Cycle tour from the Netherlands to Belgium

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 360 KM BOOKING CODE: NL-AB7 DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ••••

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Your tour

Two countries, two capitals and endless sights! You start in Amsterdam. Cycle through landscapes characterized by water and green spaces to historic cities such as Gouda, Dordrecht and Leuven, the windmills of Kinderdijk and the diamond city of Antwerp. The destination of the tour is Brussels. The well-developed network of cycle paths makes it easy to find your way around - ideal for a relaxing cycling vacation. Dutch and Belgian specialties will also make your heart beat faster. Let's go!

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival to Amsterdam	
Day 2	Amsterdam – Gouda, approx. 70 km	
Day 3	Gouda – Papendrecht, approx. 50 km	
Day 4	Papendrecht – Bergen op Zoom, approx. 70 km	
Day 5	Bergen op Zoom – Antwerpen, approx. 60 km	
Day 6	Antwerpen – Leuven, approx. 70 km	
Day 7	Leuven – Brussels, approx. 40 km	
Day 8	Individual departure	

Travel time

Season A	14.04. – 21.04.	22.09.	
Season B	28.04. – 19.05.	01.09. – 15.09.	
Season C	26.05. – 25.08.		

Arrival Sunday 14.04. – 22.09.2024 The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- → 9 nights with breakfast, national 3* / 4*-level
- → Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Brussels, 1 piece of luggage per person, max. 23 kg / piece
- → Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- → Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. 08.00 p.m.)

Not included services

→ Citys or visitors tax, if payable

Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	1149,-
Doubleroom, Season B	1219,-
Doubleroom, Season C	1299,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	579,-

Additional night prices per person

Amsterdam DBL / BB	119,-
Amsterdam SGL / BB	219,-
Brussels DBL / BB	89,-
Brussels SGL / BB	169,-

Additional services per person

reactional services per person	
E-bike / Pedelec*	259,-
Rental bike (21-gear)*	99,-
Return transfer excl. bike (Sun)	79,–
Return transfer incl. bike (Sun)	119,-

^{*}including rental bike insurance

Exemplary hotel list

Amsterdam	WestCord Fashion Hotel Amsterdam	https://westcordhotels.nl/hotel/ fashion-hotel-amsterdam/
Gouda	Best Western Plus City Hotel Gouda	https://www.bestwesterngouda.nl/en/
Papendrecht	Leonardo Hotel Papendrecht	https://www.leonardo-hotels.de/papendrecht/ leonardo-hotel-papendrecht
Bergen op Zoom	Grand Hotel de Draak Bergen op Zoom	https://www.hoteldedraak.nl/de
Antwerpen	Park Inn Hotel by Radisson Antwerpen Berchem	https://www.radissonhotels.com/de-de/hotels/ park-inn-antwerp-berchem
Leuven	Park Inn Hotel by Radisson Leuven	https://www.radissonhotels.com/de-de/hotels/ park-inn-leuven
Brüssel	Courtyard by Marriott Hotel Brüssel Evere	https://www.marriott.com/de/hotels/ brucy-courtyard-brussels/overview/

Child reduction on basic price

Due to the challenging stages, we do not recommend this trip for children.

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, Dutch

Additional note

- → All bookings are on request.
- → Return journey to Amsterdam: Optional by minibus every Sunday, departure approx. 9 am, duration approx. 3 hours, must be booked in advance.
- → Alternatively on your own by train, connections every hour, 0 1 change, duration approx. 3 hours.
- → Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.

Equipment of our rental bikes

- → Bike lock
- → Odometer
- → Handlebar bag
- → Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- → Unflat Schwalbe Marathon Plus tyres or comparable
- → Waterproof pannier

Journey to Amsterdam

→ Nearest airports: Amsterdam

→ Train station: Amsterdam

Parking in Amsterdam

→ Hotel garage, approx. 20 – 30 € / day or Park & Ride garages on the outskirts of the city, approx. 15 € / day. No reservation possible through Radweg-Reisen.

Travel documents

→ Travel document dispatch to the arrival hotel, hotel list and arrival information in advance by e-mail

Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival to Amsterdam

Your cycle tour from the Netherlands to Belgium begins in lively Amsterdam, the cycling city par excellence. As soon as you arrive, take a walk to the Royal Palace and the Oude Kerk, the oldest building in the city. For culture enthusiasts, a visit to the Museumplein with the Rijksmuseum is well worthwhile. Or how about a boat tour along the beautiful canals? Afterwards, enjoy the hearty Dutch cuisine in one of the many cozy restaurants.

Day 2: Amsterdam - Gouda, approx. 70 km

The first cycling stage takes you to the Green Heart of the Netherlands. You cycle through the natural area characterized by lakes and moors as well as peat and polder landscapes to Gouda. The small town is famous for the cheese of the same name and also for its delicious Stroopwafels, which you absolutely must try. Discover idyllic courtyards, historic facades and the famous cheese market on a stroll through the old town.

Day 3: Gouda - Papendrecht, approx. 50 km

Today, a special highlight awaits you on your cycle tour from the Netherlands to Belgium. A total of 19 historic windmills tower up into the sky in Kinderdijk. They date back to the 18th century and were once used to pump water from the surrounding polders. Visit one of the museum windmills and find out more about how they worked and how people once lived in the mills. The route continues through a picturesque landscape to Papendrecht.

Day 4: Papendrecht – Bergen op Zoom, approx. 70 km

First you cycle to Dordrecht. Stroll through the harbor district, whose historic buildings bring the spirit of past centuries to life. On you go! You will soon reach De Biesbosch National Park. It is one of the few freshwater tidal areas in the world. Here you can observe numerous bird species and the work of the many resident beavers, who have

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built hundreds of castles in the water. Your destination today is Bergen op Zoom. Explore the city, whose former wealth is still visible today in many monuments and squares.

Day 5: Bergen op Zoom – Antwerpen, approx. 60 km

Today, the Kalmthoutse Heide nature reserve is the first destination on your cycle tour from the Netherlands to Belgium. You cycle through a varied heathland area with moors and large coniferous forests. Stop and listen to the numerous species of woodpecker tapping on the trees. Along the Scheldt you reach the historic heart of Antwerp. Not only numerous sights await you, but also typical Belgian delicacies such as chocolates and a variety of beers.

Day 6: Antwerpen – Leuven, approx. 70 km

Before you cycle on, take another stroll through the diamond city of Antwerp. In the Rubenshuis you can admire the artist's originals and in the Museum aan de Stroom numerous works of art as well as a wonderful view of the city. Along the rivers Schelde, Rupel and Dijle,

you will reach the university city of Leuven. Start your tour at the old university, walk to the Gothic town hall and end it at the Oude Markt. Here you will find numerous opportunities to relax and enjoy the evening with moules frites and a Belgian beer.

Day 7: Leuven - Brussels, approx. 40 km

Kilometer by kilometer, you approach the hustle and bustle of the city. Your destination of Brussels welcomes you with love and variety. Set off on a tour of the city and marvel at the Grand-Place with its magnificently decorated houses, baroque facades and gables. Nearby you will find the symbol of Brussels - the bronze statue of Manneken Pis. Did you know that it is dressed up for special occasions? Just outside the city center is the Atomium. From the top sphere of the building you have a wonderful view of Brussels.

Day 8: Individual departure

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.

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