



## Boat & Bike Tour from Amsterdam to Bruges

# MS MECKLENBURG 2020



## The Beauty of the Netherlands and Belgium

During this tour some of the most beautiful cities of Holland and Flanders are highlighted: Amsterdam, Antwerp, Ghent and Bruges, where you still can feel the charm of the days long gone. After embarkation in Amsterdam you will cross through a beautiful part of the Netherlands. Of course, you pass by the 19 Dutch windmills in Kinderdijk. Via Dordrecht and Tholen, the ship cruises through the "Delta" Province of Zeeland to Belgium. You will spend the night in Antwerp, the city of Rubens, whose paintings can be admired in the cathedral. You will cycle along the beautiful tidal river Lower Schelde. Destination of your tour is Bruges, the "Pearl of Flanders".

**Tour details** (all times are subject to change):

Day	City	Arr.	Dep.
Day 1	Amsterdam, ES 13:00		14:00
Day 1	Vianen	20:00	
Day 2	Vianen		09:30
Day 2	Dordrecht	15:30	
Day 3	Dordrecht		08:00
Day 3	Willemstad	10:30	11:00
Day 3	Tholen	15:00	
Day 4	Tholen		10:00
Day 4	Kreekrak lock	12:00	12:30
Day 4	Antwerp	16:00	
Day 5	Antwerp		09:00
Day 5	St. Amands	14:00	
Day 6	St. Amands		07:00
Day 6	Dendermonde	09:00	09:30
Day 6	Ghent-Merelbeke	13:00	
Day 7	Ghent-Merelbeke		07:00
Day 7	Lovendegem	09:00	09:30
Day 7	Bruges	14:00	
Day 8	Bruges, AS 09:00		

### Day 1: Amsterdam – Vianen, cycle tour approx. 5 - 15 km / 3 – 9 mi

Embarkation and check-in where the crew will welcome you on board is at 1 p.m. At around 2 p.m. your ship will depart from Amsterdam for Vianen, a small fortified village on the Lek river. After the distribution of bicycles, you can enjoy a short bicycle ride.

### Day 2: Vianen – Schoonhoven – Kinderdijk – Dordrecht, cycle tour approx. 56 km / 34 mi

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.

### Day 3: boat tour Dordrecht – Willemstad / Willemstad - Tholen, cycle tour approx. 40 km / 24 mi

In the morning the ship sails to Willemstad, a beautiful fortified city and the beginning of your today's cycling tour to Tholen. This place once was an island where citizens made their living from fishing. Today Tholen is

connected to the mainland, but still has its charm of a little old harbour town.

### Day 4: Tholen – Kreekrak lock – Antwerp, cycle tour approx. 20 - 36 km / 12 – 22 mi

You cycle through a forest area, "the Wouwse Plantage", towards the south to the impressive Kreekrak lock. Then you will sail to Antwerp, which is not only known as diamond city, but also as native city of painter Rubens. You will find some of his paintings in the "Onze Lieve Vrouwe (our lady) Cathedral".

### Day 5: Antwerp – Temse – St. Amands, cycle tour approx. 34 - 49 km / 21 – 30 mi

You cycle out of Antwerp on a beautiful cycle path along the picturesque tidal Schelde River to St. Amands – a magical place with a beautiful landscape and actually one of the highlights. You should try the incomparable Duvel beer – if you didn't already.

### Day 6: St. Amands – Dendermonde – Ghent, cycle tour approx. 52 km / 32 mi

During breakfast the ship sails to Dendermonde. At first you should take time for a walk. Special attractions: The "Begijnenhof" with the museum of local history and the beautiful Grote Markt. The bike tour follows again the river Schelde in the direction of Ghent. Ghent is a lively university city, again, one with a rich past. In the afternoon you have the opportunity to discover the city some more or to shop in the lively centre. The city was founded in Roman times, where the rivers Leie and Schelde converge. The convenient location has over the years brought much prosperity, culminating in the late 13th, early 14th century. The textile industry brought great wealth. In the city, many old patricians preserved. The Cloth Hall (1425) brought cloth merchants together. The main church is the St. Bavo Cathedral, which is built in different ages and in the different corresponding styles. In the cathedral are some masterpieces of medieval art, which "Adoration of the Mystic Lamb" by Jan van Eyck is the most famous. The ship is docked at the lock in Merelbeke, a suburb of Ghent (approx. 30 min by bike from the city centre).

### Day 7: Ghent-Merelbeke – Lovendegem – Bruges, cycle tour approx. 45 km / 28 mi

Start of your bike tour from Lovendegem, a suburb of Ghent through the pleasant country side of Western Flanders around Bruges. Bruges also called the Venice of the North is maybe the most beautiful of all Flemish cities. Its old center which dates from the Middle Ages is almost completely intact. Bruges was at that time a metropolis and center of commerce and art. You can still see this glory at the beautiful buildings. But Bruges is also a nice town for shopping or going out.

### Day 8: Departure from Bruges

After breakfast till 09:30 am: end of the tour and disembarkation.

### MS Mecklenburg

The MS MECKLENBURG is a small river cruiser with family atmosphere and your swimming hotel during the tour. On the partially roofed sun deck are sitting places (tables + chairs) and storage room for the bikes.

The salon with bar is a large room for common use and has a semi-separate restaurant area.

On board of this cosy ship are a total of 11 cabins for max. 22 guests. All cabins (approx.. 8-9 m<sup>2</sup>) have shower + toilet, 2 lower beds and air-conditioning. Windows cannot be opened.

The interior of the ship is a non-smoking zone: smoking is only allowed on the sun deck. As a safety measure, a statutory smoking ban applies in all cabins; this means that all cabins and rooms on board are no-smoking zones.

### Technical data:

**Length:** 41 m • **Width:** 5,05 m • **Depth:** 1,20 m • **Passengers:** max 22 • **Crew:** 3-4 • **Currency on board:** EURO. Only cash.



### Important remarks:

**Your journey to Amsterdam and from Bruges will be individual.** **Embarkation:** from 1.00 pm to 1.30 pm • **Disembarkation:** After breakfast, until 09:30 am • **Bicycles on board:** Unisex trekking bicycles with normal mount (ladies model), 7 gears, hand brake and pedal brake or hand brakes only (subject to availability) and pannier bag. E-Bikes are on these tours only available after prior request (by booking) and confirmation and at limited number. **Please indicate your body height when you book** • **To bring your own bike:** On request only – due to lack of space on sundeck. • **Languages on board:** German, English • **Cycle Tours:** Daily guided bike tours by one guide. It is also possible to ride the bike tours individually. Tour description and maps are available on board. The kilometers/miles indicated for the cycle tours are approximate. The quality of the cycle ways along this route is excellent. Most of the way is paved or asphalted and does not have any gradients of note. This makes the trip suitable for cyclists with an average physical condition. • **Luggage on board:** We recommend waterproof rain gear, bike helmet, sun hat and sports shoes. We would like to ask you to do without hard-side luggage as storage space in the cabin is very limited! • **Alterations of schedule or program:** Subject to change. In case that as a result of nautical, technical or meteorological reasons a route cannot be taken, the skipper reserves the right to change the route for your safety (this would not be a reason for fee-free cancellation) • **Travel documents:** EU-citizens (without special situations like dual citizenship, main residence abroad or a limited-validity passport) are required to have a valid passport or ID-card, not expiring within six (6) months of the return of your cruise. We kindly ask non-EU citizens, EU-nationals with multiple citizenship or anybody who has to respect special legal entry requirements for the country to visit, to inform about visa and entry documents at the competent embassy. • **This trip is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility.**

## Travel dates 2020:

Season 1: 09 May – 16 May

Season 2: 20 June – 27 June / 01 Aug – 08 Aug / 12 Sep – 19 Sep

## Prices per person in Euro:

Departures from Saturday to Saturday	Season 1	Season 2
2-bed-cabin	899,-	999,-
2-bed-cabin for single use (limited number)	1.349,-	1.499,-

€ 75.- **Rental bicycle** 7-gear, hand brake and pedal brake or hand brakes only (subject to availability), back bags and rental bike insurance (please indicate by the booking)

€ 165.- **E-Bike** (advance reservation, limited number) with pannier bag and rental bike insurance

## Services included:

- 7 nights tour and accommodation on board of MS Mecklenburg in the booked category
- Program according to the routing
- Welcome drink
- Full board (7x breakfast, 6x picnic lunch during bike tours, 6x coffee and tea in the afternoon, 7x 3 course dinner)
- All charges for harbours, bridges and locks
- Daily cabin cleaning
- Use of linen and towels
- Daily briefing on the respective bike tours
- Tour guide for guided bike tours
- Printed instructions and detailed maps for daily bike tours (deposited on board, 1 per cabin)
- GPS tracks

## Not included:

Journey to Amsterdam and from Bruges, parking fee, shuttles, bike rental, ferry fees, entrance fees and excursions, town maps, drinks on board, tips, insurances.

## Passenger car parking options in Amsterdam (subject to change):

For example: Parking Oosterdok [www.parkingcentrumoosterdok.nl/english](http://www.parkingcentrumoosterdok.nl/english), economy fare ca.

€ 20.-/24 h. No reservation possible.

Return transfer by train from Bruges to Amsterdam approx. 40 € per person.

Minimum number of participants: 18 guests (must have been reached within 21 days prior to departure). You may cancel the booking at any time. For cancellation fees, please refer to the booking conditions of SE-Tours. The tour operator's terms and conditions apply: SE-Tours GmbH, Am Grollhamm 12a, 27574 Bremerhaven. We recommend that you take out a travel health insurance with repatriation coverage as well as baggage, accident and travel cancellation insurances.

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