



**Netherlands – Belgium – Highlights of Holland and Flanders Bike and Barge Tour (2024)**  
**Individual Self-guided or Guided**  
**8 days / 7 nights**



Experience the charm of a bygone era on this exciting tour where you will discover the best of what Holland and Belgium have to offer. During the day you will cycle to world famous destinations such as Amsterdam, Antwerp, Ghent and Bruges, while at night you will relax in the comfort of your floating hotel. The cycling on this tour is through the beautiful – and flat - Dutch countryside of Zeeland and the western Flanders region of Belgium. Attractions along the way include many charming villages, a visit to a real Dutch cheese farm, the 19 famous Dutch windmills in Kinderdijk and the world famous cities of Antwerp, Ghent and Bruges in the western Flanders region of Belgium. You will cycle through and discover the Dutch province of Zeeland, which is essentially one big river delta of the Rhine, Meuse and Scheldt Rivers famous for its fantastic beaches, water sport activities and Delta works and the Flanders region of Belgium famous for its medieval towns and a reputation for superb food and drink.



As well as being able to discover many picturesque villages each day – both on your bicycle and on foot – you will:

- Have the opportunity to discover Amsterdam
- Visit Antwerp, a city famous for its vibrant nightlife
- Get the opportunity to explore Ghent
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed historical center of Bruges

**The ship – Your sailing hotel**

In between cycling excursions, you cruise along with the ship, which travels to a new destination every day. You dine, sleep and eat breakfast on board. You'll receive a packed lunch every day, and you can usually choose between a longer or shorter bike ride. It's also possible to spend a day on board if you like. There are rental bikes on board, but you can also bring your own if you mention it when booking (not possible on the Zwaantje).

**Fully Guided**

Accompanied by a competent, professional and multilingual tour leader, you and the group will visit interesting sights and places on the daily cycling tours. During the bike tour, they will explain the local history and culture behind the things you encounter along the way. You can also choose to ride individually with the help of our Ride with GPS app and our BBT cycling map (available on board).

The itinerary with the LaMar, Magnifique III & Zwaantje will be slightly different.





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### Itinerary Day to Day

#### **Day 1: Amsterdam – Vianen**

Embarkation and check-in is between 1.30 – 1.50 p.m., where your crew for the week will be waiting to welcome you on board. At 2 p.m. the ship will depart from Amsterdam for Vianen, a small, fortified village on the Lek River. After dinner you have the opportunity to enjoy a short first test ride through the surrounding area.



#### **Day 2: Vianen – Schoonhoven – Kinderdijk (32 km/19 mi. or 56 km/34 mi.) | Kinderdijk – Dordrecht**

Today you will cycle along a beautiful route to Schoonhoven – nicknamed Zilverstad (“Silver City”) – a city renowned for its talented silver smiths since the 17th century. Later in the day as you cycle through the Alblasserwaard region you will reach Kinderdijk, a village famous for its impressive row of 19 large windmills. All 19 windmills have a UNESCO cultural heritage listing and are a definite highlight – you will have the opportunity to visit one so don’t

forget to bring your camera! From nearby Alblasserdam you will take the “Waterbus”, a fast ferry, that will take you and your bicycle in approx. 10 minutes to Dordrecht, one of the oldest towns in Holland.

#### **Day 3: Dordrecht – Willemstad | Willemstad – Bergen op Zoom (42 km/26 mi. or 50 km/31 mi.)**

As you enjoy your breakfast aboard the ship, the ship will sail to Willemstad where you will start your day’s cycling. Willemstad is a beautiful old fortified town on the Haringvliet waterway. Your bicycle ride goes to Tholen, once was an island in the middle of the large Zeeland streams, where many people fished for their living. Nowadays Tholen is connected to the mainland in various ways.

Then you cycle on to the destination of this trip, Bergen op Zoom. Bergen op Zoom is a historic fortified town that once lay on the open waters of the Oosterschelde. After dinner you can take a walk through the old town. Narrow streets, old town, market and church squares and idiosyncratic monumental buildings show the history of a rich and eventful past that goes back more than eight hundred years.



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**Day 4: Bergen op Zoom – Kreekrak lock (21 km/13 mi. or 35 km/21 mi.) | Kreekrak lock – Antwerp**

In the morning you will enjoy a small bike ride through the beautiful “Wouwse Plantage” surrounding Bergen op Zoom. In the early afternoon you will once again board the ship which will sail to the port city of Antwerp, situated on the river Schelde. Antwerp is famous for handling up to 80% of the world’s rough diamonds and is a city with a long list of attractions including: the City Hall, one of several majestic buildings constructed during the Renaissance period, the historical City Square Grote Market, the Onze-Lieve-Vrouwe Cathedral and the medieval Steen Castle. Dinner tonight (not included) will be in town in a restaurant of your choice (recommendations available on board).



**Day 5: Antwerp – Temse – St. Amands (34 km or 49 km)**

This morning you will cycle out of Antwerp along a picturesque section of the Schelde River to St. Amands your home for the night. There is only one way to describe the landscape around the Schelde and that is “magnificent”. It is without doubt one of the natural highlights of the tour.

**Day 6: St. Amands – Dendermonde | Dendermonde– Ghent (52 km/32)**

Today you will continue to follow the river Schelde to Ghent where the ship will moor for the night at a lock in a suburb of town. Ghent is a lively university city that boasts a rich history. Since Roman times Ghent’s position at the junction of Leie and Schelde Rivers has ensured that it has been a successful trading port. In total the city features an Opera House, 18 museums, more than 100 churches and over 400 historical buildings. Major attractions are St. Bavo Cathedral where a number of masterpieces of medieval art including the world famous ‘Adoration of the Mystic Lamb’ by Jan van Eyck are kept and the 91-metre-tall belfry of Ghent, one of three medieval towers that overlook the old city center.

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### **Day 7: Ghent – Bruges (22 km or 45 km)**

Today you will cycle from Ghent through the beautiful Flemish countryside of western Flanders to Bruges, widely described as the 'Venice of the North' and arguably the most beautiful of all the Flemish cities. Bruges attracts more than two million visitors every year who come to see the picturesque medieval town center of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic city and a long list of historic attractions. An outstanding example of a medieval historic settlement, Bruges has managed to maintain its historic fabric as it has evolved over the centuries, with the result that today the city's original Gothic buildings form an integral part of the town's identity. While you are here you can visit one of Bruges many museums or simply take in the stunning beauty and culture of this unforgettable city from the comfort of a sidewalkcafé. Dinner tonight (not included) will be in town in a restaurant of your choice (recommendations available on board).



### **Day 8: Bruges**

End of your tour: Disembarkation after breakfast until 9:30 a.m.

This tour can also be done as Bruges to Amsterdam.

### **Good to Know**

- Cycling route distances in the travel program are approximate.
- On some days you can choose between a longer and a shorter cycling route. Please note that on the shorter routes you may not be able to visit all the highlights mentioned.
- If you prefer not to cycle on a particular day, you're welcome to stay on board and relax while the ship cruises to the next landing place.
- The tour itinerary and route are subject to possible changes due to nautical, technical or meteorological reasons, or other unforeseen events.
- On the arrival day, you can leave your luggage on board the ship from 11.00 am.
- Detailed cycling maps, route tips and a GPS app are available for guests who wish to cycle individually and at their own pace. The tour guide is always available via cell phone in case of questions, breakdowns or emergencies.

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### Route



### Technical Characteristics:

**Tour Profile:** Relatively easy. Cycling during this tour can be rated easy to moderate, with daily cycling distances up to 50 km. Most of the cycle routes are classified as 'easy', because most of the way is over flat paths, so nearly all our trips are suitable for all cyclists, from very experienced to beginners and recreational cyclists with a basic level of fitness.

**Distance:** 214-297 km

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**Travel dates and seasons**

Season A, Magnifique’s: April 25 – June; August 29 – September 30

Season B, Magnifique’s: July – August 28; October 3

Season C, Magnifique’s: October 10 | LaMar: October 5 and 12

Season D, Zwaantje: May 4

**Magnifinque I departs Tuesdays**

Amsterdam – Bruges: on May 7 and 21; June 4

Bruges – Amsterdam: on May 14; June 11

**Magnifinque II departs Tuesdays**

Amsterdam – Bruges: on May 2, 16 and 30; June 13; July 11 and 25; August 22; Sept. 5 and 19 and Oct. 3

Bruges – Amsterdam: on May 9 and 23; June 6 and 20; July 18; August 1 and 29; Sept. 12 and 26 and Oct.10

**Magnifinaue III departs Tuesdays**

Amsterdam – Bruges: on June 11 and 25; July 9 and 23; August 6

Bruges – Amsterdam: on May 21; June 4 and 18; July 2, 16 and 30; August 13

**Magnifinque IV departs Thursdays**

Amsterdam – Bruges: on April 25; May 9 and 23; June 6 and 20; July 4 and 18; August 1, 15 and 29; Sept. 12 and 26

Bruges – Amsterdam: on May 2, 16 and 30; June 13 and 27; July 11 and 25; August 8 and 22; Sept. 5 and 19 and Oct. 3

**Zwaantje departs Saturdays**

Amsterdam – Bruges: departure date on May 4

Amsterdam – Bruges: departure date on October 5

Bruges – Amsterdam: departure date on October 12

**2023 Pricing per person in Euros *all prices subject to confirmation on booking***

Cabin type	For	Season A	Season B	Season C	Season D
Twin cabin	2 pers.	€ 1699	€ 1549	€ 1449	€ 1539
Twin cabin with separate beds (LaMar)	2 pers.	NA	NA	€ 1299	NA
Premium twin MAGII	2 pers	€ 1949	€ 1799	€ 1699	NA
Jr Suite MAG1	2 pers	€ 2099	€ 1949	NA	NA

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Upper deck suite (Not on MAG I)	2 pers.	€ 2129	€ 2149	€ 2049	NA
Single cabin MAG III	1 pers.	€ 2129	€ 1929	NA	NA
Twin for single use	1 pers.	€ 2549	€ 2324	€ 2174	€ 2309
Split level cabin for single use (Lamar)	1 pers.	NA	NA	€ 1949	NA
Premium bike rental	<b>€100</b>				
Premium e-bike rental	<b>€250</b>				
Bring own bike /e-bike	<b>€10/ 25 (not possible on Zwaantje)</b>				

### **Included:**

- Tour and accommodation on board in the booked category
- Full board; 7x breakfast, 6x packed lunches during bike tours, 6x three course dinner
- Use of bed linen and towels and daily cleaning of the cabin
- Climate controlled cabin
- Welcoming drink
- Daily briefings
- Fully guided cycling tours (2 tour leaders and 2 groups)
- Some short walking tours
- Maps and notes for cycling tours, 1 set per cabin
- Coffee and tea on board
- GPS tracks
- Fees for ferries
- Canal Tour Through Ghent
- Entrance to Red star museum
- Wi-Fi

### **Not Included:**

- Transfers to/from the docking places in Amsterdam and Bruges
- Dinner in Antwerp or Bruges
- Rental bicycle
- Entrance fees & excursions not mentioned under inclusions
- Drinks on board
- Personal insurances
- Gratuities (at your discretion)
- Dietary requirements on request/surcharges may be calculated

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### **The Cruise Ship Magnifique III**

This beautiful ship has 16 lovely cabins on the lower deck, all with two very comfortable beds, an en-suite bathroom, satellite TV, mini-safe and hairdryer. The 5 suites on the upper deck also have a small sitting area and large windows. The air conditioned restaurant and lounge area are situated around the prominent bar; ideal spots to enjoy life aboard! Let's not forget about the Jacuzzi and deckchairs on the top deck.



### **The Cruise Ship Magnifique II**

This younger sister of the Magnifique, the Magnifique II, was built in 2015-2016 and offers a wonderful stay to a maximum of 34 guests. All of the 13 cabins on the lower deck and 4 suites on the upper deck are very comfortable: excellent beds and a private bathroom, as well as air conditioning, satellite TV, and a wardrobe with a mini-safe. In the tastefully furnished and air conditioned salon on the upper deck, the bar is a real eye catcher. On one side you'll find the restaurant area and on the other there is the lounge. The captain and his crew will take good care of you!

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### The Cruise Ship Magnifique IV

Following the overwhelming success of our premium barges Magnifique, Magnifique II (2016), and Magnifique III (2018), we are proud to announce the construction of a new sister for the family: the Magnifique IV. Launch date: Spring 2020 This beautiful ship has 8 lovely cabins on the lower deck, all with two very comfortable beds, an en-suite bathroom, satellite TV, mini-safe and hairdryer. The 10 suites on the main deck also have a small sitting area and large windows. The restaurant is situated on the lower deck and the lounge and bar area on the upper deck; ideal spots to enjoy life aboard! Let's not forget about the Jacuzzi and deckchairs on the top deck.



### The Zwaantje

The Zwaantje, 'little swan', is the classic ship of captain Martijn and his spouse Marjorie. On the lower deck are 12 cabins: 10 twins and 2 doubles. All with a bathroom, a window (can open only in the double cabins) and individual air conditioning. On the main deck you can have a seat and a refreshing drink in the lounge corner of the cozy salon with its large panoramic windows. Or enjoy your breakfast and delicious three course dinner in the adjacent restaurant area. And with a little bit of sunshine you should take a seat on the sun deck.



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### **Magnifique I**

The Magnifique I will have a capacity of max. 32 guests in 16 cabins. All beautifully decorated cabins are on lower deck and have en-suite bathrooms, air-conditioning, a mini-safe and a hair-dryer. Twelve twin cabins are approx. 11 m<sup>2</sup>; four junior suites have queen size beds (two single beds set together) and are approx. 15 m<sup>2</sup>. The upper deck has a tastefully furnished salon with a restaurant area, a nice bar and a lounge area with sitting corners, air-conditioning, TV and large panoramic windows.



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**Fiep (2024: La Mar)**

Welcome aboard of the Fiep (2024: La Mar), the comfortable and cozy passengers ship. The cabins are great for a pleasant stay. Admittedly, they're not that big, but they have nice beds, a private bathroom, a cabinet, small safe and hair dryer, central heating and air-conditioning, and a window that can be opened. The space that is left on this ship, is well used for a nice restaurant where you can enjoy a strong and healthy breakfast each morning and a tasty three course meal in the evening. On the upper deck you'll find a spacious sitting area with wide screen TV, a cozy bar and a large sundeck.

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

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