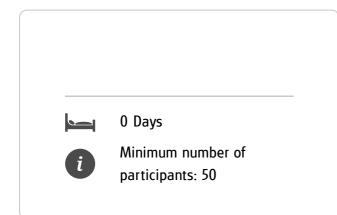




## **Experience Dutch tulips in style**

Experience Holland in style: with a gorgeous spring break overflowing with flowers. This 5-day mini-cruise treats you to Dutch delights in the most beautiful season of the year and will take you to hidden botanical gems in "the Garden of Amsterdam". Enjoy unforgettable days on board a custom-built barge with excellent service and an alternating itinerary.

Amsterdam is also called, by some, the smallest metropolis of Europe. It boasts many unique museums, as well as enticing shopping, and the UNESCO-listed canals in the heart of city certainly make a visit to Amsterdam a fine Holland highlight. Visit the famous flower market in the center of the capital and discover the Zaanse Schans open-air museum, including windmills, a traditional cheese maker, a clog maker, and a traditional Dutch village. Other highlights of this trip are the historic city of Haarlem, the world famous flower park Keukenhof, near Lisse. Optional is a visit to the world's largest flower auction\* in Aalsmeer.



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Day 2

## ltinerary

### Day 1 Arrival Amsterdam, boat trip Amsterdam – Zaandam

Embarkation and check-in, where the crew will welcome you on board, takes place at 2 p.m.. As soon as all guests have arrived a short cruise will bring you to Zaandam, a spot famous for its windmills. Here, your barge will berth in the center of the city for the night. Upon arrival you can enjoy taking your new bike for a brief test ride through the surrounding area. In the evening, enjoy a short walk through the picturesque center of Zaandam.

## Zaandam - "Zaanse Schans" - Zaandam - boat trip Zaandam -Haarlem

approx. 24 - 34 km

After breakfast you will enjoy a 5 km bicycle ride to the open air museum "Zaanse Schans" with beautiful windmills, traditional wooden houses, an old Dutch village, a cheese farm and a traditional wooden clog maker. In the afternoon you have a choice to make: you can either cycle (24 km/14 mi.) to Haarlem or take it easy and join the barge while enjoying the scenery. In Haarlem visit the historical inner city with the Grote Markt and St. Bavo church. Your barge will be berthed not far from the centre of Haarlem for the night, so you will have time to enjoy a short city walk in the afternoon or in the evening.

#### Day 3 Haarlem - Keukenhof - Oude Weterin

approx. 38 - 55 km

Today you will cycle to the Keukenhof, arguably the most famous flower park in the world where you can admire hundreds of thousands of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and many other flowers in full bloom. After an extensive visit you will get back on your bicycle and will head to Oude Wetering, a small village, where your floating hotel will be waiting for you.

Day 4

## Boat trip Oude Wetering- Amsterdam | Amsterdam Waterland bike

trip

#### approx. 28 km

This morning you are in for a real treat – an early visit by bus (6.30 a.m.) to the biggest flower auction in the world at Aalsmeer. In the morning millions of flowers are auctioned off here and are instantly sent out to all parts of the world\*. By 9 a.m. you will return on the your barge where a late breakfast will be waiting for you. You will join the barge sailing through Amsterdam During the afternoon you either have the opportunity to make a last beautiful cycling tour through the wetlands of Waterland or to discover this amazing city. Visit the inner city flower market, go to a museum, do some shopping... there is just so much to do!

\*: The Aalsmeer flower auction is closed during weekends and on public holidays. This is an optional visit. Please be aware that on the departure dates March 31, April 7, 8, 15, 21, 28 and 29 2021, a visit to the flower auction is not possible.

Day 5

### Amsterdam

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

# Tour character

Holland is a paradise for cyclists. The routes are flat and well suited for pleasure bikers.

## **Prices and events**

Prices per person in EUR

# Services and extras

#### Services

#### **Included Services**

- 4 nights on board MS Magnifique II in the booked category
- 4 x breakfast, Packed lunches, 4 x 3-course dinner, Coffee and tea on board, Welcome drink
- Use of bed linen and towels
- Daily cleaning of the cabin
- Climate-controlled cabin
- Daily briefings
- Fully guided cycling tours (2 tour leaders, 2 groups)
- Some short walking tours
- Maps and notes for cycling tours (1 set per cabin)
- GPS tracks
- Use of a helmet
- Use of a waterproof pannier bag
- Water bottl

#### Extras

- Parking own bicycle: € 10 per week (only a limited number of parking places available: pref. reservation by booking)
- Parking + charge station own E-Bike: € 25 per week (only a limited number of parking places available: pref. reservation by booking)
- Please click on this link for more information about the rental and own bicycles/E-bikes
- Canal cruise Amsterdam: Ticket for a 1-hour canal cruise through Amsterdam special price for our guests: € 14 (at the ticket desk approx.: € 18).
  Please book your ticket in advance and you can collect it on board of your ship on the first day of the tour.
- Parking in Amsterdam (valet parking): prices and pre-booking on request.

#### Service not included

- Arrival and departe
- Parking fee
- Transfers
- Rental bike
- Entrance fee
- City map
- Ferry
- Tip and drinks on board
- Journey insurance

- 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. During days when two bicycle options are possible, the tour leader will make a choice to guide the longer or the shorter option after consultation of the group.
- Not all mentioned highlights will be visited during the short bike option.
- You can also choose to ride individually with the help of a map (available on board). GPS tracks will be sent to you 4 weeks before the start date of the tour.
- In case you prefer a day of rest, you can skip the bike tour and relax on board while cruising to the next town.
- On the arrival day is it possible to bring your luggage on board from 11 a.m

#### Important notes

Further important information according to the package travel law can be found here!

# Accommodation



## **MS Magnifique II**

During this tour by bike & barge with the MS Magnifique II you can enjoy the most beautiful art cities of Flanders: Brussels, Mechelen, Antwerp, Ghent and Bruges are wonderful and interesting historical cities.

Beds: 35 Cabinsize: 8 - 14 m<sup>2</sup> Captain: Walter von Berkum Crew: 4 Length: 62 m Width: 7,20 m Draught: 1,40 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**

