

Barge and Bike Tour in Belgium

7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS, APPROX. 160 – 230 KM
BOOKING CODE: NL-LISML-071

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●●
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Your tour

The trip takes you through the Belgian-Dutch region of Limburg and along the Meuse, one of the longest rivers in Europe. You will start this round trip near Maastricht and cycle along a well-developed network of cycle paths in a relaxed way through historic places, flat river valleys and beautiful landscapes! On this 7-day trip you are at home on the MS Miró, which accompanies you as a floating hotel.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival to Kanne near Maastricht, Maastricht – Liège-Angleur (boat)
Day 2	Lüttich-Angleur – Kanne, approx. 30 / 45 km
Day 3	Kanne – Lanaken (boat), Lanaken – Maasmechelen, approx. 25 / 45 km, Maasmechelen – Bree (boat)
Day 4	Bree – Abteil Achel – Thorn, approx. 30 / 45 km
Day 5	Thorn – Maaseik – Thorn, approx. 30 – 50 km, Thorn – Born (boat)
Day 6	Born – Kanne – Maastricht, approx. 45 km
Day 7	Individual departure

Travel time

Season A	20.04. – 14.09.
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Arrival Saturday 20.04. – 14.09.2024

Services

- 6 nights on board with shower / WC
- Excursion and guided tour in Liège
- Welcome: Champagne with Limburg cake
- Bed linen and towels (no bath towels)
- Invitation Maasmechelen Village
- Electric bike (8-speed unisex with coaster brake)
- Half board (6 x breakfast, 6 x packed lunch)
- Coffee and tea in the afternoon
- Maps for the bike tours on loan on board
- Helmets for rent
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)
- Sport massage device in each cabin
- Daily cabin cleaning
- Daily cycling tour briefing, on-board tour guide
- Pre-trip documents (1 x per cabin)

Not included services

- Dinner
- Admission fees and excursions
- Drinks on board and tips for tour guide and crew

Basic price per person

Double cabin	899,-
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Additional services per person

Electric bike / pedelec (8-speed unisex with coaster)	incl.
Passenger fee (payable on the spot) Passenger fee (payable on site)	125,-

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, Dutch

Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Changes: Changes are possible on boat trips due to weather, water level or technical conditions and remain reserved.
- Minimum number of participants to be reached up to 21 days before the start of the trip: 6 people
- Bringing your own bike is possible to a limited extent and without discount.
- Surcharge double cabin for single use: on request

Equipment of our rental bikes

- Comfortable saddle
- Helmet (please state your head size upon booking)
- Bike lock
- Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- Safety vest and rain poncho
- Unflat Schwalbe Marathon Plus tyres or comparable
- Waterproof pannier

Journey to Maastricht

- Nearest airports: Brussels, Düsseldorf, Amsterdam
- Train station: Maastricht

Parking in Maastricht

- Not far from the pier on the Maas are parking garages, cost about 25 € for 24 hours. Somewhat cheaper parking can be found outside the center. No reservation possible through Radweg-Reisen

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 Kanne near Maastricht, Maastricht – Liège-Angleur (boat)

Your round trip by bike and ship through Limburg and along the Meuse begins just a stones throw from Maastricht in the Belgian village of Kanne. After embarkation on the MS Miró at 12:00 noon, you are already on your way as the ship takes you to Liège. Explore the charming old town and taste the famous Belgian waffles. If you have a longer journey or would like to get to know Maastricht better, ideally arrive a day earlier.

Day 2: Lüttich-Angleur – Kanne, approx. 30 / 45 km

After breakfast on the ship, you will have the opportunity to visit the famous Sunday market La Batte on land. It is the largest and oldest market in Belgium. Off on your bike! You cycle along the Meuse and through the beautiful Voer valley to the landing stage in Kanne. After you have strengthened yourself on the ship with a coffee, you use the rest of the day according to your wishes. We recommend a visit to the marl caves at Kanne. Learn more about the origin of the rock layer and the formation of the caves underground.

Day 3: Kanne – Lanaken (boat), Lanaken – Maasmechelen, approx. 25 / 45 km, Maasmechelen – Bree (boat)

In the morning, during breakfast, your ship departs from Kanne. On shore, you'll get on your bike in Lanaken for today's leg of your tour by bike and ship through Limburg and along the Meuse River. Not far from Lanaken lies the ruins of the medieval Pietersheim Castle. The ring-shaped ramparts and the gate tower have been preserved from the 12th century. Right next door is a public park with a castle, which today serves as a hotel. You cycle on to your stage destination Maasmechelen. The MS Miró will take you to the pretty town of Bree.

Day 4: Bree – Abteil Achel – Thorn, approx. 30 / 45 km

After breakfast and the daily tour briefing, you cycle to the Hoge Kempen National Park. Pure nature awaits you here. Moor landscapes and rare animal species are at home in the greenest part of Flanders.

On the way there are numerous places to stop for refreshments, such as the old Trappist abbey Achel with a monastery brewery. For shorter day trips, various suggestions are available on board. By ship, the tour continues in the afternoon to the Dutch town of Thorn.

Day 5: Thorn – Maaseik – Thorn, approx. 30 – 50 km, Thorn – Born (boat)

Today you cycle along the Meuse River and explore the region around the Limburg Lakes. At the small town of Maaseik you cross the border from Belgium into the Netherlands. The route continues to Stevensweert. The town is located on an island in the Meuse River and once served as a fortified town - still recognizable by its fortifications. Visit the Hompesche Molen, the tallest windmill in the province of Limburg, before returning to Thorn, known as the White City. In the evening, your ship will take you to Born.

Day 6: Born – Kanne – Maastricht, approx. 45 km

The last stage of your tour by bike and boat through Limburg and along the Meuse begins in Born at the Juliana Canal. The canal was built in the 1930s and runs almost parallel to the Meuse. Through apple orchards you cycle to the beautiful castle in Elsloo and from there back to Kanne. In the evening you will take a water cab to Maastricht. There you will have the opportunity to discover many historical monuments and architectural highlights. After returning to the MS Miró you will look back on an eventful trip.

Day 7: Individual departure

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

Boat descriptions



MS Miró – Premium ship

The salon yacht MS Miró was launched in 1916, converted to a luxury ship in 2005, completely renovated in 2012 and sails under the Dutch flag. The ship is managed by skipper Mart and wife Elly and a small, attentive crew. For a maximum of ten people, the ship offers comfortable cabins, a cozy salon with panoramic windows, open fireplace and house bar. By the way, the Spanish painter and artist Joan Miró was the inspiration for the name.

Facts about the ship:

- 5 comfortable outside cabins with double bed (170 x 200cm)
- All cabins have shower / WC, hairdryer, satellite TV / radio / DVD / W-Lan, air conditioning + fan, central heating and safe
- At least 2 portholes per cabin, which can be opened
- Year of construction 1916
- Conversion to luxury ship 1998 – 2000
- Complete renovation 2011 – 2012
- 1 passenger deck
- Maximum occupancy: 10 persons
- Cabin size: min. 8,5 m²
- Length: 26 m
- Width: 4,45 m
- Equipment: sun deck, covered aft deck, salon, open fireplace, house bar
- Board languages: Multilingual tour guide