Dutch Waterways
on Amadeus Silver II
April 25-May 3, 2019
with Peter Bol, Vice Provost for Advances in Learning
Study Leader

Peter K. Bol is the Vice Provost for Advances in Learning at Harvard University, where he oversees strategic initiatives that promote best practices in education and inform methods for leading and online learning through research and education data science. He is responsible for HarvardX, an online platform that enables faculty to create open online learning experiences and to enable groundbreaking research in online pedagogies.

As the Charles H. Carswell Professor of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Peter’s academic research is centered on the history of China’s cultural elites at the national and local levels from the seventh to the 17th century. Together with William Kirby he teaches ChinaX, a HarvardX course.

Peter also led Harvard’s university-wide effort to establish support for geospatial analysis in teaching and research and in 2005 he was named the first director of the Center for Geographic Analysis. Peter’s lecture topics for this trip will be announced closer to departure.

Amsterdam’s Canal Ring, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is lined with three times as many bridges as Venice.

It is said that “God created the earth, but the Dutch created the Netherlands.” Indeed, not only did they wrest a portion of their land from the sea, but they built upon it an enchanted realm carpeted by vibrant flowers and laced with storied waterways.

Delight in this exclusively chartered river cruise aboard the deluxe AMADEUS SILVER II, one of the finest ships to ply the waterways of Europe. Celebrate the beauty of Holland and old-world Flanders in blissful springtime.

Explore two UNESCO World Heritage sites—Amsterdam’s 16th- and 17th-century canals and the medieval Flemish jewel of Bruges. Experience this region’s pastoral history with visits to “Golden Age” Hoorn, the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, the old Hanseatic city of Kampen, ancient Maastricht, the mercantile town of Antwerp, and medieval Ghent.

Walk through the World War II American Military Cemetery in Margraten and discover the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum. Learn more about the rich history of Flanders and the Netherlands’ modern life and cultural heritage during an exclusive River Life® Forum with local residents.

Enjoy an included, guided excursion in every port, deluxe accommodations and all meals—an excellent value.

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A LITTLE MORE TO IT

Many of the cities and towns being visited were founded centuries ago, and the terrain is rugged. Therefore, a fair amount of walking along narrow cobblestone streets, stone floors or uneven and/or slippery terrain and climbing several flights of stairs (some without railings) is to be expected. Walking excursions often cover distances of at least one mile/1.6 km and are approximately three hours in length.

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Schedule by Day

THURSDAY, APRIL 25
Depart the U.S.
Board your overnight flight to Brussels.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
Brussels, Belgium/Ghent
Arrive in Brussels and transfer to Ghent to embark AMADEUS SILVER II. Enjoy the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening. (r,d)

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
Ghent for Bruges
The industrial history of Ghent is evident in the 12th- to 17th-century guildhalls lining the quay. In St. Bavo’s Cathedral, see the Van Eyck brothers’ magnificent altarpiece of the Adoration of the Mystic Lamb. After lunch, traverse the Flemish countryside to fairytale Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage site of virtually untouched medieval architecture, built around a double ring of charming canals connected by arched foot bridges and renowned for hand-crafted chocolates. Enjoy a walking tour from the Market Square to the magnificent Gothic-style Chapel of the Holy Blood to see timeless and deftly crafted stone guildhalls and opulent churches. (b,l,d)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
Antwerp
The Old Town of Antwerp preserves its charming Flemish culture in a labyrinth of squares and passages that lead to the vibrant Grote Markt, where beautifully preserved guildhalls once bustled with 16th-century merchants. In the Cathedral of Our Lady, where a delicately ornamented spire soars at 401 feet and a remarkable carillon rings with 47 bells, see the 17th-century Baroque masterpieces of the city’s native son, Peter Paul Rubens, including paintings of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, The Raising of the Cross, and The Descent from the Cross. (b,l,d)

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: During your leisure time in Maastricht, enjoy a traditional slice of vlaai (sweet flan) and coffee amid medieval scenery.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30
Nijmegen for Kröller-Müller Museum
Scenic Nijmegen, one of the oldest cities in the Netherlands, was settled in the first century B.C. and hosts many well-preserved buildings, including the 15th-century town hall and Latin school, the 16th-century, Renaissance-style Waag (weighing hall), and a series of quaint, 17th-century houses. Overlooking the River Waal, Valkhof Hill features the impressive ancient Barbarossa Ruins and ninth-century Carolingian chapel.

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What is Included:

- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by Harvard Study Leader, Peter K. Bol
- Seven-night river cruise aboard the deluxe *Amadeus Silver II*
- Complimentary wine and beer served with lunch and dinner
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- Exclusive RiverLife® Forum with local residents who will discuss life in the Low Countries
- A guided tour of the Kröller-Müller Museum for exploration of the Low Countries’s artistic heritage
- All activities, excursions, entrance fees, and meals per detailed itinerary
- Taxes and gratuities to ship personnel, guides, and drivers
- Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions
- Services of a tour manager throughout the program
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s)
- $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance

Among the heathlands and dunes of the Netherlands’ largest national park, De Hoge Veluwe, is the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum, lauded for its chronological collection of van Gogh’s masterpieces, the second largest collection in the world. (b,l,d)

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Enjoy a guided tour of the museum and see works by Picasso, Monet, Renoir, and Manet, as well as captivating late 19th- to 21st-century pieces by Rodin, Moore, and Dubuffet, wreathed in the idyllic woodland scenery of the 60-acre sculpture garden.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

**Kampen/Hoorn**

A quintessential Dutch town, the old Hanseatic League city of Kampen on the River IJssel maintains one of the best-preserved old town centers in the Netherlands. See the remnants of the medieval city walls, the Old Town Hall and the 17th-century New Tower.

A prominent harbor in the 17th century, Hoorn became one of Holland’s most important centers of trade during the Golden Age as the home of the Dutch East India Company, the first multinational corporation in the world. Walk along the lively harbor and admire the landmark 16th-century Hoofdtoren tower, one of the city’s last preserved defenses. (b,l,d)

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:** During a private, specially arranged concert in the Gothic Bovenkerk (church), listen to the intonation of more than 3,000 pipes resonating from the 18th-century Hinsz organ.

Explore Kampen’s nautical heritage—which extends from the Kogge Shipyard to the fine local fish cuisine—at your leisure.

**THURSDAY, MAY 2**

**Amsterdam**

Amsterdam’s canal district—a UNESCO World Heritage site where canals weave between 16th- and 17th-century merchant row houses, charming houseboats, and world-renowned museums—is brimming with history and artistic wealth.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening. (b,l,r,d)

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:** A private canal cruise offers a unique look at the integral role of waterways in this city, which began as a simple fishing village and flourished into the 17th century’s foremost economic center, producing master artists such as Rembrandt and van Gogh.

In the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, stroll through a vivid, sprawling tableau of colorful blooming tulips.

**FRIDAY, MAY 3**

**Amsterdam/U.S.**

Disembark the ship and continue on the Amsterdam Post-Cruise Option, or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. (b)
Keukenhof Gardens
A brilliant and breathtaking tapestry of color and fragrance when in full bloom, Keukenhof is affectionately known as the “Garden of Europe” and is meticulously landscaped, complete with tranquil ponds, gentle streams, and winding, tree-shaded paths. Our program is during the height of Holland’s spectacular spring, when more than seven million flowers are expected to blossom across this 79-acre wooded park.

Keukenhof (kitchen garden) was inspired by the early 15th-century Countess Jacoba of Bavaria, who resided in a nearby castle and tended an herb and vegetable garden on this site. Today, Keukenhof Gardens is an international showcase for the Dutch floriculture industry. Exhibitors feature more than 1,000 varieties of tulips, along with daffodils, hyacinths, orchids, roses, carnations, irises, and lilies, while new variants of tulips are cultivated every year.

The Golden Age of Amsterdam
POST-CRUISE OPTION
$795 per person, double occupancy
$1,295 per person, single occupancy
In the UNESCO World Heritage site of historic Amsterdam, experience tree-shaded canals and gabled 16th- and 17th-century merchant houses. Enjoy a guided walking tour, the Rijksmuseum’s prestigious Dutch Master collection, and a visit to Our Lord in the Attic, a museum and 17th-century clandestine church, as well as time at leisure to experience this expressive city’s vibrant culture and friendly people. Spend two nights in the five-star Renaissance Amsterdam Hotel, ideally located in the city center.

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Cruising Tahiti & French Polynesia on Wind Spirit
FEB 5–15, 2019
David Armitage

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The Pride of South Africa, Botswana, Namibia & Zimbabwe
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Suzanne Blier
Passage along the Danube River: Vienna to Black Sea on Amadeus Queen
OCT 12–24, 2019
Thomas W. Simons Jr.
The elegant and meticulously crafted Amadeus Silver II features all the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel.

The 84 stylish staterooms and suites are among the most spacious of any European river ship (172 to 284 square feet). Suites include a private balcony, and select staterooms feature a unique floor-to-ceiling window that lowers to French-balcony height at the touch of a button. Accommodations have two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, sitting area, and private bathroom with shower. Most have a minibar.

The delightful restaurant offers scenic views through panoramic windows as well as continental cuisine featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner with complimentary wine and beer, and late-evening snack.

For your leisure time on board there are two bars, an open-air lounge, complimentary Wi-Fi, beauty salon, boutique, massage room, fitness studio, and Sun Deck. Complimentary bicycles are available for independent pursuits on shore. An elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. There is no doctor on board.

The Amadeus fleet has been awarded the rare “Green Certificate” of environmental preservation.

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