

Belgium - Bruges and Flanders Fields Bicycle Tour (2025) Individual Self-guided 8 days / 7 nights



The West Flanders region offers an ideal mix of nature and culture. It is one of those unique places where you can enjoy silence along canals and open landscapes, but culture is never far away. Along the tour, you discover the story of the First World War (leper and Diksmuide). The most interesting town of this tour is of course Bruges, the famous historic town with its wonderful cultural heritage and many canals which has earned the city the surname 'Venice of the North'.



### **Itinerary Day to Day**

# Day 1: Arrival in Roeselare

After arriving in Roeselare you can start with a small tour to the basilica of Dadizele and discover the landscape around the city. Or first visit Roeselare, with the National Cycling Museum, the brewery of Rodenbach, the old cemetery, the city park along the Mandel River, the Castle of Rumbeke with various exhibitions and the city centre known for its vibrating shopping streets.



# Day 3: leper – Diksmuide 45 or 60 km

### Day 2: Roeselare – leper 31 km

Our first cycling tour will take us to leper, a beautiful medieval town with a stunning market place and the famous town gate 'Menenpoort'. We will also pass the Tyne Cot cemetery, the largest graveyard for English soldiers of World War I. In leper, you can visit the 'In Flanders Fields Museum' (paid locally). Cycling around leper is a nice experience, especially passing through the charming hills. You can also walk around the city and follow the ramparts route.

On this tour, we will pass another nice medieval town: Poperinge, popular for the hops cultivated in this area. The 'Talbot House' is a place of interest, it was the only place during WWI where British soldiers could rest and forget about the war for a while. Definitely worth a visit is the Trappist abbey of Saint Sixtus where the Westvleteren is brewed, voted best beer in the world. We will cycle further along the banks of the IJzer to Diksmuide, where the IJzertoren, a well-known monument of the Great War can be visited. You can also enjoy the beauty of the historic market place.



#### Day 4: Diksmuide – Bruges 62 km

It is almost unbelievable how much cultural heritage can be discovered in such a rural region. Indeed, the destination we are all excited about is of course Bruges, with its historic centre and the stunning belfry

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### Day 5: Bruges – Knokke – Bruges 64 km

On the fifth day, we will explore the area between Bruges and Knokke, the most mundane village of the Belgian coast. It will be another unforgettable trip, through the polder landscapes and the dunes. The main sight of this tour is the nature reserve 'Het Zwin' and the picturesque village of Damme. Or, when it is warm enough, you can go swimming in the sea!

### Day 6: Bruges – De Haan – Bruges 52 km

This day will again be an exciting day as we will visit another nice place on the Belgian coast. De Haan is a village which has preserved the 'Belle Epoque' style (19th century).

### Day 7: Bruges – Roeselare 58 km

Our last cycling tour will bring us back to Roeselare. This tour passes two nice castles, d'Aertrycke and Wijnendaele. Both are really worth a visit! After arriving in Roeselare, it is possible to visit the National Cycling Museum (paid locally).

### Day 8: Departure after breakfast

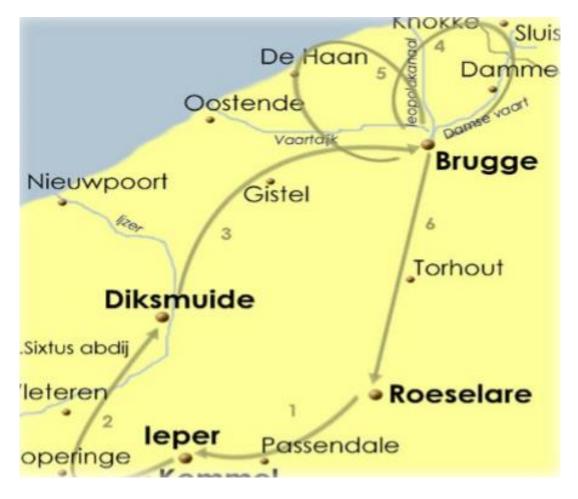




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# **Technical Characteristics:**

**Tour Profile:** Relatively Easy. Easy and flat, suitable for all cyclists and families with children. Silent roads and cycling paths / easy cycling along signposted cycling network.

Distance: 322 km

**Travel Season:** Saturday departures from April 26 until September 13 With the exception of Saturday August 2 : replaced by arrival on Sunday August 3 due to the annual

folk festival in Dranouter

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**Price per Person:** all prices subject to confirmation on booking

Double Occupancy B&B	€ 645
High Season Supplement from June 7 until August 16	€ 50
Single Room Surcharge	€ 275
Half Board	€240
Bike Rental 7/21 gear with hand brakes, pannier bag, pump, lock and repair kit	€ 80
E-bike (must be booked in advance)	€ 160
Tandem	€ 150
Child Bike, Trailer and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wheel	€ 55
Child Seat	€ 15
Bicycle Insurance for Hybrid Bikes	€ 20
Bicycle Insurance for Electric Bikes	€ 33
Extra Nights in Roeselare	On request
Reduction for children 0-2 years when sharing with two adults in one room	-100%
Reduction for children 3-6 years when sharing with two adults in one room	-50%
Reduction for children 7-11 years when sharing with two adults in one room	-25%

\*\*There is no reduction for the third person in a room. For the comfort of the clients, only a double room and a single room can be booked at the hotel in Bruges. No single room supplement will be taken. The rooms would be connecting rooms.

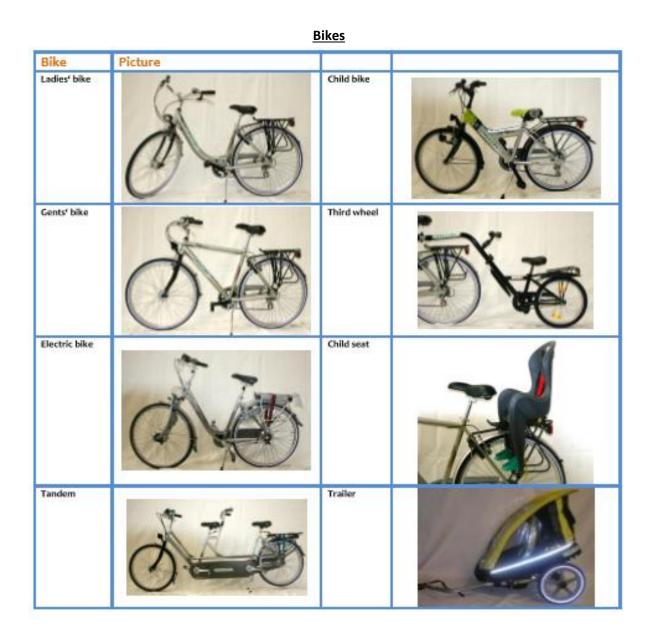
# **Services Included:**

- 8 days 7 nights in 3/4\* hotels, room with shower / bath and toilet
- 7 x breakfast buffet
- Luggage transport (1 piece/person max 15 kilos)
- Map, tourist information and road description, GPS tracks
- Service Hotline (also in weekends)
- Local taxes, except in Bruges

# Not Included:

- Journey to Brussels and from Bruges
- Personal expenses





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