

## Travel information – by bike & boat „Zeeland“

### 1. Port Location MS Normandie in Rotterdam

You will find your ship at the following berth on the day of arrival:

**Rotterdam, Erasmus Bridge / Boompjeskade**

**Address: Boompjeskade, 3011 Rotterdam**

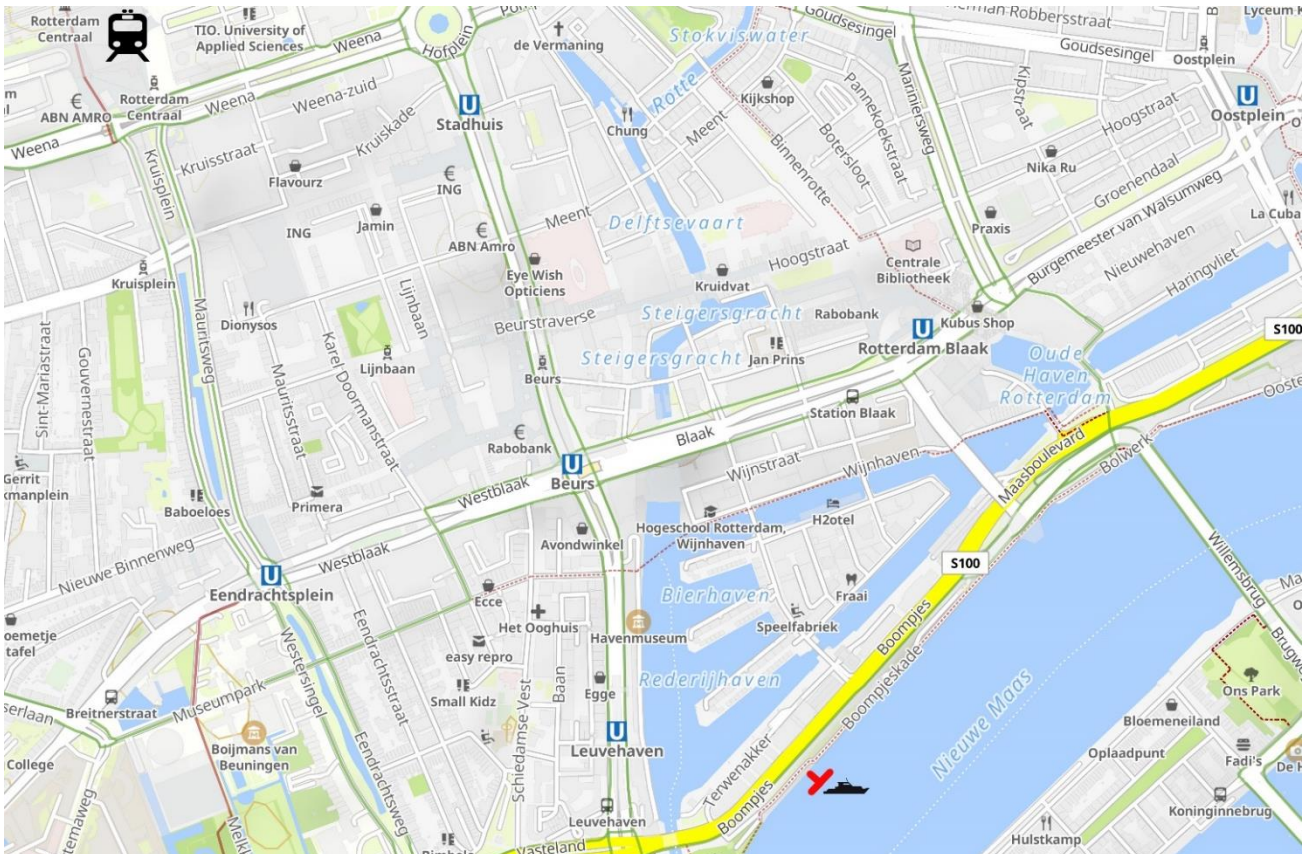
**Please note:** The berth can also change at short notice. The port authorities may assign a common berth to several ships. Your ship may be moored behind another ship. If you do not find your ship, please contact the emergency numbers given in your travel documents.

You will be told the berth for disembarkation by your cruise director on the last evening.

Embarkation will take place **between 4pm and 5pm**.

Please plan your arrival so that you arrive in time for embarkation. If you arrive later, please let us know in time. Earlier embarkation is not possible for organizational reasons.

Please label your luggage with a luggage tag with your name, your cabin number and the name of the ship.



### 2. Emergency number

You can reach your on-board tour guide **on the day of arrival** at the following cell phone number:  
**0049 170 993 87 69**

In case of urgent emergency, the following contacts are also available:

Reception MS Normandie: **0031 625 261 065**

SE-Tours emergency phone (on the day of arrival only): 0049 171 826 17 18

If you have any enquiries before the start of your trip, please contact your booking office.

### 3. Timetable and Itinerary

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 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> 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 marvellous 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.

#### 4. Excursion program

##### **Veere:** Guided city walk

**Tuesday, 04:00 P.M. – 05:00 P.M., Duration approx. 60 min**

Look forward to a guided tour through the beautiful town by the Veerse Meer (Lake Veere). Veere is renowned for its well-preserved old town, characterized by impressive buildings from the 16th century. Stroll through the winding streets and admire the historic half-timbered houses, the town hall, and the Scottish houses. The Grote Markt, the central marketplace, is the perfect place to settle into one of the cozy cafes and enjoy the surroundings.



**€ 12,- per person**

##### **MIDDELBURG:** Guided city walk

**Thursday, 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M., Duration approx. 90 min**



Look forward to having a guided walking tour through a city full of monuments and historic buildings. Middelburg looks back upon a rich history, which is still recognisable in the modern townscape. Your experienced guide will show you the many different facets of Zeeland's capital, giving you an understanding of the city's very own character. Among other things, you will visit Middelburg Abbey (The Abby of our Lady) with Abby Garden, located in the very heart of the city. Today the complex consists of three churches and some adjacent buildings. The majestic beauty of the city with its many lovely details will surely enchant you.

**€ 14,- per person**

##### **ROTTERDAM:** Harbour Tour Rotterdam,

**Friday, 4:15 P.M. – 5:30 P.M., Duration approx. 75 min.**

Experience the world's largest harbour. Amidst the busy traffic of sea-going and inland ships, you will participate in a special harbour tour through one of the largest seaports in the world. You can see the impressive skyline and imposing buildings glide by and enjoy a unique view of the ship yards, docks and the hypermodern transshipping of thousands of containers.



**€ 17,- per person**

##### **How to book the excursions:**

- Booking is possible on board the ship only
- For payment refer to your tour guide (cash only in €)
- The excursions have capacity limitations – In some cases, short term reservations may not be considered. We recommend that you attend the tour information sessions.
- Minimum number of participants per tour: 15 persons
- Once an excursion has been booked and paid, no refunds will be made. (Except of cancellation by SE-Tours or if the minimum number of participants has not been reached).
- Please note that, for instance, due to weather conditions or lock closures the scheduled programme may change as well as the location of boarding and disembarking.

***Itinerary as well as tour programs are subject to change. Rates effective October 2023.***