



# Boat and bike Amsterdam-Maastricht MS Flora

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## Amsterdam - Maastricht

"Thinking of Holland I see broad rivers languidly winding through endless fen, lines of incredibly tenuous poplars like giant plumes on the polder's rim". These lines of a famous poem by the Dutch poet Marsman characterize this wonderful journey between Amsterdam and Maastricht, the southernmost city in the Netherlands.

Discover magical flat and green landscapes formed by the rivers Vecht, Lower Rhine, Waal, Linge and Meuse: a tangle of old gullies, cut-off meanders, dikes and flood plains with a typical flora and fauna. Visit historical towns, remarkable villages and some castles and gardens along these rivers. In the hospitable province of Limburg, cycling tours will cross borders regularly: although the Meuse flows through the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium are only a stone's throw away.


You can eat 'Kuchen' (cake) in a German 'Konditorei' in the morning and have a delicious afternoon beer in a street café in a Belgium village. The journey ends in Maastricht, the capital of the province of Limburg, famous for its lively center and vibrant hospitality.

Netherlands Belgium



    Easy

 8 Days / 7 Nights

 Guided group tour

To the online version



# Itinerary

**Day 1****Arrival to Amsterdam – Weesp**

testride in Weesp approx. 11 km

Embarkation and check-in where the crew will welcome you on board is between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Around 2 p.m. the barge sails to Weesp. This small city on the banks of the river Vecht has a historical centre with many canals and buildings dating from the seventeenth and eighteenth century. It also has a few beautiful windmills. The scenic river Vecht and the small roads along the river attract yachters and cyclists. As soon as you arrive the tour leader will organize a test ride. After dinner you will have time to stroll through this charming city.

**Day 2****Weesp – Utrecht – Vianen**

approx. 47 km

Your bike tour starts in Weesp and you will cycle along the beautiful meandering river Vecht with impressive mansions on its banks. Along the way you will visit a real Dutch cheese farm, where cheese is still produced according to traditional methods. You will meet the barge in the city of Utrecht and from there you will sail the Amsterdam-Rhine canal to Vianen, a small fortified town on the river Lek.

**Day 3****Vianen – Gorinchem – Heusden**

approx. 41 km

From Vianen you cycle through a typical Dutch landscape to Leerdam a little town on the banks of the river Linge. Leerdam is famous for its glasswork. Later on you continue biking on the beautiful roads along the Linge to Gorinchem, a charming town on the river Waal. After a short visit, you will join the barge to Heusden.

**Day 4****Heusden – Oss - Cuijk**

approx. 40 km

During breakfast the ship sails from Heusden to Oss, a city on the Maas river. Here your bike tour will start, leading you along the Maas river to cities as Ravenstein and Grave. Both are medieval cities. In Ravenstein you can visit the Tanner's Cottages and in Grave you will see canons from the time of Napoleon. Grave has also played an important role in Operation Market Garden during the second world war, because it was situated near an important bridge. This bridge is now called John S. Thompson Bridge. Following the Maas river you will meet the barge in Cuijk where you will spend the night. The St. Maas Martins Church, a neo-gothic church, houses a very well kept baroque organ (built 1639-1650). This organ is one of the oldest in the Netherlands. After dinner you will visit museum Ceucum in Cuijk and you can climb the tower for a magnificent view of the Maas valley.

**Day 5****Cuijk – Arcen**

approx. 53 km

Today a magnificent bike tour is scheduled. You cycle along the Maas valley to Afferden and Heyen. The route continues through National Park Maasduinen to Well where you will find the Well castle with its heavy round brick tower dating from the 14th century. The destination for today is Arcen. Here you may visit the famous castle gardens with a great variety: the Rosarium, with ten different rose gardens; the water- and sculpture garden; the Lommerijk, with shades, waterfalls and streamlets; the Valley, offering six 'international' gardens; Casa Verde, offering Mediterranean and tropical gardens; the Golf garden, with a view at the largest waterfall in the Netherlands.

**Day 6****Arcen – Venlo – Roermond**

approx. 50 km

Again your bike route follows the Meuse river. Here and there you cross by ferry or bridge in order to follow the most interesting paths. The first stop is Venlo, with many historical monuments and a lively inner city. At lunchtime you arrive in Kessel, one of the oldest villages along the Meuse. There you cross over to the other bank and continue the bike ride to the beautiful village of Beesel, where the grain mill 'grey bear' stands proudly along the river. Today's tour ends in the city of Roermond, where of the river Roer and Meuse come together. Roermond is known by its rich cultural heritage. Since 1559 it has been a bishop city. In the center you will find many historical buildings. Roermond is also the city of Pierre Cuypers, according to many the most important Dutch architect of the 19th century. He is the architect of the Rijksmuseum and Central Station in Amsterdam. 2023: Dinner tonight (not included) will be in town in a restaurant of your choice (recommendations available on board).

**Day 7****Roermond – Born – Maastricht**

approx. 40 km

Today, the cycling tour continues through charming villages and the beautiful landscape of the province of Limburg. First stop is Thorn, the 'white Village' on the Belgian border known for its cobblestone streets and white painted houses. The only non-white building is the 14th-century church. From Thorn you cycle across the Dutch/Belgian border to the Belgian city Maaseik. This city is famous for the painters Hubert and Jan van Eyck. On the market square you will see typical Renaissance-style houses with the impressive facades. You can also take the opportunity to have a nice Belgian "pint" on this beautiful square. You will find the ship in Born, from where you sail to Maastricht. Maastricht, the capital of the province is a beautifully preserved city with Roman roots.

In this town you find the treasure house of the St. Servaas Church, the Bonnefanten museum for art and antiquity, and the Kazematten, a system of underground fortress works from the 18th century. In addition to these places of interest, it is also worth while visiting the marl caves, or just to thoroughly enjoy yourself on the Vrijthof. You will not get bored!

**Day 8****Maastricht/Departure**

End of your tour: Disembarkation after breakfast until 9.30 a.m.

# Tour character

Easy tours on mostly flat, asphalted paths. Also suitable for inexperienced cyclists, with distances of up to 50 kilometres.

➤ **Explore the area on Google Maps**

# Prices and events

Place of arrival: Amsterdam

Season 1  
25.05.2024 |

**Bike & Boat Maas, Amsterdam - Maastricht - MS Sarah, 8 days, guided, NL-AMFLO-08G**

Base price	1,299.00
Discount 3-bed-cabin	1,199.00
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	50%

## 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	25.20

Prices per person in EUR

# Services and extras

## Services

### Included Services

- Programme according to itinerary
- Accommodation in outside cabins with shower/WC in the booked cabin category
- Full board: breakfast buffet, packed lunch for bicycle tours or lunch snack, coffee and tea in the afternoon, 3-course dinner
- Welcome drink
- Daily cabin cleaning
- Bed linen and towels
- All port, bridge and lock fees
- Daily cycle tour briefing
- Route book for individual tours (1x per cabin)
- Local guide for guided bike tours

### Not included Services

- Arrival and departure
- 1x dinner
- Transfers
- Bike rental
- Entrance fees and excursions
- Ferry fees
- Drinks on board
- Tips
- Insurances

## Extras

### Parking

- Amsterdam Central Station, near the jetty
- Oosterdok car park at Central Station, approx. € 15/24 hours ([www.parkingcentrumoosterdok.nl/deutsch](http://www.parkingcentrumoosterdok.nl/deutsch))
- Parking garage [centrlparking.nl](http://centrlparking.nl)/Valet Parking Services: Registration form in the travel documents, approx. € 150,- per week, payable locally.

## Important notes

- 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.
- 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.

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

- 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.



# Accommodation



## MS Flora

In the heart of the Netherlands you travel through historical cities like Amsterdam, Den Haag and Rotterdam. Rejoice the MS Flora (before MS Jelmar) as your comfortable passenger ship.

**Beds:** 22

**Cabinsize:** 8m<sup>2</sup>

**Crew:** 2

**Length:** 40m

**Width:** 6m

**Draught:** 1,50m

# Contact & booking

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



**Theresa  
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**Book now**