



Belgium - Brussels to Bruges Bike and Barge Tour 2018
Individual Self-guided
8 days / 7 nights



A combined bike and boat journey means wonderful landscapes alongside the rivers together with cycle routes that make possible an active as well as relaxing holiday far away from the main roads. The wide Belgium Polderlandscapes offer a very special experience of nature. With this journey you combine varied cycling routes and many interesting excursions with a pleasant stay on board of your swimming hotel MS QUO VADIS. Spend an eventful vacation on one of our best rated boats. As there are only 12 cabins on board, you will enjoy this river cruise in a comfortable and friendly atmosphere. The captain and the owner Rendert Jan and his crew will look after you in the most pleasant way. While you are cycling through the magnificent landscapes, MS QUO VADIS is following you on rivers and channels to be at your disposal as your hotel ship at the end of the day when you have reached your day's destination. And if you prefer staying on board, you can also enjoy the landscapes from board the ship.

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Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Individual arrival at Brussels

You will find MS QUO VADIS in the port of Brussels and the crew welcomes you on board. Take some time to wander around the old town that is worth seeing, having a look at the Gothic town hall, the beautiful guild houses, the big market and the “Männeken Pis”.

Day 2: Sailing from Brussels to Vilvoorde – Cycling from Vilvoorde over Mechelen to Willebroek 40 km

While you are having your breakfast, MS QUO VADIS is traveling to Vilvoorde. From here you start your first cycle tour that leads you to Mechelen – here you will find the remarkable density of more than 300 listed buildings (classified as historical monuments), among them eight churches, all built within an area of only three square kilometres. While your ship is going through the Willebroek Channel, you are cycling through green, soft and hilly landscapes, passing sleepy villages and magnificent country estates until you finally reach Willebroek. Subject to interest and sufficient participation a beer tasting will be held on board (not included).



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Day 3: Cycling from Willebroek to Antwerpen 50 km

From Willebroek you cycle over Lier to Antwerpen, the world’s centre of diamond-processing and today’s destination. Antwerpen offers a number of interesting sights such as the richly decorated town hall in renaissance style, the historic Grote Markt, the huge Liebfrauen Cathedral and the medieval Steen Castle.

Day 4: Cycling from Antwerpen via Sint Amands to Dendermonde 42 km

Today, your tour leads you up the river Schelde to Hemiksen, and after having cycled a bit upward you are comfortably going to Rupelmonde. At this point, where the river Rupel flows into the river Schelde, you follow the river until you reach the historic area of brick burning, where bricks have been produced since the Middle Ages until today. You will then cross the Brussels-Rupel-Channel and arrive at Sint Amands. Cycling along the River Schelde you will finally reach Dendermonde. There a must is a coffee break at the wonderful Flemish marketplace “Grote Markt”.



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Day 5: Cycling from Dendermonde to Gent 48 km

You are cycling from Dendermonde to Gent where MS QUO VADIS is already waiting for you. Discover partly cycling and walking the wonderful old town of Gent. In the Middle Ages Gent was the second largest city after Paris and has preserved its architectural wealth in the historic city centre until today.

Day 6: Cycling from Gent over Vinderhoute to Bruges 40 km

In the morning you leave for Vinderhoute. The whole cycle route follows the Gent-Oostende-Channel through the wide Flemish plain until you arrive at Bruges. “The Venice of the North” is widely known in Europe for its art and museums. Bruges’ old town with its number of Grachten (small channels) belongs to the UNESCO world’s cultural heritage. Enjoy the bustling activity around the Grote Markt (the big market place) while having a nice tea or coffee.



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Day 7: Trip around Bruges to the North Sea 55 km

Your last cycle tour will take you at the beginning over Damme, Till Eulenspiegel’s place of birth to the seaside. Sandy beaches and a lot of cafés (you have the opportunity to swim in the sea there) will give you the opportunity for a nice rest. After approx. 2 hours you are cycling back to Bruges.

Day 8: Bruges

After breakfast you check out and we say goodbye – have a safe journey home.



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Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Easy. The bike tours are guided **or** individual, at your own pace, without a tour guide, but with detailed bicycle maps and directions. When a guest does not want to cycle one day, she/he can skip the bike tour and relax on board while cruising to the next harbour.

Distance: 278 km

Travel Season: From Brussels: Saturday departures on May 19; June 2; June 16; June 30; July 14; July 28; August 11 and August 25, 2018

From Bruges: Saturday departures on May 12; May 26; June 9; June 23; July 7; July 21; Aug 4 and Aug 18, 2018

(tour goes in reverse order)



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Price per Person:

Twin cabin outside	€ 929.00
Twin cabin for single use (one cabin per departure)	€ 1394.00
Bike rental for a 8 gear unisex bicycle, with hand and/or pedal brake, pannier bag	€ 70.00
E-bike with free wheel (must be booked in advance, limited number)	€ 165.00

Services Included:

- Seven nights in outside cabins with shower/WC in the booked cabin category
- Programme according to the routing on MS QUO VADIS
- Welcome cocktail
- Room cleaning every day
- Changing of towels and bed sheets if wanted
- Full board consisting of breakfast buffet, lunch or lunch package for cycle tours, coffee or tea in the afternoon, dinner
- All charges for harbours, bridges and locks
- Printed instructions and detailed maps for daily individual bike tours (1 per cabin)
- Cycle guide with local knowledge, guides cycle tours

Not Included:

- Journey to Brussels and from Bruges
- Parking fee
- Shuttles
- Bike rental
- Entrance fees and excursions
- Ferry tickets
- Drinks on board
- City maps
- Insurances
- Gratuities (at your discretion) and own expenses

The cruise ship MS QUO VADIS

The ship is comfortably furnished; cosy and you will feel well on board. MS QUO VADIS was put into service in April 2006 and has 12 comfortable outside cabins with shower/WC, two single beds and air condition (windows cannot be opened). Furthermore, the ship offers a tasteful restaurant with an open salon with corner seats, a small bar and a sundeck with sun sails. You will find interesting cycle tours and a warm hospitality on board MS QUO VADIS. Your tasty dinner will be freshly prepared daily (organic food are generally used, and often freshly homemade bread is served). Regularly live music (there are a guitar and a piano on board). The captain and his crew are looking forward to meeting you.



Technical Details:

Length: 45 m
Width: 6.6 m
Height: 5.5 m
Depth: 1.5 m
 2 decks





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Bikes



Hybrid Bike

Unisex frame 21-gears with free wheel sizes: 56 / 51 / 46 / 43 cm

Unisex 7-gears-bikes with back pedaling brake sizes: 56 / 51 / 46 cm

Men's speed bikes 21-gears with free wheel and crossbar sizes: 64 / 60 / 56
"slopping" cm (note: a reservation is necessary!)

Also includes Saddle bag (water-repellent), handlebar bag (water-repellent), service-Set with tools and extra bicycle tube, pump and combination lock



Electric Bike

A Pedelec is an electro bike which assists with electric support only when pedaling. Composed on basis of KTM-bikes, adequate for our missions. The bike is easy to handle as you have a good weight distribution and a low balance point. Overall weight amounts to approx. 23 kg. An illuminated LCD display, a computer and a wattage display add to the comfort.

Assisting people in realizing their touring dreams worldwide is our passion.

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