Bike and Boat in Belgium and Holland

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 315 KM BOOKING CODE: NL-HBSAH-08I

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ••••• TOPOGRAPHY •••••



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Day 8	Individual departure

Travel time

Season A	29.09.		
Season B	15.09. – 22.09.		
Season C	05.05 12.05.	02.0609.06.	25.08 08.09.

Services

- → 7 nights on board in double cabins with shower / WC
- → All port, bridge and lock fees
- → Welcome drink
- → Bed linen and towels (no bath towels)
- → Coffee and tea in the afternoon
- → Travel documents (1 x per cabin), Maps on board
- → Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. 08.00 p.m.)
- → Daily cabin cleaning
- → Daily cycling tour briefing, on-board tour guide
- → Full board (7 x breakfast, 6 x packed lunch, 6 x dinner)

Not included services

- → Admission fees and excursions
- → Ferry fees
- → Drinks on board and tips for tour guide and crew
- → Transfers

Basic price per person

Double cabin lower deck, Season A	1089,-
Double cabin lower deck, Season B	1269,-
Double cabin lower deck, Season C	1329,-
Surcharge double cabin upper deck	300,-
Surcharge Upper Deck Suite	250,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec	199,-
Unisex bike (7-speed, freewheel)	59,-

Arrival Sunday 05.05. – 29.09.2024 The season is dictated by the arrival date. 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.
- \rightarrow 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 De Holland
- → Amsterdam Bruges (NL-HBSAH-08I): 05.05 / 02.06. / 25.08. / 08.09. / 22.09.
- → Brügge Amsterdam (BE-HBSBH-08I): 12.05. / 09.06. / 01.09. / 15.09. / 29.09.
- → Supplement double cabin for single use (upper deck only): 50 % of basic price

Equipment of our rental bikes

- → Comfortable saddle
- → Bike lock
- → Unflat Schwalbe Marathon Plus tyres or comparable
- → 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

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

Travel documents

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Day 4: Antwerp – Dendermonde / Sint-Amands, approx. 50 / 60 km

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Day 6: Gent – Bruges, approx. 45 km

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charming dune landscape of the nature reserve Het Zwin await you there. Afterwards you start the return journey to Bruges, along a small canal.

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Boat descriptions



De Holland

The meeting point of the riverboat De Holland is the large sun deck. It is equipped with tables and chairs, so you can spend the evening here relaxing and enjoying the atmosphere of the lights on the shore. If it should get too windy, simply move to the saloon. Here you will find the cosy bar, where you will be served coffee specialities and other delicious drinks.

Facts about the ship:

- → Lower deck: 24 twin cabins, approx. 10 m², 3 of which are possible as triple cabins. The third bed is a folding bed and only suitable for children.
- → Upper deck: 9 twin cabins, approx. 10 m² and one suite, approx. 13 m², each with French balcony (floor-to-ceiling, glazed sliding door)
- → beds at ground level
- \rightarrow Windows: can be opened on the upper deck, cannot be opened on the lower deck
- → Equipment: shower / WC, individually adjustable air-conditioning, TV, wardrobe, mini-safe, hairdryer, 230 V power outlets
- → Year of construction 1952, renovation 2017 / 2018
- → 2 passenger decks | 34 outside cabins
- → Maximum occupancy: 71 passengers
- → Crew: 11
- → Length: 78 m
- → Width: 7 m
- → Facilities: Restaurant, bar and lounge on the upper deck, sun deck (partly covered), WLAN
- → Languages on board: German, English

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MS Fluvius

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Facts about the ship:

- → 22 outside cabins, $9 12 \text{ m}^2$
- \rightarrow Equipment: shower / WC, individually adjustable air conditioning, TV
- → Main deck: 14 twin cabins, 1 smaller twin cabin
- → Upper deck: 3 twin cabins and 4 premium double cabins with panorama window
- \rightarrow Twin cabins with beds at ground level; windows do not open
- → Premium double cabins with French double bed, large opening panorama windows
- \rightarrow Year of construction 2001, renovation winter 2017 / 2018
- → 2 passenger decks: Main deck | Upper deck
- → Maximum occupancy: 44 passengers
- → Length 70 m
- → Width 5,60 m
- → Facilities: Sun deck with garden furniture, panorama saloon, crane for bicycles
- → Languages on board: German, English, Dutch