On Bike and Boat from Bruges to Amsterdam

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 215 – 320 KM BOOKING CODE: BE-HBS







Your tour

On the bike and boat trip from Bruges to Amsterdam you kill several birds with one stone: you cycle on flat cycle paths to the most beautiful spots that Belgium and the Netherlands have to offer. You start in Bruges, world-famous for its beautiful cityscape that tells of its glorious past. You cycle through the green plains of Flanders and charming Dutch towns, past windmills and canals. Your destination: Amsterdam, the city of canals, museums and colorful house gables.

The starting point alternates between Bruges and Amsterdam. Please note that the overnight locations of the two routes differ slightly.

Itinerary

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Day 1	Individual arrival to Bruges
Day 2	Bruges – Gent (Merelbeke), approx. 35 / 60 km
Day 3	Gent (Merelbeke) – Dendermonde / Sint-Amands, approx. 40 / 55 km
Day 4	Dendermonde / Sint-Amands – Antwerpen, approx. 35 / 50 km
Day 5	Antwerpen – Kreekrakschleusen (boat), Kreekrakschleusen – Tholen, approx. 20 / 35 km, Tholen – Dordrecht (boat)
Day 6	Dordrecht – Kinderdijk (boat), Kinderdijk – Schoonhoven – Vianen, approx. 35 / 60 km
Day 7	Vianen – Breukelen (boat), Breukelen – Amsterdam, approx. 35/45 km
Day 8	Individual departure

Travel time

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Season A	10.10.		
Season B	28.06. – 28.08.	03.10.	
Season C	25.04. – 26.06.	29.08. – 30.09.	

Arrival Tuesdays and Thursdays 25.04. – 10.10.2024 The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- → 7 nights on board in double cabins with shower / WC
- → All port, bridge and lock fees
- → Welcome drink, Coffee and tea in the afternoon
- → Bed linen and towels (no bath towels)
- → Entrance Red Star Line Museum Antwerp
- → Ferry fees
- → Guided bike tours according to programme
- → Ghent canal tour
- → Travel documents (1 x per cabin), Maps on board
- → Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. 08.00 p.m.)
- → Parking space when bringing your own bike or e-bike
- → Daily cabin cleaning
- → Full board (7 x breakfast, 6 x packed lunch, 6 x dinner)

Not included services

- → Dinner (1x)
- → Admission fees and excursions, Transfers
- $\ensuremath{\rightarrow}$ Drinks on board and tips for tour guide and crew

Basic price per person

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Double cabin, season A	1479,-
Double cabin, season B	1579,-
Double cabin, season C	1729,-
Supplement double cabin for single use, season A	720,-
Supplement double cabin for single use, season B	770,-
Supplement double cabin for single use, season C	850,-
Surcharge Upper Deck Suite	600,-

Additional services per person

Electric bike / Pedelec	119,-
Unisex bike (7-speed, freewheel)	69,-
Premium cabin supplement (only on Magnifique II)	250,-

Child reduction on basic price

No child discount is offered on this trip.

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English

Additional note

- → All departures are guaranteed, there is no minimum number of participants.
- → All bookings are on request.
- → Changes: Changes are possible on boat trips due to weather, water level or technical conditions and remain reserved.
- → Arrival dates MS Magnifique II
- → Bruges Amsterdam (BE-HBSB2-08G): 09.05. / 23.05. / 06.06. / 20.06. / 18.07. / 01.08. / 29.08. / 12.09. / 26.09. / 10.10.
- → Amsterdam Bruges (NL-HBSA2-08G): 02.05. / 16.05. / 30.05. / 13.06. / 11.07. / 25.07. / 22.08. / 05.09. / 19.09. / 03.10.
- → Date of arrival MS Magnifique III
- → Bruges Amsterdam (BE-HBSB3-08G): 21/05 / 04/06 / 18/06 / 02/07 / 16/07 / 30/07 / 13/08.
- → Amsterdam Bruges (NL-HBSA3-08G): 11.06. / 25.06. / 09.07. / 23.07. / 06.08.
- → Arrival dates MS Magnifique IV
- → Bruges Amsterdam (BE-HBSB4-08G): 02.05. / 16.05. / 30.05. / 13.06. / 27.06. / 11.07. / 25.07. / 08.08. / 22.08. / 05.09. / 19.09. / 03.10.
- → Amsterdam Bruges (NL-HBSA4-08G): 25.04. / 09.05. / 23.05. / 06.06. / 20.06. / 04.07. / 18.07. / 01.08. / 15.08. / 29.08. / 12.09. / 26.09.

Equipment of our rental bikes

- → Helmet for hire
- → Waterproof pannier

Journey to Bruges / Amsterdam

- → Nearest airports: Amsterdam, Brussels
- → Train station: Bruges, Amsterdam

Parking in Bruges/ Amsterdam

- → Bruges:
- → Guarded parking at Stationsplein (Bruges Central Station), cost about 4 to 7 euros per day. Unguarded free parking on the ring road (near the berth). Only a few spaces are available here. Ride from central station to mooring by cab about 15 to 25 euros.
- → Amsterdam:
- → Valet Parking Service in Amsterdam: Cost approx. 175 € for 8 days / 7 nights. A bike rack costs another 35 €.
- → Oosterdok parking garage at Central Station, about 20 euros for 24 hours. Travel to the pier from Central Station by cab about 25 euros (about 4 km away) or by bus in about 10 minutes (about 3 euros).
- → No reservation by Radweg-Reisen possible.

Return trip to Bruges / Amsterdam

 \rightarrow On your own by train, connections hourly, 1 – 3 x changes, duration approx. 4 – 5 hours.

Travel documents

- → 1 set (per booked cabin) consists of: Voucher, travel information with description of the daily stages
- → Dispatch up to four weeks before arrival. For bookings at short notice, handover on site, voucher and arrival information in advance by e-mail.

Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival to Bruges

After checking in on your ship between 13:30 and 14:00, there is plenty of time to get to know Bruges. Grab your bikes and explore the Venice of the North on your own. Discover the medieval charm of Bruges along the Reien, as the locals call the many canals. Among other things, the high Belfry and the Gothic Stadthuis are worth seeing. Before returning to the ship, its worth taking a detour to the Frietmuseum - a museum dedicated, among other things, to the history of French fries, famously an invention of the Belgians.

Day 2: Bruges – Gent (Merelbeke), approx. 35 / 60 km

Your first leg of your bike and ship journey from Bruges to Amsterdam takes you to Ghent. In the city de drie torens - the three towers - medieval flair meets the modernity of a student city. Gravensteen Castle, located in the middle of the city, and the Sint-Baafskathedraal with its impressive altars and works of art are sights worth seeing. When darkness falls, it is worth taking an evening stroll through the old town, which is bathed in atmospheric light.

Day 3: Gent (Merelbeke) – Dendermonde / Sint-Amands, approx. 40 / 55 km

Along the river Scheldt you cycle through the green heart of Flanders to Dendermonde. The medieval market square and the Sint-Alexius-Beginenhof are just some of the highlights of this small town in the east of Flanders. If you want to spend more time on your bike, you can cycle to Sint-Amands. Alternatively, your boat will take you there.

Day 4: Dendermonde / Sint-Amands - Antwerpen, approx. 35 / 50 km

Before you reach Antwerp on todays bike and boat trip from Bruges to Amsterdam, you will cycle through Temse, famous for the longest bridge in Belgium. In Antwerp, walk in the footsteps of Baroque painter Peter Paul Rubens and other world-famous artists. Visit the Rubens House, the De Koninck city brewery and Het Steen Castle. Sample Antwerpse Handjes as well as the sweet creations of local chocolatiers. Take a walking tour and find out why Antwerp is known as the City of Diamonds.

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Day 5: Antwerpen – Kreekrakschleusen (boat), Kreekrakschleusen – Tholen, approx. 20 / 35 km, Tholen – Dordrecht (boat)

By ship you head north from Antwerp on the Scheldt-Rhine canal. At the impressive Kreekrak locks you start your bike tour through the forest Wouwse Plantage to Tholen. You rejoin the ship and cycle via the Volkerak lock complex to Dordrecht. A walk through your destination for the day will take you to the Grote Kerk. Despite the inclination of the church tower you can climb it, the beautiful panorama over the city will reward you for your climb.

Day 6: Dordrecht – Kinderdijk (boat), Kinderdijk – Schoonhoven – Vianen, approx. 35 / 60 km

After you have covered the first part of your stage by Waterbus, you will reach the most famous windmills of the Netherlands at Kinderdijk. On your way to Vianen you will pass Schoonhoven. This pretty little town, once a center of silver and goldsmithing, is known for its silver museum and the Bartholomeuskerk.

Day 7: Vianen – Breukelen (boat), Breukelen – Amsterdam, approx. 35 / 45 km

Before you reach the destination of your bike and boat trip from Bruges to Amsterdam, your boat will take you to Breukelen. Along the river Vecht you cycle through the canal-strewn countryside, dotted with stately homes and parks. Via Muiden you will reach Amsterdam. Historic canals, world-class art museums and hundreds of must-see buildings await you in this multicultural and exciting city.

Day 8: Individual departure

After breakfast at about 09:30 your journey with bike and ship unfortunately already ends. Disembarkation and individual departure will follow.

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Boat descriptions



MS Magnifique II

The three Magnifique premium ships have exclusive and stylish furnishings. The crews welcome their maximum of 40 guests with great warmth, the atmosphere is relaxed and familiar. No wonder, since the three ships are designed for manageable group sizes. After an eventful day on the bike, it is wonderful to relax on the spacious sun deck. Encouraged by the great success of MS Magnifique I, which is now sailing under the new name Princesse Royale, the fleet has been expanded by three more magnifiques bateaux since 2016, so that MS Magnifique IV will also be sailing in the Netherlands and Belgium from the 2020 season.

Facts about the ship:

- → 17 outside cabins with single beds at ground level
- ightharpoonup Lower deck: 12 twin cabins, approx. 11 m² and 1 premium twin cabin, approx. 13 m²
- → Upper deck: 4 twin-bed suites, approx. 14 m²
- → Appointments: shower / WC, individually adjustable air conditioning, television
- → the premium twin-bed cabin has an additional small seating area, the suites have an additional small seating area as well as a large panorama window
- → the portholes in the cabins on the lower deck cannot be opened; the windows in the suites on the upper deck can be opened halfway
- → in some twin cabins a 3rd bed (folds out over one of the other beds) is possible
- → Year of construction 2016
- → 2 passenger decks | 17 outside cabins
- → Maximum occupancy: 37 passengers
- → Crew: 5
- → Length: 63 m
- → Width: 7,20 m
- → Appointments: saloon with restaurant area, bar, lounge with TV and W-LAN (subject to availability), partly covered sun deck, Jacuzzi
- → Languages spoken on board: German, English, Dutch

Boat descriptions



MS Magnifique III

The three Magnifique premium ships have exclusive and stylish furnishings. The crews welcome their maximum of 40 guests with great warmth, the atmosphere is relaxed and familiar. No wonder, since the three ships are designed for manageable group sizes. After an eventful day on the bike, it is wonderful to relax on the spacious sun deck. Encouraged by the great success of MS Magnifique I, which is now sailing under the new name Princesse Royale, the fleet has been expanded by three more magnifiques bateaux since 2016, so that MS Magnifique IV will also be sailing in the Netherlands and Belgium from the 2020 season.

Facts about the ship:

- → 21 outside cabins with single beds at ground level
- ightharpoonup Lower deck: 14 twin cabins, approx. 12 m², 2 single cabins, approx. 9 m²
- → Upper deck: 5 suites, approx. 16 m²
- → Appointments: shower/WC, individually adjustable air conditioning, TV
- → the suites also have a small sitting area and a French balcony (floor-to-ceiling, glazed sliding door)
- → the portholes in the cabins on the lower deck cannot be opened; the sliding doors in the suites on the upper deck can be opened
- → a 3rd bed (folds out over one of the other beds) is possible in some twin cabins
- → Year of construction 2018
- → 2 passenger decks | 21 outside cabins
- → Maximum occupancy: 40 passengers
- → Crew: 5
- → Length: 67 m
- → Width: 7,20 m
- → Appointments: saloon with restaurant, bar, lounge, 1 sun deck with seating, whirlpool, WLAN (subject to availability)
- → Languages spoken on board: German, English, Dutch

Boat descriptions



MS Magnifique IV

The three Magnifique premium ships have exclusive and stylish furnishings. The crews welcome their maximum of 40 guests with great warmth, the atmosphere is relaxed and familiar. No wonder, since the three ships are designed for manageable group sizes. After an eventful day on the bike, it is wonderful to relax on the spacious sun deck. Encouraged by the great success of MS Magnifique I, which is now sailing under the new name Princesse Royale, the fleet has been expanded by three more magnifiques bateaux since 2016, so that MS Magnifique IV will also be sailing in the Netherlands and Belgium from the 2020 season.

Facts about the ship:

- → 18 outside cabins with single beds at ground level
- → Lower deck: 8 twin cabins, approx. 12 m²
- → Upper deck: 10 suites, approx. 16 m²
- → Appointments: shower / WC, individually adjustable air conditioning, TV
- → The suites also have a small sitting area and a French balcony (floor-to-ceiling, glazed sliding door).
- → the portholes in the cabins on the lower deck cannot be opened; the sliding doors in the suites on the upper deck can be opened
- → Year of construction 2020
- → 2 passenger decks | 18 outside cabins
- → Maximum occupancy: 36 passengers
- → Crew: 5
- → Length: 67 m
- → Width: 7,20 m
- → Amenities: restaurant on the lower deck, saloon with bar and lounge on the upper deck, sun deck with seating, WLAN (subject to availability)
- → Languages spoken on board: German, English, Dutch