



Amsterdam - Bruges, MS Magnifique IV

BY BIKE AND BOAT FROM AMSTERDAM TO BRUGES

This tour combines cultural highlights and charming scenery in both Holland and Flanders. You ride on flat cycle paths from Amsterdam to Bruges, the 'Venice of the North', over multiple stages. In Holland you can admire the impressive country homes, cheese farms and Kinderdijk's 19 windmills along the way. In Belgium you can enjoy the historical Flemish towns of Antwerpen, Ghent and Bruges where there are gabled houses and patrician houses, narrow alleys and a rich cultural past wherever you go, which is still expressed in the architecture and artwork nowadays.

Enjoy this river journey in a cosy and friendly atmosphere in a small group. Whilst cycling through the beautiful scenery, your ship follows you along the rivers and canals in order to be there at the end of the day as your 'floating hotel'. If you don't fancy cycling a stage, that is fine. You can enjoy the scenery from the boat!

- Get all information and many more tour tips for our tours with [Bike & Boat in Holland and Belgium](#).

Easy



8 Days / 7 Nights



Guided Group Tour



Minimum number of participants:
24

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1

Amsterdam – Vianen | approx. 5 - 15 km

Embarkation and check-in where the crew will welcome you on board is at 1 p.m. At around 2 p.m. MS Magnifique 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. Dinner on board.

DAY
2

Vianen – Schoonhoven – Kinderdijk – Dordrecht
| approx. 30 - 55 km

After breakfast you will cycle a beautiful route to Schoonhoven – nicknamed Zilverstad (Silver City) – a city renowned for its talented silver smiths since the 17th century. As you continue to cycle along the Lek River you will pass through the Alblasserwaard region to Kinderdijk, a village famous for its impressive row of 19 large windmills, which have a UNESCO cultural heritage listing. From nearby Alblasserdam you will take the “Waterbus, a fast ferry that will take you and your bike in approx. 10 minutes to Dordrecht, one of the oldest towns in Holland. Dinner on board.

DAY
3

Dordrecht – Willemstad – Tholen – Kreekrak lock – Antwerp
| approx. 35 - 45 km

During breakfast the ship sails to Willemstad. Your bicycle ride goes to Tholen, once an island in the middle of the large Zeeland streams. Nowadays Tholen is connected to the mainland in various ways. In the afternoon you will sail via the impressive Kreekrak lock 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”. Dinner on board.

DAY
4

Antwerp – Temse – St. Amands | approx. 35 - 50 km

Today’s tour will see you cycle out of Antwerp on a beautiful cycle path along the picturesque tidal Schelde River to St. Amands, 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. Dinner on board.

DAY
5*Sint Amands/Dendermonde – Ghent*

approx. 50 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). Dinner on board.

DAY
6*Ghent-Merelbeke – Bruges*

approx. 20 - 45 km

Today you will cycle through the beautiful Flemish countryside of western Flanders to Bruges, widely described as the 'Venice of the North' and arguably the most beautiful of all the Flemish cities. Bruges attracts more than two million visitors every year who come to see the picturesque medieval town centre of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic city and a long list of historic attractions. An outstanding example of a medieval historic settlement, Bruges has managed to maintain its historic fabric as it has evolved over the centuries, with the result that today the city's original Gothic buildings form an integral part of the town's identity. While you are here you can visit one of Bruges' many museums or simply take in the stunning beauty of this unforgettable city from the comfort of a sidewalk café. Dinner tonight will be in town in a restaurant of your choice (recommendations available on board).

DAY
7*Tour around Bruges to the North Sea*

approx. 45 - 50 km

Your final day of cycling takes you along a quiet canal and past beautiful poplar trees through an attractive polder landscape (a polder is a low-lying tract of land enclosed by embankments) dotted with small farm houses to the North Sea coast. Here you can swim in the sea along an inviting sandy beach and visit any one of numerous cafés if you want. Whilst returning to Bruges, you will cycle along a small picturesque canal.

DAY
8*Departure from Bruges*

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

Tour character

Cycle through Holland and Belgium on well-built cycle paths. The routes are suitable for novices as well as those who cycle frequently.

Guided and self-guided cycle tours: The guided tours are finalised depending on the group's ability and how many people there are. If you choose to do a self-guided cycle tour, the route books are on board the boat. You will ride between 40 and 60km each day. All distances are approximations of the recommended cycle tours.



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Amsterdam

Season 1

29.04.2021 | 13.05.2021 | 27.05.2021 | 10.06.2021 | 08.07.2021 | 22.07.2021 | 05.08.2021 | 19.08.2021 | 02.09.2021
| 16.09.2021 | 30.09.2021 |

Arrival Samstag

Bike & Boat in Holland and Flandern Amsterdam-Bruges - MS Magnifique IV, days 8, NL-SHSAV-08G

Base price	1,159.00
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	50%
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin suite	500.00

Our rental bikes

Filter

7-gear unisex with freewheel	95.00
7-gear unisex with back pedal brake	95.00
Electric bike	210.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services and infos

Services

Included:

- 7 nights tour and accommodation on board of MS Magnifique III in the booked category
- Program according to the routing
- Welcome drink
- Meals: (7 x breakfast, 6 x picnic lunch during bike tours, coffee and tea on board, 6 x 3 course dinner)
- Daily cabin cleaning
- Use of linen and towels
- Daily briefing on the respective bike tours
- All charges for harbours, bridges and locks

- Printed instructions and detailed maps for daily bike tours (deposited on board, 1 per cabin)

Optional extras:

- Bike rental insurance €10/week, for e-bikes €25/week. Risk and limitation of liability in the case of damage or loss of the rental bike by you.

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Guarded parking areas at the main station (Stationsplein), approx. 5-7 € per day. No reservation possible. Transfer by taxi from Stationsplein to ship berth approx. 15-25 €.
- Return transfer by train from Amsterdam to Bruges approx. 40 € per person.

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Notes:

- Further important information according to the package travel law and additional information about your bike and boat trip can be found [here!](#)
- The transport of own bikes is limited due to the space on deck! Cost for your own E-Bike €25/week and costs for your own bike €10/week.
- The owner of the ship, the crew, the tour guide and the organiser are not liable for the damage or theft of own bicycles.

Accommodation



MS-Magnifique-IV

Following the overwhelming success of our premium barges Magnifique, Magnifique II (2016), and Magnifique III (2018), we are proud to announce the construction of a new sister for the family: the Magnifique IV. This new addition will sail for Boat Bike Tours and Cultural Cruises Europe as of spring 2020.

Beds: 36

Cabinsize: 12-16 qm

Length: 67

Width: 7,2

Height: 5,9

Draught: 1,5

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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