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## Boat and Bike South Holland| MS Normandie

Auf zu den Schönheiten Hollands

### Through the Netherlands 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 guarantees 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 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".

## Netherlands

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    Easy



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided tour



Minimum number of participants: 60

### To the online version



# Itinerary

## Day 1 Arrival to 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 | cycle tour 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 | cycle tour 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 | cycle tour 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**

cycle tour approx. 42 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. 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.

**Rotterdam Day at leisure****Day 7**

cycle tour from Rotterdam - Delft and back or from Rotterdam via Den Haag to Scheveningen and back 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 spoilt for choice

**Day 8****Departure from Rotterdam**

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

# Tour character

Nearly all routes are easy to cycle. You cycle on asphalted and signposted bike paths

**> Explore the area on Google Maps**

# Prices and events

## Place of arrival: Rotterdam

Season 1	Season 2	Season 3	Season 4	Season 5
25.03.2023	01.04.2023	08.04.2023	15.04.2023   22.04.2023   29.04.2023   09.09.2023   16.09.2023	06.05.2023   13.05.2023   20.05.2023   27.05.2023   24.06.2023   01.07.2023   08.07.2023   15.07.2023   22.07.2023   29.07.2023   26.08.2023   02.09.2023
07.10.2023	30.09.2023	23.09.2023	16.09.2023	Arrival Saturday
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### Bike & Boat South Holland - MS Normandie - main deck, 8 days, NL-SHSSN-08-H

Base price	599.00	699.00	749.00	849.00	999.00
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%

### Bike & Boat South Holland - MS Normandie - upper deck, 8 days, NL-SHSSN-08-0

Base price	749.00	849.00	899.00	999.00	1,099.00
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Surcharge 1-bed cabin	250.00	250.00	300.00	350.00	350.00
Discount 2-bed-cabin astern	-50.00	-50.00	-50.00	-50.00	-50.00

## Our bookable bikes

	Filter
7-gear with back brake	79.00
7-gear with freewheel	79.00
Electric bike with freewheel	189.00

**E-Bike with back brake**

**18900**

Prices per person in EUR

# Services and extras

## Service

### Services included

- Seven nights in outside cabins of the MS Normandie shower/WC in the booked cabin category
- Programme according to routing from/to Amsterdam
- Welcome-Drink
- Room cleaning every day
- Changing of towels and bed cloths 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)
- Daily meeting for the cycle tours
- Tour guide

### Services not included

- Journey to and from Amsterdam
- parking fee
- shuttles
- bike rental
- entrance fees and excursions
- ferry tickets
- drinks on board
- tips
- travel insurances.

## Extras

### Parking

For example: Parking Oosterdok  
[www.parkingcentreamsterdam.com](http://www.parkingcentreamsterdam.com), economy fare approx. € 25.-/24 h or Valet Parking Service (via holiday extras), approx. € 145.-/week (Rate depends on capacity; application form with your booking confirmation).

Your journey to and from Amsterdam will be individual.

• 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). • The interior of the ship is a non-smoking zone: smoking is only allowed on the sun deck. As a safety measure, a statutory smoking ban applies in all cabins; this means that all cabins and rooms on board are non-smoking areas. • **Embarkation:** 3-4:30 pm • **Disembarkation:** after breakfast at 9 am. • **Bicycles on board:** 7 gears unisex trekking bicycles with normal mount (ladies model) and 8 gears E-Bikes with normal mount (ladies model). Brand: Velo de Ville. Each with hand brake, coaster breaking hubs or freewheel hubs (subject to availability - please indicate as non-binding customer request when booking) and pannier bag. E-bikes are available after prior request and at limited number only. **Please indicate your body height when you book.** •



**To bring your own bike:** on request only – due to lack of space on sundeck. • **Languages on board:** German, English • **Cycle tours:** all distances are “approximate distances” of recommended bike tours. 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. 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. Nearly all cycle tours can be classified as being easy. •

**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. • **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 ID-card, not expiring within six(6) months of the return of your cruise. We kindly ask non-EU citizens, EU-nationals 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

Further important information according to the package travel law can be found [here!](#)

# 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 m<sup>2</sup>

**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**

