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# **Boat and Bike Amsterdam-Bruges MS Fluvius**

Boat and bike Amsterdam-Bruges and Bruges-Amsterdam

## By bike & boat from Amsterdam to Bruges

During this tour some of the most beautiful cities of Holland and Flanders are highlighted: Amsterdam, Antwerp, Ghent and Bruges, where you still can feel the charm of the days long gone. After embarkation in Amsterdam you will cross through a beautiful part of the Netherlands. After a short cruise with the ship, you bike along the winding small river Vecht with its impressive mansions and country houses on its banks. You visit a real Dutch cheese farm and the 19 Dutch windmills in Kinderdijk. Via Dordrecht and the fortified town of Willemstad, the ship cruises through the "Delta" Province of Zeeland to Belgium. You will spend the night in Antwerp, the city of Rubens, whose paintings can be admired in the cathedral. You will cycle from Antwerp to Ghent along the beautiful tidal river Lower Schelde. Destination of your tour is Bruges, the "Pearl of Flanders" with its picturesque medieval town centre.

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	8 Days	/ 7 Nights	
1	Self-guided tour		
i	Minimum number of participants: 24		

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# ltinerary

#### Day 1

## Amsterdam – Nigtevecht | Nigtevecht – Breukelen (approx. 15 km) Breukelen – Vianen

Embarkation and check-in where the crew will welcome you on board is at 1 p.m. At around 2 p.m. the MS FLUVIUS will depart from Amsterdam for Vianen, a small fortified village on the Lek river. After the distribution of bicycles, you can enjoy a short bicycle ride.

## Day 2 Vianen – Schoonhoven – Kinderdijk – Dordrecht approx. 52 km

Today you cycle via the silver town of Schoon-hoven to Kinderdijk, the most famous row of windmills in Holland - keep your cameras ready, it's worth it. The last part of today's cycle route is by 'Waterbus' (not included, approx.  $\in$  4,- p.p.) from Alblasserdam (near Kinderdijk) to Dordrecht in approx. 10 minutes. The historic city centre of Dordrecht is impressively nestled between mighty rivers.

Day 3

## Dordrecht - Tholen - Kreekrak lock - Antwerp

bike tour approx. 20 - 36 km

During breakfast the ship sails to Tholen.You cycle through a forest area, "the Wouwse Plantage", towards the south to the impressive Kreekrak lock. Then you will sail to Antwerp, which is not only known as diamond city, but also as native city of painter Rubens. You will find some of his paintings in the "Onze Lieve Vrouwe (our lady) Cathedral".

### Day 4 Antwerp – Temse – Dendermonde

bike tour approx. 47 - 61 km

Today's tour will see you cycle out of Antwerp on a beautiful cycle path along the picturesque tidal Schelde River to Dendermonde, 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 5

### Dendermonde – Ghent-Merelbeke

bike tour approx. 52 km

The bike tour follows again the river Schelde in the direction of Ghent. Ghent is a lively university city, again, one with a rich past. In the afternoon you have the opportunity to discover the city some more or to shop in the lively centre. The city was founded in Roman times, where the rivers Leie and Schelde converge. The convenient location has over the years brought much prosperity, culminating in the late 13th, early 14th century. The textile industry brought great wealth. In the city, many old patricians preserved. The Cloth Hall (1425) brought cloth merchants together. The main church is the St. Bavo Cathedral, which is built in different ages and in the different corresponding styles. In the cathedral are some masterpieces of medieval art, which "Adoration of the Mystic Lamb" by Jan van Eyck is the most famous. The ship is docked at the lock in Merelbeke, a suburb of Ghent (approx. 30 min by bike from the city centre).

#### Day 6

Ghent-Merelbeke – Moerbrugge – Bruges

bike tour approx. 45 km

During breakfast the MS Fluvius will sail to Moerbrugge, a suburb of Bruges. Start of your bike tour through the pleasant country side of Western Flanders around Bruges. Bruges also called the Venice of the North is maybe the most beautiful of all Flemish cities. Its old centre which dates from the Middle Ages is almost completely intact. Bruges was at that time a metropolis and center of commerce and art. You can still see this glory at the beautiful buildings. But Bruges is also a nice town for shopping or going out.

#### Day 7

Tour around Bruges to the North Sea

bike tour approx. 37 - 50 km

The last bike tour takes you to a quiet canal along where you'll find lots of poplars, through an attractive polder landscape with nice small farm houses to the North Sea coast. A long sandy beach and numerous cafés provide enough variety during your lunch break. Then heading back to Bruges.

## Day 8 Departure Bruges

After breakfast till 09:30 am: end of the tour and disembarkation.

## The route

You cycle through Holland and Belgium on flat and well-maintained cycle paths. The routes can be classified as easy and are also well suited for inexperienced cyclists.

> Explore the area on Google Maps

# **Prices and events**

#### Place of arrival: Amsterdam

Season	Season 2
<b>1</b> 14.04.2024 I	28.04.2024   12.05.2024   26.05.2024   09.06.2024   23.06.2024   07.07.2024   21.07.2024   04.08.2024   18.08.2024   01.09.2024   15.09.2024

Bike & Boat Holland meets Belgium - Amsterdam-Brügge - MS Fluvius - main deck, 8 days, NL-SHSAF-08G-H					
Base price	1,159.00	1,209.00			
Surcharge own E-Bike	90.00	90.00			
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	50%	50%			
small 2-bed cabin	-50.00	-50.00			
Bike & Boat Holland meets Belgium - Amsterdam-Brügge - MS Fluvius - upper deck, 8 days, NL-SHSAF-08G-0					
Base price	1,359.00	1,409.00			
Surcharge own E-Bike	90.00	90.00			
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin premium	200.00	200.00			

# Our bookable bikes

	Price
7-gear unisex with freewheel	90.00
Electric bike	225.00
bring your own bike	10.00

Bring your own e-bike

Prices per person in EUR

25.00

# Services & Extras

### Services

#### **Included Services**

- 7 nights tour and accommodation on board of MS Fluvius in the booked category
- Program according to the routing
- Welcome drink
- Full board (7 x breakfast, 6 x picnic lunch during bike tours, 6x coffee and tea in the afternoon till 4 PM,
  - 7 x 3 course dinner)
- Daily cabin cleaning
- Use of linen and towels
- Daily briefing on the respective bike tours
- Tour guide for guided bike tours (for 18 persons or more two tour guides)
- All charges for harbours, bridges and locks
- Printed instructions and detailed maps for daily bike tours (deposited on board, 1 per cabin)
- Fees for ferries

#### Additionally for the guided bike tour

- Tour guide
- Some short tours
- Ferry fees

## Extras

#### Arrival/departure and parking-information

- Central railway station Amsterdam near landing stage.
- For example: Parking Oosterdok <u>www.parkingcentrumoosterdok.nl/english</u>, economy fare approx. € 20.-/24 h. No reservation possible.
- Return transfer by train from Bruges to Amsterdam approx. 40 € per person.

#### Services not included

- Journey to Amsterdam and from Bruges
- parking fee
- shuttles
- bike rental
- entrance fees and excursions
- town maps
- drinks on board
- tips
- insurances.

Embarkation: from 1.00 pm to 1.30 pm · Disembarkation: After breakfast, until 09:30 am · Bicycles on board (brand/model may change): Bikkel unisex bicycles, 7 gears, pannier bag, hand brakes and pedal brakes or (only a few) hand brakes only (subject to availability). E-Bikes (Bikkel 1be E2, 8 gears, hand brakes only, pannier bag) are only available after prior request (by booking) and confirmation and at limited number. Please indicate your body height when you book. To bring your own bike: on request only, due to lack of space on sundeck (max. 4 own bikes) · Cycle Tours: individual tours or daily guided bike tours by one guide (for 18 persons or more two guides). If there are two guides on board you can often choose between a

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shorter and a longer tour. Not all mentioned highlights will be visited during the short bicycle option. It is also possible to ride the bike tours individually. Tour description and maps are available on board. The kilometers/miles indicated for the cycle tours are approximate. The quality of the cycle ways along this route is excellent. Most of the way is paved or asphalted and does not have any gradients of note. This makes the trip suitable for cyclists with an average physical condition. • Luggage on board: we recommend waterproof rain gear, bike helmet, sun hat and sports shoes. We would like to ask you to do without hard-side luggage as storage space in the cabin is very limited! · Alterations of schedule or program: subject to change. In case that as a result of nautical, technical or meteorological reasons a route cannot be taken, the skipper reserves the right to change the route for your safety (this would not be a rea-son for fee-free cancellation) · Travel documents: EU-citizens (without special situations like dual citizenship, main residence abroad or a limited-validity passport) are required to have a valid passport or IDcard, not expiring within six (6) months of the return of your cruise. We kindly ask non-EU citizens, EUnationals with multiple citizenship or anybody who has to respect special legal entry requirements for the country to visit, to inform about visa and entry documents at the competent embassy. • This trip is not suitable for guests with reduced mobility.

#### Important notes

More important information about the Package Travel Act and additional information about your trip by bike and boat can be found <u>here!</u>

# Ship



## **MS Fluvius**

With MS Fluvius through the most beautiful cities of Holland and Flanders. You can expect a cosy, family atmosphere, good facilities and a friendly ship crew who will lovingly look after you. Look forward to adventurous bike tours, international guests and a beautiful ship.

Beds: 44 Cabinsize: 10-12 m<sup>2</sup> Crew: 7 Length: 70 m Width: 5,60 m Height: 3,85 m Draught: 1 m

## **Contact & booking**

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



Theresa Hengst

### **Book now**

