guildhalls once bustled with Antwerp's 17th-century merchants and tradesmen. It is also a repository of the 17th-century Baroque masterpieces of the city's native son, Peter Paul Rubens. See Rubens' masterpieces, *Resurrection* and *Assumption*, in the Cathedral of Our Lady, the pride of Belgium with its remarkable 47-bell carillon and soaring 404-foot, delicately ornamented spire.

**Bruges**

From the Market Square to the Chapel of the Holy Blood, Bruges exudes the timeless atmosphere of Europe on the eve of the Renaissance. This UNESCO World Heritage site is one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Europe, built around a double ring of picturesque canals and connected by charming arched foot bridges. The magnificent façades of opulent cathedrals and deftly crafted stone guildhalls, where merchants conducted business, stand as reminders of the incredible wealth and power Bruges once possessed. See Bruges' treasured architecture, virtually untouched since the 15th century, from the very best perspective—aboard your private canal cruise.

**Willemstad**

The fortified town of Willemstad retains an aura of the 16th century in its timeless harbor, green polder landscape and the well-preserved ramparts and bastions established by William of Orange, for whom the town was renamed.

**Kinderdijk**

Designated a national monument and a UNESCO World Heritage site, Holland's greatest concentration of old windmills provides an opportunity to see firsthand the internal workings of an authentic windmill. Little has changed here since the mid-18th century, when 19 tall, wooden windmills were erected side by side at Kinderdijk to drain the Alblasserwaard, one of many regions in The Netherlands below sea level. Though no longer used to monitor water levels, the windmills are still one of Holland's most picturesque sights and represent examples of the exceptionally advanced achievements of 18th-century Dutch engineering.

**Aalsmeer**

Since the 17th century, flowers have been a major Dutch industry. Visit the Aalsmeer Daily Flower Auction, the world's largest, where the international market prices for flowers and plants are determined each day. Almost 19 million flowers are sold to distributors each day in the world's third largest building (10.6 million square feet).

Step back in time in the charming port of Volendam, a traditional Dutch fishing village.
**M.S. AmaLyra**
The deluxe, state-of-the-art M.S. AmaLyra sets a new standard in European river cruising and offers grand comfort and style while providing superior personal service by a friendly, professional crew.

All Staterooms are outside and most feature French balconies (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors with iron railings). Each Stateroom has a private bathroom and provides the fine amenities of a deluxe hotel including individual temperature control, stylish plush bedding, Infotainment System, Internet access, hair dryer, safe and bathrobes.

The M.S. AmaLyra’s dining room accommodates all guests in a single, unassigned seating. Regional cuisine is prepared with fresh local produce. Early risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Complimentary house wines from local vintners are served with dinner.

Public areas include a tastefully appointed, spacious Main Lounge with full-length windows and nightly entertainment, a Bar, a quieter Aft Lounge, an expansive Sun Deck with lower Sun Deck and teak Front Deck, a whirlpool, a beauty salon and a spa and fitness area.

Bicycles are available on board free of charge when the ship is in port for passengers to bike ride along riverside paths.

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**Keukenhof Gardens**
Keukenhof’s name translates to “kitchen garden” and was inspired by Countess Jacoba of Bavaria who lived in a nearby castle and maintained her herb garden on this site in the early 15th century.

Currently a brilliant and breathtaking tapestry of colors and fragrance when in full bloom, Keukenhof Gardens is deservedly known as the “Greatest Flower Show on Earth.” More than seven million flowers are expected to be in bloom across this 77-acre wooded park in a dazzling display of color, unlike any other on earth, weather permitting. A showcase for Dutch bulb growers, Keukenhof Gardens features more than 1,000 varieties of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths.

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**Amsterdam Pre-Cruise Option**
Enjoy an exclusive two-night Pre-Cruise Option in historic Amsterdam, featuring deluxe accommodations. A tour of the city acquaints you with its landmarks and famous monuments. On the guided tour, walk through Jordaan, the most picturesque neighborhood in Amsterdam and a center for art, musicians and antiques; and visit the small but impressive Anne Frank House museum. Enjoy time at leisure in this city known for its vibrant culture and friendly people.

Pre-Cruise Option is available at additional cost. Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
FLORIADE

World Horticultural Exposition
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Explore FLORIADE, the world’s largest horticultural exposition, held only once every 10 years. Inspired by Holland’s singular reputation for dazzling, expansive tulip fields, this unique opportunity offers one-of-a-kind flora; the best landscape architecture; the best of innovative, “green” architecture; a showcase of floral design; the interconnection of horticulture and health; and a display of advanced growing techniques.

Near The Netherlands/Germany border, in Venlo, one of the regions that form the driving force of the entire Dutch horticultural industry, nations from around the world will gather to create a blossoming horticultural universe of never-seen-before sustainable architecture and exquisite flowers, plants, trees, fruits and vegetables characteristic of the flora unique to each country. This global spectacle becomes a living, breathing representation of how horticulture benefits and influences the economy, education, environment, art, architecture, entertainment, relaxation and healing. FLORIADE 2012 defines the interconnection between nature and culture.

Rich in history and archaeological elements, Venlo will showcase its medieval fortification system and artifacts, dating from the Mesolithic Period and the Bronze and Iron Ages throughout FLORIADE 2012, and the site will remain a sustainable entity.

Included Features

On board the Deluxe M.S. AMALYRA
♦ Seven-night cruise round trip Amsterdam, with port calls at Volendam, Arnhem (for FLORIADE), Willemsstad, Kinderdijk and Utrecht, The Netherlands; and Antwerp and Ghent (for Bruges), Belgium.
♦ Spacious, deluxe accommodations in an outside Stateroom with private bathroom facilities.
♦ Captain’s welcome and farewell receptions.
♦ All meals—breakfast, lunch and dinner—featuring regional cuisine served at single seatings, as well as early risers’ coffee, afternoon tea and late-evening snack.
♦ Complimentary house wine served with dinner.

Tours and Excursions led by Expert Local Guides
♦ Private cruise along Amsterdam’s canals, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
♦ Walking tour of the charming fishing village of Volendam, where traditional Dutch attire is still worn.
♦ Antwerp city tour, featuring a visit to the Cathedral of Our Lady.
♦ Full-day excursion to Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with private canal cruise.
♦ Walking tour of Willemsstad.
♦ Tour of the legendary windmills at Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
♦ Visit to the Aalsmeer Daily Flower Auction to observe the nearly 19 million flowers and plants that are sold and shipped around the world each day.
♦ Excursion to the Keukenhof Gardens, one of the world’s greatest floral exhibitions.

Exclusive Cultural Enrichments
♦ Excursion to the FLORIADE, World Horticultural Expo.
♦ Guided tour of the prestigious Rijksmuseum.
♦ Exclusive Village Forum™ with local citizens who will discuss life in Holland and Belgium.
♦ Meet the molenaar at Kinderdijk.

Comprehensive Travel Services
♦ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants who have purchased their international air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
♦ All excursions and visits, as indicated above, led by experienced, English-speaking local guides.
♦ Gratuities for local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
♦ Experienced Program Director to accompany you throughout the travel program.
♦ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
♦ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
♦ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Amsterdam Pre-Cruise.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $________ as deposit. Make checks payable to 2012 River Life along the Waterways of Holland and Belgium.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $________ to:

- Visa
- MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by January 13, 2012.

Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.
Historical Amsterdam is a city of canals and charming 16th- and 17th-century merchants' houses.

CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS.

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DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by September 9, 2011. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.

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