



# Maastricht - Amsterdam, MS Sarah

## DISCOVER DUTCH RIVERS

*"Thinking of Holland I envisage broad rivers languidly winding through endless fen and lines of incredibly towering poplars like giant plumes on the edge of the Polder".*

These lines of a famous poem by the Dutch poet Marsman characterise this wonderful journey between Amsterdam and Maastricht, the southern-most city in the Netherlands. The journey starts in Maastricht, the capital of the province of Limburg, famous for its lively center and vibrant hospitality. Discover magical flat and green landscapes formed by the Vecht, Lower Rhine, Waal, Linge and Meuse rivers: a tangle of old gullies, cut-off meanders, dikes and flood plains with a specific 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, both 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 trip ends in Amsterdam, the Netherlands' lively capital.

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8 Days / 7 Nights



Guided Group Tour

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# Itinerary

DAY  
1

## *Arrival in Maastricht* | approx. 10 km

After you check in at about 2pm, there is time to explore the city of Maastricht, 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 worthwhile visiting the marl caves or just to thoroughly enjoy yourself on the Vrijthof. You will not get bored here! After dinner you can test out the bikes.

DAY  
2

## *Maastricht - Roermond* | approx. 40 km

Whilst you are having breakfast, the barge will move on to Born via the Juliana Canal where you disembark at the locks. From here you will cycle over the Dutch/Belgian border into Belgium to Maaseik. This town is famous for the painters Hubert and Jan van Eyck. At the market square, you will see typical renaissance houses with their impressive facades. You can also use the opportunity to try a Belgian "pint" whilst at this beautiful square. Then you continue to Thorn, the 'white village' on the Dutch/Belgian border known for its cobblestone streets and white painted houses. The only non-white building is the 14th-century church. Today's destination is the city of Roermond, where the river Roer and Maas join. 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, who according to many is the most important Dutch architect from the 19th Century. He designed the Rijksmuseum and Amsterdam's central station.

DAY  
3

## *Roermond - Arcen* | approx. 50 km

You start today by following the river along the east bank to the beautiful village of Beesel, where the grain mill 'grey bear' Stads proudly along the river. Then you cross over to the other bank to Kessel. Kessel is one of the oldest villages on the Meuse. At lunchtime you arrive in Venlo, with many historical moments and a lively inner city. In the afternoon you ride to Arcen, a former fortified town on the banks of the Meuse. Once there you can visit the beautiful castle gardens. The Rosarium has got ten different rose gardens. There is also the water and sculpture garden, the Lommerrijk with shadows, waterfalls and streams, the valley with six 'international' gardens, Casa Verde, with Mediterranean and tropical gardens and the golf garden overlooking the largest waterfall in the Netherlands.

DAY  
4*Arcen - Cuijk* | approx. 50 km

Today there is a magnificent bike tour on the program. First you will cycle past Well where you will find Well castle with its heavy round brick tower dating back to the 14th Century. You continue through the National Park Maasduinen close to the German border. Around lunchtime you arrive in Afferden.

You will find the barge again in Cuijk, another interesting city on the banks of the Maas. The St. Martins Church is a neo-gothic church house with a very well kept baroque organ that was built between 1639-1650. This organ is one of the oldest in the Netherlands.

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DAY  
5*Cuijk - Heusden* | approx. 40 km

Today you bike from Cuijk along the Maas river to the cities Grave and Ravenstein. Both are medieval cities. In Grave you will see canons from the time of Napoleon. Grave has also played an important role in Operation Market Garden during World War Two because it was situated near an important bridge. This bridge is now called John S. Thompson Bridge. In Ravenstein you can visit the Tanner's Cottages in the city park. From Maasbommel you will join the barge again on which you will have a nice sail to Heusden, a very beautifully restored fortified city.

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DAY  
6*Heusden - Vianen* | approx. 40 km

In the morning you will travel on the barge to Gorinchem, a charming town on the river Waal. From there 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. You can visit a glas blower there. A visit to the centuries-old crystal factory of Royal Leerdam is on the program for today. You can see a team of master glass blowers at work. In the afternoon you continue to Vianen, a small fortified town on the river Lek.

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DAY  
7*Vianen - Amsterdam* | approx. 45 km

Whilst you are eating breakfast today the barge will move on. Today's bike tour starts in Breukelen and leads along the winding river Vecht to Amsterdam. In Loenen you will visit a mill. The final destination is Amsterdam where you can go on a tour through the canals or visit the Rijksmuseum or the van Gogh museum.

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DAY  
8*Departure*



# Prices and events

*Place of arrival: Maastricht*

## Season 1

21.05.2022 | 04.06.2022 | 25.06.2022 | 09.07.2022 | 20.08.2022 | 03.09.2022 |  
Arrival Saturday

## Season 2

17.09.2022 |  
Arrival Saturday

Bike & Boat Maas, Maastricht - Amsterdam- MS Sarah, 8 days, guided, NL-NLSMS-08G		
Base price	1,099.00	999.00
Discount 3-bed-cabin	-60.00	-60.00
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	270.00	270.00

## Our rental bikes

*Filter*

7-gear unisex with freewheel	85.00
Electric bike	185.00

Prices per person in EUR

# Services and infos

## Services

### Included:

- 7 nights in an outside cabin with toilet and shower in the selected cabin category
- Full board: 7 x breakfast, 6x packed lunch for bike trips, 6x cake and coffee in the afternoon, 7x three course meal
- Travel guide
- All harbour and bridge fees
- GPS data
- Bed linen and towels provided
- Daily cleaning of the cabin
- Welcome drink
- Daily route briefing
- Local guide for the guided bike tours

### 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.
- Parking space for own bike EUR 10, for own electric bike EUR 25

## Infos

### Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Amsterdam train station is close to the pier
- Amsterdam Oosterdok can park: secure car park at the train station. Costs about €20 per day ([www.parkingcentrumoosterdok.nl](http://www.parkingcentrumoosterdok.nl))

### Number of participants:

- No minimum number of participants
- Trip cannot be guaranteed

### Notes:

- Further important information according to the package travel law and additional information about your bike and boat trip can be found [here!](#)
- The use of your own bike is limited due to space on deck! Please specify when booking whether your own bike is an electric or normal bike.
- 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 Sarah*

The SARAH, with her length of 45 meters and width of 6.6 meters, is a comfortable and cozy passenger barge.

***Beds: 20***

***Cabinsize: 10***

***Crew: 3-4***

***Length: 45 m***

***Width: 6,60 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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