



Through South Holland, MS Normandie

Southern Holland by bike & boat

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 Gouda and Schoonhoven and of course Rotterdam, also known as the "Manhattan on the river Maas". Gorgeous lakes like the Brassemermeer and not to forget the major porcelain manufacture in Delft with its "Delfter Blue".



8 Days / 7 Nights



Individual

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Rotterdam

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 | approx. 40 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.

DAY
3

Dordrecht – Gorinchem | approx. 40 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** | approx. 55 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 – Schoonhoven** | approx. 45 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** | approx. 45 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** | approx. 40 - 70 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 spoiled for choice



Departure

After breakfast checkout until 9:00 am and we are saying goodbye –have a safe journey home.

Tour character

You cycle daily about 25 to 45 km. Nearly all routes are easy to cycle. You cycle on asphalted and signposted bike paths.



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Rotterdam

Season 1	Season 2	Season 3	Season 4	Season 5
26.03.2022	02.04.2022	09.04.2022	16.04.2022	30.04.2022 07.05.2022
				14.05.2022 21.05.2022
08.10.2022	01.10.2022	24.09.2022	23.04.2022	28.05.2022 04.06.2022
				11.06.2022 18.06.2022
Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	10.09.2022	25.06.2022 02.07.2022
Saturday	Saturday	Saturday		09.07.2022 16.07.2022
			17.09.2022	23.07.2022 30.07.2022
				06.08.2022 13.08.2022
			Arrival	20.08.2022 27.08.2022
			Saturday	03.09.2022
				Arrival Saturday

Bike & Boat South Holland - MS Normandie - upper deck, 8 days, NL-SHSSN-08I-O

Base price	649.00	749.00	849.00	899.00	999.00
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Surcharge 1-bed-cabin	300.00	300.00	350.00	380.00	400.00
Discount 2-bed-cabin Achtern	-50.00	-50.00	-50.00	-50.00	-50.00

Bike & Boat South Holland - MS Normandie - main deck, 8 days, NL-SHSSN-08I-H

Base price	499.00	599.00	699.00	749.00	849.00
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%

Our rental bikes

Filter

7-gear with back brake	75.00
7-gear with freewheel	75.00

Electric bike with freewheel	165.00
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E-Bike with back brake	165.00
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Prices per person in EUR

Services and infos

Services

Included:

- Program according to itinerary from/to Rotterdam
- 7 overnights in cabins with shower/toilet in the booked cabin category
- Full board: 7x breakfast buffet, 6x small lunch or lunch package for bike tours, 6x coffee and tea in the afternoon, 7x 3-course dinner
- Welcome drink
- Daily cleaning of cabins
- Linen and change of towels if required
- All harbour, lock and bridge fees
- Daily briefing of bike tours
- 1 route book for self-guided trips per cabin

- Tour guidance on board
- Rental bike insurance

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Amsterdam train station is close to the pier
- Oosterdok car park: secure car park at the train station, about € 25,- per day. Reservation possible by yourself
- Valet Parking Services: Drop off your car at the pier on arrival day, car will be back at the pier on day of departure, price on request

Please note:

- Program and details are subject to change due to nautical and meteorological reasons (this is no reason for a free cancellation).

Accommodation



MS Normandie

Enjoy a great bike tour where you get to sleep on board a boat each evening. The MS Normandie is a very middle-class barge with a friendly and comfortable atmosphere.

Beds: 100

Cabinsize: 10-11 m²

Crew: 17

Length: 91,20 m

Width: 10,50 m

Draught: 1,60 m

Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.

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Book now

