

Amsterdam - Bruges, MS Magnifique III

BY BIKE AND BOAT FROM AMSTERDAM TO BRUGES

This tour combines cultural highlights and charming scenery in both Holland and Flanders. You ride on flat cycle paths from Amsterdam to Bruges, the 'Venice of the North', over multiple stages. In Holland you can admire the impressive country homes, cheese farms and Kinderdjik's 19 windmills along the way. In Belgium you can enjoy the historical Flemmish towns of Antwerpen, Ghent and Bruges where there are gabled houses and patrician houses, narrow alleys and a rich cultural past wherever you go, which is still expressed in the architecture and artwork nowadays.

Enjoy this river journey in a cosy and friendly atmosphere in a small group. Whilst cycling through the beautiful scenery, the <u>MS Magnifique III</u> follows you along the rivers and canals in order to be there at the end of the day as your 'floating hotel'. If you don't fancy cycling a stage, that is fine. You can enjoy the scenery from the boat!

• Get all information and many more tour tips for our tours with <u>Bike & Boat in Holland and</u> <u>Belgium</u>.

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	8 Days / 7 Nights Guided Group Tour Minimum number of participants: 24

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Itinerary



Amsterdam – Vianen

approx. 5 - 15 km

Embarkation and check-in is at 2 pm, where your crew for the week will be waiting to welcomeyou on boarou on board. At around 2 p.m. the ship will deparound 2 p.m. the ship will depart from Amsterom Amsterdam for Vianen, a small, fordam for Vianen, a small, fortifiedvillage on the Lek Rivvillage on the Lek River. After dinner you have the oppore the opportunity to enjotunity to enjoy a shory a short first test ridet first test ridethrough the surrounding area.

day 2

Vianen – Schoonhoven – Kinderdijk – Dordrecht

approx. 30 - 55 km

Today you will cycle along a beatiful route to Schoonhoven - nicknamed Zilverstad ("SilverCity") - a city renowned for its talented silver smiths since th 17th century. Later in the day as you cycle through the Alblasserwaard regon you will reach Kinderdijk, a village famous for its impressive row of 19 large windmills. All 19 windmills have a UNESCO cultural heritage listing and are a definitive highlight - you will have the opportunity to visit one so don't forget to bring your camera! From nearby Alblasserdam you will take the "Waterbus", a fast ferry, that will take you and you bicycle in approx. 10 minutes to Dordrecht, one of the oldets towns in Holland.



Dordrecht – Willemstad – Bergen op Zoom

approx. 35 - 45 km

As you enjoy your breakfast aboard the ship, the ship will sail to Willemstand where you will start your day's cycling. Willemstad is a beautiful old fortified town on the Haringvliet waterway. You bicycle ride goes to Tholen, once was an island in the middle of the large Zeeland streams, where many people fished for their living. Nowadays Tholen is connected to the mainland in various ways.

Then you cycle on to the destination of this trip, Bergen op Zoom. Bergen op Zoom is a historic fortified town that once lay on the open waters of the Oosterschelde. After dinner you can take a walk through the old town. Narrow streets, old town, market and church squares and idiosyncratic monumental building show the history of a rich and eventful past that goes back more than eight hundred years.



Bergen op Zoom - Kreekrak lock - Antwerp approx. 35 - 50 km

In the morning you will enjoy a small bike ride through the beautiful "Wouwse Plantage" surrounding Bergen op Zoom. In the early afternoon you will once again board the ship which will sail to the port city of Antwerp, situated on the river Schelde. Antwerp is famous for handling up to 80% of the world's rough diamonds and is a city with a long list of attractions including: the City Hall, one of several majestiv buildings constructed during the Renaissance period, the historical City Square Grote Market, the Onze-Lieve_Vrouwe Cathedral and the medieval Steen Castle. Dinner tonight (not included) will be in town in a restaurant of your choice (recommendations available on board).



Antwerp - Temse - St. Amands

approx. 35 - 50 km

This morning you will cycle out of Antwerp along a picturesque section of the Schelde River to St. Amands your home for the night. There is only one way to descrice the landscpae aroung the Schelde and that is "magnificent". It is without doubt one of the natural highlights of the tour.

day 6

Amands - Dendermonde - Ghent

approx. 20 - 45 km

Today you will continue to follow the river Schelde to Ghent where the ship will moor for the night at a lock in a suburb of town. Ghent is a lively university city that boasts a rich history. Since Roman times Ghent's position at the junction of Leie and Schelde Rivers has ensured that it has been a successful trading port. In total the city features an Opera House, 18 museums, more than 100 churches and over 400 historical buildings. Major attractions are St. Bavo Cathedral where a number of masterpieces of medieval art including the world famous 'Adoration of the Mystic Lam' by Jan van Eyck are kept and the 91-metre-tall belfry of Ghent, one of three medieval towers that overlook the old city center. Before dinner a small canal boat will take you for a guided tour through the historic city.



Ghent - Bruges

approx. 25 45 km

Today you will cycle from Ghent through the beautiful Flemish countryside of western Flanders to Bruges, widely described as the 'Venice of the North' and arguably the most beatiful of all the Flemish cities. Bruges attracts more than two million visitors every year who come to see the picturesque medieval town center of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic city and a long list of historic attractions. An outstanding example of a medieval historic settlement, Bruges has managed to maintain its historic fabric as it has evolved over the centuries, with the result that today the city's original Gothci buildings form an integral part of the town's identity. While you are here you can visit one of Bruges many museums or simply take in the stunning beauty and culture of this unforgettable city from the comfort of a sidewalk cafe.



Departure from Bruges

End of your tour: Disembarkation after breakfast until 09:30 a.m.

Tour character

Cycle through Holland and Belgium on well-built cycle paths. The routes are suitable for novices as well as those who cycle frequently.

Guided and self-guided cycle tours: The guided tours are finalised depending on the group's ability and how many people there are. If you choose to do a self-guided cycle tour, the route books are on board the boat. You will ride between 40 and 60km each day. All distances are approximations of the recommended cycle tours.

Prices and events

Place of arrival: Amsterdam

	Season 1 11.07.2023 25.07.2023 08.08.2023 Arrival Tuesday	Season 2 02.05.2023 16.05.2023 30.05.2023 13.06.2023 27.06.2023 Arrival Tuesday		
Bike & Boat in Holland and Flandern Amsterdam-Bruges - MS Magnifique III, days 8, NL-SHSAX-08G				
Base price	1,499.00	1,559.00		
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	714.50	744.50		
Surcharge 1-bed-cabin	440.00	450.00		
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin suite	550.00	550.00		

Our rental bikes

	Filter
7-gear unisex with freewheel	100.00
7-gear unisex with back pedal brake	100.00
Electric bike	220.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services and infos

Services

Included:

- 7 nights tour and accommodation on board of MS Magnifique III in the booked category
- Program according to the routing
- Welcome drink
- Guided Group Tour
- Meals: (7 x breakfast, 6 x picnic lunch during bike tours, coffee and tea on board, 6 x 3 course dinner)
- Daily cabin cleaning
- Use of linen and towels
- Daily briefing on the respective bike tours
- All charges for harbours, bridges and locks

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Amsterdam train station is close to the pier
- Bruges train station (Stationsplein) is about 3 km away from the pier
- Amsterdam Oosterdok car park: secure car park at the train station, about €20 per day (www.parkingcentrumoosterdok.nl)
- Car park Amsterpark.nl / Valet Parking Services: Drop off your car at the pier on arrival day , car will be back at the pier on day of departure, price £150 per week (application form in the travel documents)

Printed instructions and detailed maps for daily bike tours (deposited on board, 1 per cabin)

Optional extras:

 Bike rental insurance €10/week, for e-bikes €25/week. Risk and limitation of liability in the case of damage or loss of the rental bike by you.

Notes:

- Further important information according to the package travel law and additional information about your bike and boat trip can be found <u>here</u>!
- The transport of own bikes is limited due to the space on deck! Cost for your own E-Bike £25/week and costs for your own bike £10/week.
- The owner of the ship, the crew, the tour guide and the organiser are not liable for the damage or theft of own bicycles.

Accommodation

MS Magnifique III

New ship with a very stylish equipment.

Beds: 40 m Cabinsize: 8 - 14 m² Crew: 5 Length: 70 m Width: 7,2 m Draught: 1.6 m

Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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