



Amsterdam - Bruges, MS Magnifique IV

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 Kinderdijk's 19 windmills along the way. In Belgium you can enjoy the historical Flemish 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, your ship 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 [Bike & Boat in Holland and Belgium](#).

Easy



8 Days / 7 Nights



Guided Group Tour



Minimum number of participants:
24

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1

Amsterdam – Vianen

Embarkation and check-in is at 2 pm, where your crew for the week will be waiting to welcome you on board. At around 2 p.m. the ship will depart from Amsterdam for Vianen, a small, fortified village on the Lek River. After dinner you have the opportunity to enjoy a short first test ride through the surrounding area.

DAY
2

Vianen – Schoonhoven – Kinderdijk – Dordrecht

approx. 30 - 55 km

After breakfast you will cycle a beautiful route to Schoonhoven – nicknamed Zilverstad (Silver City) – a city renowned for its talented silver smiths since the 17th century. As you continue to cycle along the Lek River you will pass through the Alblasserwaard region to Kinderdijk, a village famous for its impressive row of 19 large windmills, which have a UNESCO cultural heritage listing. From nearby Alblasserdam you will take the “Waterbus, a fast ferry that will take you and your bike in approx. 10 minutes to Dordrecht, one of the oldest towns in Holland. Dinner on board.

DAY
3

Dordrecht – Willemstad – Bergen op Zoom

approx. 40 - 50 km

As you enjoy your breakfast aboard the ship, the ship will sail to Willemstad where you will start your day's cycling. Willemstad is a beautiful old fortified town on the Haringvliet waterway. Your 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 buildings show the history of a rich and eventful past that goes back more than eight hundred years.

DAY
4*Bergen op Zoom – Kreekrak lock – Antwerp*

approx. 20 - 35 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 majestic 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).

DAY
5*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 describe the landscape around the Schelde and that is "magnificent". It is without doubt one of the natural highlights of the tour.

DAY
6*Amands – Dendermonde – Ghent*

approx. 35 - 50 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 Lamb' 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.

DAY
7

Ghent – Bruges | approx. 20 - 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 beautiful 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 Gothic 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.

DAY
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Departure

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

25.04.2024 | 09.05.2024 | 23.05.2024 | 06.06.2024 | 20.06.2024 |
29.08.2024 | 12.09.2024 |
Arrival Thursday

Season 2

18.07.2024 | 01.08.2024 |
15.08.2024 |
Arrival Thursday

Bike & Boat in Holland and Flandern Amsterdam-Bruges - MS Magnifique IV, days 8, NL-SHSAV-08G		
Base price	1,699.00	1,549.00
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	50%	50%
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin suite	600.00	600.00

Our rental bikes

	Filter
7-gear unisex with freewheel	100.00
7-gear unisex with back pedal brake	100.00
Electric bike	250.00
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
- 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

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

Optional extras:

- Parking space for own bike € 10, for own electric bike € 25.

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Guarded parking areas at the main station (Stationsplein), approx. 5-7 € per day. No reservation possible. Transfer by taxi from Stationsplein to ship berth approx. 15-25 €.
- Return transfer by train from Amsterdam to Bruges approx. 40 € per person.

Things to note:

- Further important information according to the package travel law and additional information about your bike and boat trip can be found [here!](#)
- 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-IV

Following the overwhelming success of our premium barges Magnifique, Magnifique II (2016), and Magnifique III (2018), we are proud to announce the construction of a new sister for the family: the Magnifique IV. This new addition will sail for Boat Bike Tours and Cultural Cruises Europe as of spring 2020.

Beds: 36

Cabinsize: 12-16 qm

Length: 67

Width: 7,2

Height: 5,9

Draught: 1,5

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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