

2024

Infinite width, marvellous beaches and lovely bathing resorts



With Bike and Barge from Rotterdam to the Province of Zeeland

MS NORMANDIE

ORIGINALREISE

- Trip length: 8 Days / 7 Nights
- Departure and arrival day: Saturday
- Length of cycle tours: approx. 251 - 268 km
- Character: individual, unguided
- Difficulty: ●●○○
- Profile: The cycle routes are on flat terrain and are easy to cycle on, strong headwinds possible
- Language on board: German / English
- Travel documents: German / English
- Booking code: NL-ZLSRR-08I



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Tour Details

The province of Zeeland, also referred to as the „Land in the Sea“ is located in the west of the Netherlands and mostly consists of islands and peninsulas. The Eastern and Western Scheldt estuaries reach far inland, thus making Zeeland a paradise for flora and fauna. Cycle with us from the energetic city of Rotterdam – the city stands for easy and relaxed togetherness like no other city in the Netherlands – to the province of Zeeland. Discover the historic towns of Zierikzee and Middelburg and the Delta Works, Holland’s most impressive storm surge barriers. Sample delicious mussels, oysters and Eastern Scheldt Lobster. You should not miss out on a stop in one of the numerous fish restaurants!

(All times are subject to change)

Day	Port	Arrival	Dept.
Day 1	Rotterdam, Embarkation 4:00 pm		18:00
Day 1	Dordrecht	19:30	
Day 2	Dordrecht		06:30
Day 2	Willemstad	09:00	10:00
Day 2	Hellevoetsluis	11:00	
Day 3	Hellevoetsluis		10:00
Day 3	Bruinisse	14:30	
Day 4	Bruinisse		10:00
Day 4	Veere	12:00	
Day 5	Veere		
Day 6	Veere		18:00
Day 7	Dordrecht	01:00	11:00
Day 7	Rotterdam	13:00	
Day 8	Rotterdam, Disembarkation till 09:00 am		

Day 1: Arrival in Rotterdam, Boat Tour Rotterdam – Dordrecht

Individual arrival in Rotterdam. Embarkation at about 4:00 pm. You may have some time left to see Rotterdam’s stunning Market Hall. The Dutch refer to it as their version of the „Sistine Chapel“. At 6:00 pm sail to Holland’s oldest town, Dordrecht, impressively located on an island between three wide rivers.

Day 2: Dordrecht – Willemstad – Hellevoetsluis, Cycle Tour approx. 45 km

In the morning, set sail for Willemstad, a small fortified town dating from the 17th/18th century, which is well worth visiting. Here start for your first cycle tour. Cross the inland waters of Haringvliet over the Volkerakdam, and cycle through fields and past storybook villages like Zwartsluis and Goudswaard to the popular water sports centre of Hellevoetsluis.

Day 3: Hellevoetsluis – Bruinisse, Cycle Tour approx. 45 km

With fine weather, it is worth to take a detour to the bathing beach of Rockanje, a wide fine-sandy beach with mar-

vellous dunes, before starting the bike tour. Crossing the Haringvliet again, you pass through small villages like Stellendam with the mill Korenlust, the small water sport village of Herkingen and, continuing along the Grevelingendam, you reach the mussel village of Bruinisse.

Day 4: Bruinisse – Veere, Cycle Tour approx. 46 km

Today you can visit the "Watersnoodmuesum" during your bike tour. Here you will learn all about the great flood disaster of 1953 and the "drowned" village of Viane, which was flooded and never rebuilt. Continue towards Zierikzee, which is among the 10 most beautiful Dutch national heritage towns. The „fat tower“ rises high above the town. The top of the tower offers marvellous views over the town, the harbour and the island. Continue your tour crossing the Zeelandbrug - an impressive structure 5 km long, built on 54 piers - to your destination of the day - the harbour town of Veere. Where once richly laden ships from Scotland docked, today impressive yachts are moored.

Day 5: Veere – Neeltje Jans – Veere, Round Trip Cycle Tour approx. 35 – 50 km

Today you can choose between three different routes, for example the former working island Neeltje Jans, which was created by rising a sand flat to facilitate the construction of the Eastern Scheldt storm surge barrier, the most impressive construction of the Delta Works. You will have the possibility not only to marvel at the locks from up close but also from the inside. The adjacent amusement park "Deltapark" gives an insight into the life of sea lions and the underwater world of the Oosterschelde (optional).

Day 6: Veere – Middelburg – Veere / Boat Tour Veere – Dordrecht, Round Trip Cycle Tour approx. 40 km

The first stop on your cycling tour is Middelburg, the capital of Zeeland. The city looks back on a rich past and was once the most important city in the Netherlands after Amsterdam. Numerous stores and cafés invite you to visit. During a city tour (optional) you will have the opportunity to learn all kinds of interesting facts about the charming city. The tour continues through the picturesque, typically Dutch landscape on the Walcheren peninsula. Wide beaches, forests and dunes await you. Nowhere in the Netherlands the sun shine as often and as long as here.

Day 7: Dordrecht – Rotterdam, Cycle Tour approx. 40 – 42 km

On your last stretch, explore the best-known windmills in the Netherlands at Kinderdijk. The 19 windmills, which date back to the 18th century, are beautifully preserved and are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site. The windmills are well worth a visit! Follow the route along the Maas River up to Rotterdam, one of the largest ports in the world.

Day 8: Departure from Rotterdam

Disembarkation until 9:00 am and individual journey home.

Travel Dates | Prices | Services

Travel Dates 2024 / From Saturday to Saturday

25May – 01June | 01June – 08June | 08June – 15June | 15June – 22June |
03Aug – 10Aug | 10Aug – 17Aug | 17Aug – 24Aug | 24Aug-31Aug

Price per Person in EURO

Main Deck 2-bed cabin	2-bed cabin astern*	Upper Deck 2-bed cabin	1-bed cabin
1.049.-	1.149.-	1.199.-	1.599.-

* Cabins at rear of the ship; perceive engine and generator noise (when ship is in motion and in locks)

Supplements

2-bed cabin for single use: 50% (limited quantity)

Rental bike fee 7-gear-Unisex: € 89.-

Rental bike fee 8-gear-E-Bike: € 199.-

Bring your own bike / own E-bike: € 29.- (on request only, limited number)

Bikes:

- 7-gear-Unisex-trekking bikes and 8-gear-E-Bikes (brand: Velo de Ville - special SE-Tours edition)
- With hand brake and pedal brake or hand brakes only (subject to availability, please indicate as a non-binding customer request by the booking)
- Pannier bag and rental bike insurance included
- E-Bikes on a limited number only
- Please indicate your body height by the booking

Travel safe and secure with SE-Tours: We recommend to wear a bike helmet. Please bring your own bike helmet (no onboard selling).

Services included

- Seven nights in outside cabins with private facilities in the booked cabin category
- Program according to routing from/to Rotterdam
- All charges for harbours, bridges and locks
- Welcome-Drink
- Room cleaning every day, changing of towels and bed cloths as necessary
- Full board consisting of 7x breakfast, 6x lunch package for cycle tours or snack on board (non-cyclists), 6x coffee or tea in the afternoon, 7x 3-course-dinner
- Daily meeting for the cycle tours
- Printed instructions and detailed maps for daily individual bike tours (1 per cabin)
- GPS tracks
- Tour guide on board

Not included

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

Passenger car parking options in Rotterdam (subject to change, effective May 2023)

Car park near the docking location (about 10 minutes walking distance), approx. € 25.- every 24 hours or Valet Parking Service (via Holiday Extras), approx. 170.-/week (rate depends on capacity).

The reservation should be made directly through the company **Holiday Extras**.

More information at <https://www.se-tours.de/de/service/parkplatz-amsterdam-und-rotterdam>



Ship's description | Remarks

MS NORMANDIE

Cabin refurbishment 2019/2020 | **Registry** Netherlands | **Length** 91,2 m | **Width** 10,5 m | **Draft** 1,60 m | **Number of Crew** approx. 19 | **Passengers** max. 100

On joining this vessel, you are immediately aware of the cosy and informal ambience on board. On the upper deck you will find the comfy panorama salon with its bar, on the main deck the comfortable restaurant (no direct access from the cabin-zone). On deck there are both deck chairs and ordinary chairs and tables, which encourage conversation and communal activity in fresh air. MS NORMANDIE possesses altogether two 1-bed-cabins and forty-nine 2-bed cabins. They are all outside cabins, giving some 10-11 square metres of space (2-bed) and about 7 qm (1-bed). All 2-bed cabins on main and upper deck are equipped with two lower hotel beds, shower and WC, hairdryer, TV, safe (deposit), central air-conditioning and a picture window. Only on the upper deck the windows may be opened. In the rear part of the upper deck, in some 2-bed cabins engine and generator noises are perceptible. 1-bed cabins have one lower hotel bed and are otherwise equipped with same features.



Sonnendeck / Sun Deck

Important remarks

Embarkation From 4:00 pm | **Disembarkation** until 09:00 am
Minimum number of participants 60 guests (must have been reached within 21 days prior to departure)

To bring your own bike

On request only – due to lack of space on sun deck. We exclude any liability for loss, theft and damage - this also applies to damage caused by transportation from shore to ship or vice versa.

Excursions We offer a small excursion program, that can be booked directly on board at the cruise director only. You will get a brief description together with your travel documents. Depending on the number of participants some excursions could be carried out in 2 languages (German/ English).

Luggage We recommend: rainwear, bicycle helmet, sunhat and sneakers.

Schedule and program changes Basically, we reserve the right to make changes of routing and program. If there is low or high water and a route cannot be shipped, the captain reserves the right to change the route in view of your safety (this cannot be accepted as a reason for free withdrawal). Same applies to previously unknown administrative orders of lock or bridge repairs.

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.

We recommend that you take out a **travel health insurance with repatriation coverage as well as baggage, accident and travel cancellation insurances.**

