



**Netherlands – South Holland Bike and Barge Tour (2025)**  
**Individual Self-guided**  
**8 days / 7 nights**



Discover the Netherlands in a unique way on an 8-days-journey by bike and boat. Well-built cycle paths as well as wide and extensive waterways guarantee an unforgettable holiday. Throughout the day you are cycling on your own through the beautiful landscapes in Rembrandt's and Van Gogh's country and in the late afternoon your "swimming hotel" MS NORMANDIE will be at your disposal. And if you don't like to cycle every day, you can stay on board and enjoy the passing countryside. The Province of the Southern Netherlands: You are travelling through the green heart of the Netherlands. Hardly any province is more changing and many-faceted than the Southern Netherlands. Big cities as well as untouched nature are so close to each other. The many waterways offer uncountable opportunities to discover the wonderful landscapes and culture historical highlights of the province "Zuid-Holland". Experience such different cities like Dordrecht, Utrecht and of course Rotterdam, also known as the "Manhattan on the river Maas". Beautiful landscape of Polderland, the famous windmill row of Kinderdijk and not to forget the major porcelain manufacture in Delft with its "Delfter Blue".

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### Itinerary Day to Day

#### **Day 1 : Rotterdam - Embarkation**

Individual arrival in Rotterdam. Embarkation from 4:00 pm. Rotterdam is a city with many faces: important port city, classy shopping city and hip artists' city, but most importantly a city of architecture, and one of the most interesting cities in Europe.



#### **Day 2: Rotterdam – Dordrecht, Cycle tour approx 39 km**

Keep cycling alongside the waterfront via Krimpen aan den IJssel to Kinderdijk, where you will find the most famous group of windmills of the Netherlands. Dating back to the 18th century, the 19 well-preserved mills were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List. Continue through the polder area of the Albwasserwaard to reach Dordrecht. Dordrecht is considered to be Holland's oldest city. With about 1000 historic buildings that are housing restaurants, museums or theatres, the city's rich history and the marvellous historic port area will enchant you.

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**Day 3: Dordrecht – Gorinchem, Cycle tour approx. 46-53 km**

After a short ferry ride, you reach the beautiful De Biesbosch National Park, where several rivers come together to form a fresh-water delta of no less than 8.000 hectares. You may enjoy a wonderful boat trip, offered here everywhere, before continuing your tour through the Rhine- Delta area and crossing over to Gorinchem by water taxi. Do not miss out on the picturesque Old Town of this small but charming city.

**Day 4: Gorinchem – Utrecht, Cycle tour approx. 47 km**

Today an interesting and varied tour awaits you. From Gorinchem, cycle via Leerdam – famous for the Leerdammer cheese – into the fortified city of Vianen. Here you may stop for a short break in one of the numerous street cafes. Take the ferry boat to cross the Lek, and keep cycling to Vreeswijk with its narrow lanes. Continue to the little town of Nieuwegein – perhaps take a short side trip to Fort Jutphaas, hidden in a green oasis in Nieuwegein -before reaching Utrecht. Utrecht is considered the heart of Holland. The city was built around the cathedral. That is why it is almost impossible to lose your way in the car-free town with its picturesque canals

**Day 5: Utrecht to Schoonhoven\*, Cycle tour approx. 41-52 km**

This morning, be sure to take some time to explore the beautiful town of Utrecht, before getting back on your bike. Cycle tour through the beautiful polder landscape via Oudewater, with its famous Witches` Weigh House, (none of the so-called witches ever weighed here was found to be too light of weight and thus none of them was sentenced) to Schoonhoven, the Silver City of the Netherlands, with its typical Dutch Old Town.

**Day 6: Schoonhoven\* –  
Rotterdam, Cycle tour approx. 42-  
44 km**

From Schoonhoven, cycle leisurely to the city of Gouda, which is famous for its cheese. When the weather is fine, you may take a detour for a refreshing bath in the lake Reeuwijkse Plassen. Your today's destination is Rotterdam. Tip: you should experience the





harbour of Rotterdam on an interesting harbour tour.

**Day 7: Rotterdam, Day at leisure / Cycle tour from Rotterdam to Delft and back or from Rotterdam via Den Haag to Scheveningen and back, approx. 42 - 77 km**

Two options for today's cycling tour: First one will lead you to Delft (Tip: visit of the porcelain manufacture), second directly to the governmental seat Den Haag and to the North Sea coastal town and health resort Scheveningen and back. Alternatively, you can also go back to Rotterdam by train (rail and bike is not included, approx. € 16.- p. Pers, not in rush hour between 16:30 h and 18:00 h).

You do not fancy a bike ride? Rotterdam offers endless possibilities to design your day. Really one is spoilt for choice

**Day 8: : Departure from Rotterdam**

After breakfast checkout until 9:00 am— have a safe journey home.

\*Depending on the official authorities responsible for the distribution of moorings, Vianen can also be called as an alternative for Schoonhoven. Then itinerary on 5thday Utrecht–Vianen, cycle tour approx. 48–59 km and on the 6thday: Vianen–Gouda–Rotterdam, cycle tour approx. 59km.



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### Route



### Technical Characteristics:

**Tour Profile:** Easy. The bike tours are individual, at your own pace, without a tour guide, but with daily briefings on board and 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:** 257-312 km

### **Travel Dates 2025 / From Saturday to Saturday**

Season A: 22Mar–29Mar 29Mar–05Apr

Season B: 05Apr–12Apr; 04Oct–11Oct

Season C: 12Apr–19Apr; 20Sep–27Sept; 27Sep–04Oct

Season D: 19Apr–26Apr; 26Apr–03 May; 06Sep–13Sept; 13Sep–20Sep

Season E: 03May–10May; 10May–17May; 17May–24May; 21Jun–28Jun; 28Jun–05July; 05July–12July;  
12July–19July; 19July–26July; 26July–02Aug; 30Aug–06Sept

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**Prices per person in Euros:** *all prices subject to confirmation on booking*

	Season A	Season B	Season C	Season D	Season E
2-Bed-cabin main deck	699	799	899	999	1149
2-Bed-cabin astern*	799	899	999	1099	1249
2-Bed-cabin upper deck	849	949	1049	1149	1299
Single cabin	1149	1249	1349	1449	1649
2 Bed cabin for single use	+40%	+40%	+40%	+40%	+ 40%
Hybrid Bike	89	89	89	89	89
E-bike	199	199	199	199	199
Bring your own bike-limited spaces	39	39	39	39	39

Travel safe: We recommend wearing a bike helmet. Onboard Selling: UVEX I-VO€ 40.-per helmet, limited number. To bring your own bike On request only due to lack of space on sun deck .E-bikes exclusively with removable battery pack

**Included:**

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

**Not Included:**

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

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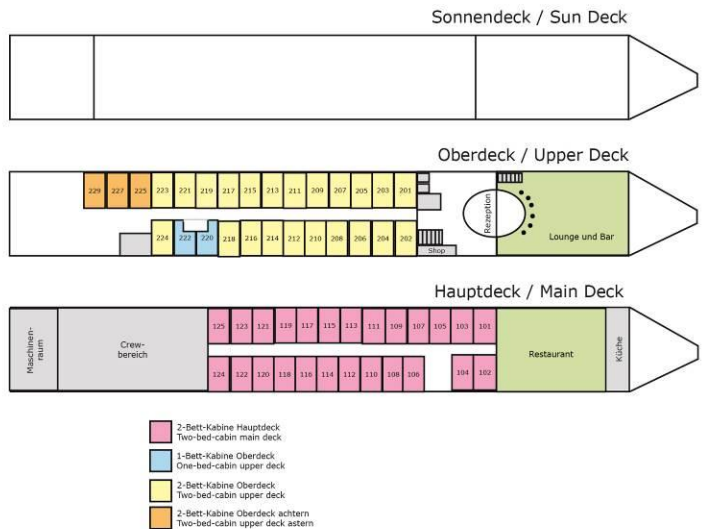


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### MS NORMANDIE:

On joining this vessel you are immediately aware of the cosy and informal ambience on board. **In winter 2019/2020 all cabins were completely renovated.** 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. 1-bed cabins have one lower hotel bed and are otherwise equipped with same features.

### **Technical details:**

Length 91.2 m, width 10.50 m, depth 1.60 m, max. 100 passengers.

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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)

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.

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 insurance

#### **Bikes**



#### **Hybrid Bike**

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

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

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#### **Electric Bike**

A Pedelec is an electro bike which assists with electric support only when pedaling. Composed on basis of Velo de Ville-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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**THIS IS A PARTNER TOUR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**

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