



Rotterdam - Cologne, MS Olympia

EXPERIENCE THE LOWER RHINE

'Kölle alaaß' takes place once a year in the famous city of Cologne on the Rhine. But it's not only during carnival time that everyone talks about Cologne. The Cologne dialect also brings cheerfulness, pragmatism and is an expression of one's own culture. By bike you will explore the Lower Rhine from Rotterdam via Dordrecht, Gornichen, Rhenen, Emmerich, Dusseldorf and on to the cathedral city of Cologne. The geographic and linguistic proximity to the Netherlands has ensured that bicycles have always been regarded as a classic means of transport. So you experience a place made for cycling as you wind through the maze of rivers, canals and waterways.

Details of the bike and boat trip from Rotterdam to Cologne

Aboard the MS Olympia, you set sail on the Lower Rhine. On the eight-day bike and boat tour you will enjoy the comfortable ambiance of this cosy ship. After boarding you sail to Rotterdam. Over the next few days you cycle past windmills from the 18th century. In Dordrecht you explore the oldest city in Holland and admire the historic buildings, the inner city ports and the quintessentially Dutch landscape. In the evening, aboard the you can enjoy a secluded spot in the lounge to reminisce about your day on the bike.

Highlights at a glance

- **National Park De Biesbosch:** On day three you reach one of the worlds few freshwater tidal areas. An intricate maze of rivers with crystal clear water and small islands is waiting for you!
- **Cologne, the cathedral city on the Rhine:** In addition to Cologne Cathedral, which is world famous, there are many more sights to admire. The old town with its historical charm, quaint streets and traditional houses is especially worth a visit!

Easy



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided Tour



Minimum number of participants:
75 persons

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Rotterdam

Embark the boat in Rotterdam between 3 and 5pm. Enjoy your first evening on board or have a stroll through the city of Rotterdam where Europe's largest port is located.

DAY
2

Rotterdam – Dordrecht | Cycle tour approx. 40 km

Today you start by cycling along the Maas River until you reach Kinderdijk, which boasts the most famous windmills in the Netherlands. The 19 windmills, which date back to the 18th century, are beautifully preserved and are listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue the cycle tour and after a short while, you reach today's destination - Dordrecht. Holland's oldest town is located on an island that is bordered by large rivers and that is characterised by numerous historic buildings, city ports and a fantastic atmosphere.

DAY
3

Dordrecht – Gorinchem | Cycle tour, approx. 30 km

On today's cycle trip, you leave behind the lively cities and dive into the quietness of nature. Pass through the national park of De Biesbosch, an adventurous labyrinth composed of rivers with crystal clear water and small islands. It is one of very few tidal freshwater zones worldwide.

DAY
4

Gorinchem – Wijk bij Duurstede | Cycle Tour, approx. 45 km

Leave the fortified city of Gorinchem behind and enjoy a bike ride through the unspoilt nature. Follow the River Linge, a tributary of the Rhine until you reach today's destination Wijk bij Duurstede. This place is located on the edge of the "Utrecht Hill Ridge". This is a tree-covered ridge of low sands created, which was created during the last glacial period.

DAY
5

Boat Tour Wijk bij Duurstede – Rhenen

Cycle tour approx. 40 km

Whilst you are having breakfast, the ship will set sail. After a short trip, you reach Rhenen – the starting point for today's cycle ride. Cycle along the Lower Rhine past the embankment foreland until you arrive in Arnheim. A detour to the city centre transports you back in time due to its narrow lanes and picturesque buildings!

DAY
6

Boat tour Arnheim – Emmerich, Emmerich – Wesel

Cycle tour approx. 50 km

In the early morning, the ship takes you over the German-Dutch border. You start today's cycle ride in Emmerich and you cycle past the Reeser Schanz nature reserve and the Roman city of Xanten. Today's destination is Wesel, a hanseatic city with numerous remnants of the Prussian past. It is situated on the confluence of the Lippe and Rhine rivers.

DAY
7

Boat tour Wesel – Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf – Cologne

Cycle tour approx. 55 km

In the morning you will already have reached Düsseldorf where you will start your last cycle tour along the well-developed adventure trail "Rheinschiene". This is a particularly attractive section where historic old towns and idyllic nature are interspersed with industrial heritage. The towns located directly on the Rhine, often boasting well preserved medieval town walls and towers, are well worth a detour. Eventually you will reach the Cathedral city of Cologne where the vivid riverbank of the Rhine invites you for a stay. Enjoy a cosy evening on board or have a Kölsch, the typical beer from Cologne, in one of the numerous pubs.

DAY
8

Departure from Cologne

After breakfast it is time to disembark. Please do so after 9am.

Tour character

This tour is predominantly flat and runs along good quality cycle paths, which are mainly asphalted. You even cycle along the Rhine dikes . The characteristics of the tour mean that it is suitable for novices as well as confident cyclists.



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Rotterdam

Season 1

22.05.2021 | 11.09.2021 |

Arrival Saturday

Bike & Boat Along the river Rhine - Rotterdam - Cologne, main deck, MS Olympia, 8 days, NL-RHSRK-081-H

Base price 949.00

Surcharge 2-bed-cabin
single use 300.00

Bike & Boat Along the river Rhine - Rotterdam - Cologne, upper deck, MS Olympia 8 days, NL-RHSRK-081-O

Base price 1,099.00

Discount 2-bed-cabin
astern -50.00

Surcharge 1-bed cabin 200.00

Our rental bikes

Filter

7-gear with back brake 7500

7-gear with freewheel 7500

Electric bike with freewheel 16500

E-Bike with back brake 16500

Prices per person in EUR

Services and infos

Services

Included:

- Accomodation in outer cabins with shower/WC in the booked category
- Programme according to itinerary
- Welcome drink
- Full board (7x breakfast, 6x packed lunch for cycle tours or lunch snack, 6x coffee and tea in the afternoon, 7x three-course dinner)
- GPS tracks
- Daily cleaning of the cabins
- Bed linen and towels
- Passenger and port fees
- Daily briefing on board for the respective cycle tour
- Tour guide on board
- 1 set of maps and information material per cabin

Infos

Arrival/Parking/Departure:

- Rotterdam main station is about 3 km away from the pier
- Park & Ride is approx. 4-10 km away from the boat. It costs approx. EUR 20/day

Notes:

- Further important information according to the package travel law and additional information about your bike and boat trip can be found [here!](#)

Accommodation



MS Olympia

Comfortable and cosy river ship with family environment. The ship was refurbished in 2015/2016.

Beds: 96

Crew: 21

Length: 88,50

Width: 10,50

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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