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Southern Holland, MS Normandie

SOUTHERN HOLLAND BY BIKE & BOAT FROM/TO ROTTERDAM

On this vacation you will stay on the MS Normandie. The pretty ship is your floating hotel, from which you make varied bike tours and explore the beautiful landscape of Holland. You will get to know the country of Rembrandt and Van Gogh from its most beautiful side. The trip is characterized by the combination of big city flair and natural idyll along the waterways. You will drive through the polder area of the Albwasserwaard and the nature reserve De Biesbosch, where there is an 8,000 hectare freshwater delta. You can take a refreshing swim in the Reeuwijkse Plassen lake area. You will also see the most famous row of windmills in the Netherlands and the fortified city of Vianen, while in Delft you will visit the porcelain manufactory. You can enjoy the culinary delights of the region in the cheese cities of Leerdam and Gouda.

Details of the bike and boat tour Province of South Holland

In Rotterdam you will board the ship. You'll travel via Kinderdijk to Dordrecht before cycling through the Rhine Delta area and taking a water cab to Gorinchem. The tour continues via Leerdam to Utrecht and the following day to Schoonhoven. The next highlight is the cheese city of Gouda. Afterwards you have the choice between a short tour to Delft and a long variant that takes you to The Hague and Scheveningen. Then you will arrive back in Rotterdam.

The highlights of the bike and boat tour Province of South Holland at a glance

- **Rotterdam:** The city is an El Dorado for artists and architects. In addition to the historic buildings, you should take a look at the large harbor and go on an extensive shopping spree.
- **Kinderdijk:** There you can visit the famous row of windmills. It consists of 19 mills from the 18th century and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- **Utrecht:** This charming city is considered the heart of Holland. In the picturesque city center, you can take a leisurely tour of the quaint canals.
- **Gouda:** The world-famous cheese city is a must-see. Try the delicious Gouda, which is produced there in the traditional way.

Things to know about the province of South Holland by bike and boat

Easy cycling tours are on the agenda for this popular ship and bike tour. If you don't want to cycle every day, just stay on board and take in the scenery from that perspective. The cycling excursions take you along very well-maintained cycle paths where you can ride at your leisure.

- Get all information and many more tour tips for our tours with [Bike & Boat in Holland and Belgium](#).

Easy



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided Tour



Minimum number of participants:
60 persons

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Rotterdam

Individual arrival in Rotterdam. Embarkation from 4:00 pm. Rotterdam is a city with many faces: important port city, classy shopping city and hip artists' city, but most importantly a city of architecture, and one of the most interesting cities in Europe.

DAY
2

Rotterdam - Dordrecht | approx. 40 km

Keep cycling alongside the waterfront via Krimpen aan den IJssel to Kinderdijk, where you will find the most famous group of windmills of the Netherlands. Dating back to the 18th century, the 19 well- preserved mills were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List. Continue through the polder area of the Albwasserwaard to reach Dordrecht. Dordrecht is considered to be Holland's oldest city. With about 1000 historic buildings that are housing restaurants, museums or theatres, the city's rich history and the marvellous historic port area will enchant you.

DAY
3

Dordrecht - Gorinchem | approx. 45 - 55 km

After a short ferry ride, you reach the beautiful De Biesbosch National Park, where several rivers come together to form a fresh-water delta of no less than 8.000 hectares. You may enjoy a wonderful boat trip, offered here everywhere, before continuing your tour through the Rhine- Delta area and crossing over to Gorinchem by water taxi. Do not miss out on the picturesque Old Town of this small but charming city.

DAY
4

Gorinchem - Utrecht | approx. 50 km

Today an interesting and varied tour awaits you. From Gorinchem, cycle via Leerdam – famous for the Leerdammer cheese – into the fortified city of Vianen. Here you may stop for a short break in one of the numerous street cafes. Take the ferry boat to cross the Lek, and keep cycling to Vreeswijk with its narrow lanes. Continue to the little town of Nieuwegein – perhaps take a short side trip to Fort Jutphaas, hidden in a green oasis in Nieuwegein -before reaching Utrecht. Utrecht is considered the heart of Holland. The city was built around the cathedral. That is why it is almost impossible to lose your way in the car-free town with its picturesque canals

DAY
5*Utrecht - Schoonhoven* | approx. 40 - 50 km

This morning, be sure to take some time to explore the beautiful town of Utrecht, before getting back on your bike. Cycle tour through the beautiful polder landscape via Oudewater, with its famous Witches` Weigh House, (none of the so-called witches ever weighed here was found to be too light of weight and thus none of them was sentenced) to Schoonhoven, the Silver City of the Netherlands, with its typical Dutch Old Town.

DAY
6*Schoonhoven – Rotterdam* | approx. 45 km

From Schoonhoven, cycle leisurely to the city of Gouda, which is famous for its cheese. When the weather is fine, you may take a detour for a refreshing bath in the lake Reeuwijkse Plassen. Your today's destination is Rotterdam.
Tip: you should experience the harbour of Rotterdam on an interesting harbour tour.

DAY
7*Rotterdam - Day at leisure* | approx. 40 -70 km

Two options for today's cycling tour: First one will lead you to Delft (Tip: visit of the porcelain manufacture), second directly to the governmental seat Den Haag and to the North Sea coastal town and health resort Scheveningen and back. Alternatively, you can also go back to Rotterdam by train (rail and bike is not included, approx. € 16.- p. Pers, not in rush hour between 16:30 h and 18:00 h).

You do not fancy a bike ride? Rotterdam offers endless possibilities to design your day. Really one is spoilt for choice

DAY
8*Departure*

After breakfast checkout until 9:00 am and we are saying goodbye – have a safe journey home.

Prices and events

Place of arrival: Rotterdam

Season 1	Season 2	Season 3	Season 4	Season 5
25.03.2023	01.04.2023	08.04.2023	15.04.2023 22.04.2023 29.04.2023	06.05.2023 13.05.2023 20.05.2023 27.05.2023 24.06.2023 01.07.2023 08.07.2023 15.07.2023 22.07.2023 29.07.2023 26.08.2023 02.09.2023
07.10.2023	30.09.2023	23.09.2023	09.09.2023 16.09.2023	Arrival Saturday
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Bike & Boat South Holland - MS Normandie - main deck, 8 days, NL-SHSSN-08-H

Base price	59900	69900	74900	84900	99900
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%

Bike & Boat South Holland - MS Normandie - upper deck, 8 days, NL-SHSSN-08-0

Base price	74900	84900	89900	99900	1,09900
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Surcharge 1-bed cabin	250.00	250.00	300.00	350.00	350.00
Discount 2-bed-cabin astern	-50.00	-50.00	-50.00	-50.00	-50.00

Our rental bikes

Filter

7-gear with back brake	7900
7-gear with freewheel	7900
Electric bike with freewheel	18900

E-Bike with back brake

189.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services and infos

Price includes

Included:

- Program according to itinerary from/to Amsterdam
- 7 overnights in cabins with shower/toilet in the booked cabin category
- Full board: 7x breakfast buffet, 6x small lunch or lunch package for bike tours, 6x coffee and tea in the afternoon, 7x 3-course dinner
- Welcome drink
- Daily cleaning of cabins
- Linen and change of towels if required
- All harbour, lock and bridge fees
- Daily briefing of bike tours
- 1 route book for self-guided trips per cabin
- Tour guidance on board
- Rental bike insurance
- For departures on 01.04..2023 / 08.04.2023, the 7-speed rental bike is included with a new booking. The surcharge for an e-bike is 110€.

Not included:

- Journey to and from Rotterdam, shuttles, bike rentals, entrance fees and excursions, city maps, ferry fees and fees for waterbus, travel insurances, parking fees, tips, drinks on board

Info

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Amsterdam train station is close to the pier
- Oosterdok car park: secure car park at the train station, about €25 per day. Reservation possible by yourself
- 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 on request, payable in advance (application form can be ordered bei Eurobike) price approx. € 170/week

Notes:

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

Your boat

MS Normandie

Aboard the MS Normandie you will find a personal and familiar atmosphere. Enjoy your stay in the cosy panorama salon, the tastefully decorated restaurant or the specious sundeck.

Beds: 100

Cabinsize: 10-11 m²

Crew: 17

Length: 91,20 m

Width: 10,50 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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Book now

