



# Bruges - Amsterdam, MS Magnifique IV

## BY BIKE AND BOAT FROM BRUGES TO AMSTERDAM

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 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. In Holland you can admire the impressive country homes, cheese farms and Kinderdijk's 19 windmills along the way.

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

*Easy*



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided Tour



Minimum number of participants:  
24

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# Itinerary

DAY  
1

## *Arrival to Bruges*

Arrival and embarkation time between 1 pm and 1.30 pm in the beautiful city of Bruges, also called "Pearl of Flanders". After a welcome meeting with the crew at 2 pm there is time for a short test-ride through the countryside around Bruges. After dinner the tour leader will take you for a walk through the city centre. Dinner on board.

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DAY  
2

## *Bruges – Ghent-Merelbeke* | approx. 55 km

Today your first bike tour to Ghent through the flat land of West-Flanders will start. Your destination today is the historical centre of Ghent. Enjoy the beautiful parts of Ghent during an afternoon stroll. The barge is docked at a lock in Merelbeke, in a suburb of Thent and approx. 30 cycling minutes from the city centre. Dinner on board.

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DAY  
3

## *Gent-Merelbeke – Dendermonde/Sint Amands* | approx. 40 - 55 km

Your bike tour leads along one of the most beautiful parts of the Schelde, a tidal river, today. You will follow it downstream. In Dendermonde it is worth visiting the St. Alexius Beguinage (1288). The departure time will be set by the skipper and is depending on high or low tide as the tide has effect on the speed of the barge. If necessary, shipping to St. Amands and overnight stay in St. Amands. Dinner on board.

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DAY  
4

## *Sint Amands – Temse – Antwerp* | approx. 30 - 50 km

Today we will follow the Schelde River further downstream through the Temse region to Antwerp. Over the centuries the Schelde River has held strategic importance for the Romans, Vikings, Spanish and Napoleon... today it is a beautiful waterway just perfect for bike and barge holidays! Antwerp, your destination for the day, is a harbour city famous for handling up to 80% of the world's rough diamonds and as the birthplace of the famous painter Sir Peter Paul Rubens. There are many highlights in the city to discover including: the City Hall, one of several majestic buildings constructed during the Renaissance period, the historical City Square Grote Market, the Onze-Lieve-Vrouwe Cathedral and the medieval Steen Castle. Dinner will be in town in a restaurant of your choice (recommendations available on board).

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DAY  
5*Antwerp – Kreekrak locks – Tholen – Dordrecht*

approx. 20 - 35 km

The barge will sail over the Schelde-Rhine Canal, over the huge Kreekrak locks. Here your bicycle tour starts through the beautiful "Wouwse Plantage" forest to Tholen, a former fishing village amidst the large streams of the province of Zeeland. From Tholen you will join the ship again for a nice afternoon sail to Dordrecht. Halfway the ship pass the impressive Volkerak lock system. Dinner on board.

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DAY  
6*Dordrecht – Kinderdijk – Schoonhoven – Vianen*

approx. 50 km

Today you will start your tour with the waterbus, a fast ferry that will take you and your bike in just 10 minutes to Alblasterdam. From here you will cycle to Kinderdijk, famous for its impressive row of 19 UNESCO cultural heritage-listed windmills. You will continue via Schoonhoven to Vianen, a small fortified town on the river Lek. Dinner on board.

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DAY  
7*Vianen – Breukelen – Amsterdam*

approx. 45 km

During breakfast the MS Magnifique III will cruise to Breukelen where you disembark to start your final day of cycling. Ride along the Vecht River in an area famous for its beautiful mansions, small castles, impressive houses and their large gardens. After cycling through the villages of Nieuwersluis, Loenen and Vreeland you will arrive at Nigtevecht where you can visit a traditional cheese farm. Continue cycling through the historical town of Muiden and on to Amsterdam where you will meet the barge for the final time in the Amsterdam harbour.

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DAY  
8*Departure from Amsterdam*

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

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# Tour character

Leisurely cycling - this route is suitable for everyone! You mainly ride along asphalted bike paths, quiet agricultural rides but also on dusty forest and field tracks. Short sections run along faster roads. The route is mainly flat though some hills do need to be tackled.



# Prices and events

*Place of arrival: Bruges*

## Season 1

14.07.2022 | 25.08.2022

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Arrival Thursday

## Season 2

21.01.2022 | 19.05.2022 | 02.06.2022 | 16.06.2022 | 30.06.2022 | 08.09.2022 |

22.09.2022 |

Arrival Thursday

### Bike & Boat Holland and Belgium - Bruges - Amsterdam - MS Magnifique IV, 8 days, BE-SHSBV-08G

Base price	1,329.00	1,379.00
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	50%	50%
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin suite	500.00	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. 55 € per person.

### 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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**Book now**

