



Amsterdam – Maastricht, MS Gandalf

THE MEUSE AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

Your bike and boat trip starts in Amsterdam and ends eight days later in the capital of the province of Limburg in Maastricht. On this combined trip you will follow a network of rivers. Old waterways and floodplains create a special flora and fauna here. As they go by you can shoot snaps for loved ones back home.

Details of the bike and boat tour to the Meuse and its tributaries

The MS Sarah takes you along the river network from Vecht, the Lower Rhine, Waal, Linge and Meuse to your destination in Maastricht. The ship offers a cosy atmosphere, almost like you are relaxing in your own living room. The tour runs from Amsterdam to Weesp, Utrecht and Vianen. On the way, you will stop off at a traditional cheese maker. After that you'll not only know how Dutch cheese tastes, but also how it is made! The comfortable bike and boat trip continues to Heusden, Maasbommel, Arcen and Roermond, until you finally dock at Maastricht. Your souvenir snapshots will show typical landscapes, historical places and beautiful sights.

Highlights at a glance:

- **Medieval attractions:** In Ravenstein and Grave you can admire buildings and monuments from the Middle Ages and the period of the French Revolution. For example, the late Gothic church 'Protestantse Kerk' in Grave, or the historic windmills Stellingmolen De Nijverheid or Wilskracht Stadsbrouwerij in Ravenstein.
- **National Park Maasduinen:** One of the most beautiful castles with a moat is located in the National Park in Well. It was built in the 15th century and is now on the cultural heritage list. It is particularly special because of the remains of a tower mill from the same century.

Useful information about the bike and boat tour to the Meuse and its tributaries

The bike and boat tour starts with your own journey to Amsterdam. **Tip:** Travel comfortably by train to the Netherlands! The easy day cycle tours are on mostly flat, paved roads and are suitable for inexperienced cyclists with distances reaching up to 50 kilometres. On the MS Gandalf you can rest your weary feet and enjoy the delicious meals on board.

Are you a fan of tulips, cakes, cheese and breathtaking landscapes? Then pack your case and head to Holland! Eurobike will organise a stress-free combined bike and boat trip for you. Book now!

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Easy



8 Days / 7 Nights



Guided Group Tour

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1

Amsterdam – Weesp | approx. 15 km

After you check-in at about 2pm, the barge sails to Weesp. This small city on the banks of the river Vecht has a historical center with many canals and buildings dating from the 17th and 18th Century. It also has a few beautiful windmills. The scenic river Vecht and the small roads along the river attracts yachters and cyclists. As soon as you arrive the guide will organize a test ride. After dinner you will have time to stroll through this charming city.

DAY
2

Weesp – Utrecht – Vianen | approx. 45 km

Your bike tour starts in Weesp and you will cycle along the beautiful meandering river Vecht with impressive mansions on its banks. Along the way you will visit a real Dutch cheese farm where cheese is still produced in line with traditional methods. You will meet the barge in the city of Utrecht and from there you will sail the Amsterdam-Rhine canal to Vianen, a small fortified town on the river Lek.

DAY
3

Vianen – Gorinchem – Heusden | approx. 40 km

From Vianen you cycle through typical Dutch scenery to Leerdam a little town on the banks of the river Linge. Leerdam is famous for its glasswork. A visit to the centuries-old crystal factory of Royal Leerdam is on the program. You can see a team of master glass blowers at work. Later you continue cycling along the beautiful roads along the Linge to Gorinchem, a charming town on the river Waal. After a short visit, you will join the barge to Heusden.

DAY
4*Heusden – Oss – Cuijk* | approx. 40 km

Whilst you are having breakfast, the ship sails from Heusden to Maasbommel, which is a village on the Maas river. Here your bike tour will start leading you along the Maas river to cities such as Ravenstein and Grave. Both are medieval cities. In Ravenstein you can visit the Tanner's Cottages and in Grave you will see canons from the time of Napoleon. Grave has also played an important role in Operation Market Garden during World War Two because it was situated near an important bridge. This bridge is now called John S. Thompson Bridge. Following the Maas river you will meet the barge in Cuijk where you will spend the night. The St. Martins Church is neo-gothic in style and houses a very well kept baroque organ, which was built between 1639 and 1650. This organ is one of the oldest in the Netherlands.

DAY
5*Cuijk – Arcen* | approx. 50 km

Today there is a magnificent bike tour scheduled. You cycle along the Maas valley to Afferden and Heyen. The route continues through National Park Maasduinen to Well where you will find the Well castle with its heavy round brick tower dating from the 14th Century. Today's destination is Arcen. Here you may visit the famous castle gardens with a great variety. There is the Rosarium with ten different rose gardens, the water and sculpture garden, the Lommerijk with shades, waterfalls and streamlets, the Valley offering six 'international' gardens, Casa Verde offering Mediterranean and tropical gardens and the Golf garden with a view of the largest waterfall in the Netherlands.

DAY
6*Arcen – Venlo – Roermond* | approx. 50 km

Today the bike route follows the Maas river once again. Here and there you will cross by ferry or bridge in order to follow the most interesting paths. The first stop is Venlo where there are many historical monuments and a lively inner city. At lunchtime you arrive in Kessel, which is one of the oldest villages along the Meuse. There you cross over to the other bank and continue the bike ride to the beautiful village of Beesel where the grain mill 'grey bear' stands proudly along the river. Today's tour ends in the city of Roermond where the river Roer and Maas come together. Roermond is known by its rich cultural heritage. Since 1559 it has been a bishop city. In the center you will find many historical buildings. Roermond is also the city of Pierre Cuypers, according to many the most important Dutch architect of the 19th Century. He designed the Rijksmuseum and Amsterdam's central station.

DAY
7*Roermond – Born – Maastricht*

approx. 40 km

Today, the bike tour continues through charming villages and the beautiful scenery of the province of Limburg. First stop is Thorn, the 'white village' on the Dutch/Belgian border known for its cobblestone streets and white painted houses. The only non-white building is the 14th Century church. From Thorn you cycle across the Dutch / Belgian border to the Belgian city Maaseik. This city is famous for its painters Hubert and Jan van Eyck. On the market square you will see typical Renaissance-style houses with their impressive facades. You can also take the opportunity to have a nice Belgian "pint" on this beautiful square.

You will find the ship in Born, from where you sail to Maastricht.

Maastricht, the capital of the province is a beautifully preserved city with Roman roots. In this town you find the treasure house of St. Servaas Church, the Bonnefanten museum for art and antiquity, and the Kazematten, a system of underground fortress works from the 18th Century. In addition to these places of interest, it is also worthwhile visiting the marl caves, or just to thoroughly enjoy yourself on the Vrijthof. You will not get bored here!

DAY
8*Departure*

End of your tour. Disembarkation after Breakfast until 9.30 a.m.

Tour character

Easy tour mainly along flat and asphalted paths. This makes it also suitable for novice cyclists. No more than 50 kilometres is cycled each day.

Prices and events

Place of arrival: Amsterdam

Season 1
01.07.2023 | 29.07.2023 |
Arrival Saturday

Bike & Boat Maas, Amsterdam - Maastricht - MS Gandalf, 8 days, guided, NL-NLSAS-08G	
Base price	1,219.00
Discount 3-bed-cabin	-100.00
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	574.50

Fuel surcharge approx. € 25,- to € 30,- / person to be paid in cash on arrival at the ship.

Our rental bikes

	Filter
7-gear unisex with freewheel	90.00
Electric bike	195.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services and infos

Services

Included:

- 7 nights in an outside cabin with toilet and shower in the selected cabin category
- Full board: 7 x breakfast, 6x packed lunch for bike trips, 6x cake and coffee in the afternoon, 6x three course meal
- Travel guide
- All harbour and bridge fees
- GPS data
- Bed linen and towels provided
- Daily cleaning of the cabin
- Welcome drink
- Daily route briefing
- Local guide for the guided bike tours

Optional extras:

- Bike rental insurance EUR 10 per week, for e-bikes EUR 25 per week. Risk and limitation of liability in the case of damage or loss of the rental bike by you.
- Parking space for own bike EUR 10, for own electric bike EUR 25

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Amsterdam train station is close to the pier
- Amsterdam Oosterdok can park: secure car park at the train station. Costs about €20 per day (www.parkingcentrumoosterdok.nl)

Number of participants:

- No minimum number of participants
- Trip cannot be guaranteed

Notes:

- Further important information according to the package travel law and additional information about your bike and boat trip can be found [here!](#)
- The use of your own bike is limited due to space on deck! Please specify when booking whether your own bike is an electric or normal bike.
- 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 Gandalf

On this bicycle- and shiptour you can experience rivers, hanseatic cities, and fisher towns. The nights you spend on de familiar MS Gandalf.

Beds: 22

Cabinsize: 8 m²

Crew: 3

Length: 44,90 m

Width: 6,20 m

Draught: 1,40 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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