



# Amsterdam - Bruges

## THE TOUR OF THE HISTORIC TOWNS.

We have devised a wonderful cycling holiday through the Netherlands down into Belgium, past towns, villages, canals – on high-quality cycling paths. In eight days of cycling you will discover many delightful places you otherwise wouldn't have chanced upon. Starting in Amsterdam and travelling in a southwesterly direction you will go to the following towns: Gouda, Dordrecht, Willemstad, Zierikzee, Middelburg, Vlissingen (Flushing), Sluis, Damme and Bruges. They count among the most picturesque towns in the Netherlands and Flanders and are remarkably well-preserved and evocative of centuries past. The route is predominantly rural and passes through a number of nature reserves. We also offer this tour with Bruges as the starting point. This is not a round trip! If you so choose, we can organize your transfer back to Amsterdam.

### Easy



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided Tour

### To the online version



# Itinerary

DAY  
1

## *Arrival in Amsterdam*

Your bicycle holiday starts in Amsterdam, famous for its gorgeous 400-year-old canal district; museums (the new Rijksmuseum, Van Gogh, Anne Frank etc); street artists and performers on Dam, Leidseplein and Rembrandtplein; a notorious red-light district and more. This city is brimming with things to see and do and you couldn't wish for a more dynamic beginning to your holiday. Try to arrive early so you have time to admire the elegant tree-lined canals and tall narrow townhouses and warehouses dating from the 17th century (World Heritage Site).

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DAY  
2

## *Amsterdam – Gouda/Bodegraven* | approx. 55/80 km

After staying the night in bustling Amsterdam, plunge into the peace and quiet of the "Groene Hart" or Green Heart, a pleasant rural area of low-lying polders with peat meadows and grazing cattle. It's a flat, open, spacious landscape where church spires and windmills touch the horizon and clouds are reflected in lakes and canals. For centuries, people flocked from far and wide to buy horses, cows, meat, turf, seed, cheese etc, at weekly and annual markets in Gouda. We recommend an evening stroll around the old part of town to soak up the yesteryear atmosphere and marvel at the large and attractive market square boasting a wonderful fifteenth century town hall as well as a Weighing House ("Waag"). Shortening by train possible (on your own), shortening the stage to about 55 km.

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DAY  
3

## *Gouda/Bodegraven – Papendrecht/Dordrecht*

| approx. 40 km

Hit the trail once again and head for the village of Kinderdijk where nineteen majestic windmills present a unique spectacle. In the age of wind they were used to drain excess water out of the low-lying polder up into the River Lek. Pedalling on, you will reach one of the oldest towns in Holland: Dordrecht, completely surrounded by water. The area around the marina is a true gem. This oldest part of town counts over a thousand historical buildings and three nostalgic canals.

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DAY  
4*Papendrecht/Dprdrecht – Willemstad*

approx. 65 km

The result of a major flood in 1421, Biesbosch is one of the few remaining wetland habitats in Europe where the ecosystem has adapted both to saltwater coming in from the sea through tidal creeks, and to freshwater coming down in the rivers. It's an ever-changing labyrinth of creeks and riverlets encompassing countless little islands of willow woods and reeds, a paradise for birds. The longer ride (54 km) takes you along the edges of this National Park. Round off the day in Willemstad, a fortified town shaped like a seven-point star.

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DAY  
5*Willemstad – Schuddebeurs*

approx. 50 km

Today you will enter Zeeland, a province of the Netherlands marked by light, wind, water and lots of space. It is made up of islands so bridges and ferries will be carrying you across the waters as you drift down towards Belgium. Picture-book towns with ancient houses and cobbled streets are lined up for the coming days. Traverse a patchwork landscape of vast polders, idyllic countryside, rolling dunes and golden sand flats.

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DAY  
6*Schuddebeurs – Vlissingen/Middelburg*

approx. 45 km

A wander down the narrow streets of Zierikzee is an absolute delight. Quaint little old houses take you back in time to the town's glory days when ships set sail to sell salt, wool, fish, grain and red dye as far afield as the Baltic and the Mediterranean. Your route continues to the charming village of Veere. From 1541 everything that was exported to Holland from Scotland (mainly wool) came ashore in and was distributed from Veere. This contract brought the town not only prosperity but also a very lively Scottish expat community that stayed for 300 years. Walk in their footsteps as you take a tour of the sights. Cruising further south, you will discover the nostalgic splendour of the city of Middelburg, capital of Zeeland. In the 16th and 17th centuries it was one of the most important centres of trade in the Netherlands. At the end of the day, amble down to the beach in Vlissingen to watch the sun set into the sea.

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DAY  
7*Vlissingen/Middelburg – Bruges*

approx. 65 km + ferry

After a hearty breakfast, hop on a ferry boat to Zeelandic Flanders with its winding country roads, pollard willows, wet meadows and scattered villages. Having crossed the border into Belgium, you will reach the charming little town of Damme on the banks of the romantic Damse Vaart. From here, it's only a short stretch to Bruges, known as the pearl of Flanders! It's a truly enchanting town that has been welcoming tourists for about 150 years. With most of its medieval architecture intact, it remains exceptionally well preserved and can really give you a sense of times gone by when it was at the centre of the European wool and cloth trade.

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## *Departure*

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# Tour character

The completely flat route takes you across the junction between Belgium and Holland whilst cycling along the cycle path network. The most time you are cycling on asphalted cycle paths, sometimes on quiete side streets, ideal for families and cycle beginners.



# Prices and events

*Place of arrival: Amsterdam*

## Season 1

01.04.2023 - 17.09.2023 |

Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 01.04. - 17.09., daily from 01.06 - 31.08.

### Amsterdam - Bruges, 8 days, NL-NBRAB-08X

Base price 82900

Surcharge single room 26900

Category: 3\*\*\* and 4\*\*\*\* Hotels

# Additional nights

*Place of arrival: Amsterdam*

## Season 1

Apr 1, 2023 - Sep 17, 2023 |

Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 01.04. - 17.09., daily from 01.06 - 31.08.

### Amsterdam

Double room p. P. 9900

Surcharge single room 7500

### Bruges

Double room p. P. 7900

Surcharge single room 3500

# Our rental bikes

*Filter*

rental bike 24-gear unisex (with service and theft insurance)	139.00
rental bike 24-gear gents (with service and theft insurance)	139.00
Electric bike (with service and theft insurance)	239.00

Prices per person in EUR

## *Services and infos*

### Services

#### Included:

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer between the hotels (one piece of luggage max.20 kg per person)
- Detailed travel documents (German, English)
- GPS-data is available
- Service hotline

#### Optional extras:

- Bike rental, including rental bike insurance

### Infos

#### Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Amsterdam central train station
- Amsterdam airport
- Parking space close to the hotel, approx. EUR 35/day, no reservation possible
- Good train connections from Bruges to Amsterdam

#### Things to note:

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!
- Ferry tickets are not included
- Further important information according to the package travel law can be found [here!](#)

# 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**

