

# Boat and Bike on the IJsselmeer

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 230 – 290 KM

BOOKING CODE: NL-NHSD

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●

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## Your tour

On our bike and boat trip through North Holland you combine relaxed cycling with the comfort of a riverboat, which perfectly rounds off the vacation feeling. During our trip you will get to know the cosmopolitan city of Amsterdam, the North Sea coast, the West Frisian island of Texel and the IJsselmeer. You will sail past windmills, get to know historic cities like Alkmaar, Enkhuizen and Volendam.

## Itinerary

<b>Day 1</b>	Individual arrival in Amsterdam, Amsterdam – Zaandam (boat)
<b>Day 2</b>	Zaandam – Zaanse Schans – Alkmaar, approx. 45 km
<b>Day 3</b>	Dune tour around Alkmaar, approx. 35 – 40 km, Alkmaar – Den Helder (boat)
<b>Day 4</b>	Excursion to the island of Texel, approx. 35 – 50 km, Den Helder – Den Oever (boat)
<b>Day 5</b>	Den Oever – Stavoren (boat), Excursion to the southwest of Friesland, approx. 45 / 55 km
<b>Day 6</b>	Stavoren – Medemblik (boat), Medemblik – Enkhuizen, approx. 40 / 50 km
<b>Day 7</b>	Enkhuizen – Volendam (boat), Volendam – Amsterdam, approx. 30 / 50 km
<b>Day 8</b>	Individual departure

## Travel time

<b>Season A</b>	30.03. – 06.04.	05.10.
<b>Season B</b>	13.04. – 20.04.	28.09.
<b>Season C</b>	27.04. – 28.04.	14.09. – 21.09.
<b>Season D</b>	04.05. – 07.09.	

Arrival Saturday and Sunday 30.03. – 05.10.2024  
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

## Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec	199,-
Amsterdam canal cruise	16,-
Unisex bike (7-speed, freewheel)	59,-

## Services

- 7 nights on board in double cabins with shower / WC
- Welcome drink
- Bed linen and towels (no bath towels)
- Ferry ticket to the island of Texel
- Coffee and tea in the afternoon
- Short city walks according to programme
- Live music (1x evening)
- 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
- Daily cycling tour briefing, on-board tour guide
- Full board (7 x breakfast, 6 x packed lunch, 7 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	De Willemstad	De Holland
Double cabin lower deck, Season A	789,-	–
Double cabin lower deck, Season B	989,-	989,-
Double cabin lower deck, Season C	1099,-	1099,-
Double cabin lower deck, Season D	1199,-	1199,-
Double cabin upper deck, season A	989,-	–
Double cabin upper deck, season B	1189,-	1239,-
Double cabin upper deck, season C	1349,-	1349,-
Double cabin upper deck, season D	1449,-	1499,-
Surcharge Upper Deck Suite	300,-	250,-

## Child reduction on basic price

No child discount is offered on this trip.

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### 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 De Holland (NL-NHSNH-08I): 14.04. / 28.04. / 26.05. / 23.06. / 18.08.
- Arrival dates De Willemstad (NL-NHSNW-08I): every Saturday from 30.03. – 05.10.2024
- Supplement double cabin for single use: 50 % of the basic cruise price

### Equipment of our rental bikes

- Comfortable saddle
  - Bike lock
  - Waterproof pannier
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### Journey to Amsterdam

- Nearest airports: Amsterdam
- Train station: Amsterdam

### Parking in Amsterdam

- Various unguarded parking facilities near the ships pier cannot be reserved.
- Valet Parking: Your car will be picked up at the ship on the day of arrival, parked under cover and guarded and brought back to the ship on the day of departure, costs approx. 175 € / week. A bicycle rack costs an additional 35 €.
- Please always go to the ship first and drop off your luggage and then to the car park. 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.
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## Stages description

### Day 1: Individual arrival in Amsterdam, Amsterdam – Zaandam (boat)

The picturesque capital of the Netherlands, Amsterdam, is the starting point of their journey by bike and ship to the unique Dutch tulip blossom. After embarkation at 2 p.m. and a welcome by the crew, it's „Cast off! Off to Zaandam!“. After a short cruise, you will reach your overnight destination for today, Zaandam. Your ship will drop anchor in the city centre. Explore the city on the Zaan on foot or take your first test ride on your (rental) bike.

### Day 2: Zaandam – Zaanse Schans – Alkmaar, approx. 45 km

The first stop on today's bike tour is Zaanse Schans. The open-air museum offers an insight into Dutch life in the 17th and 18th centuries and shows historic wooden houses and windmills. You continue cycling through the Leeghwater polder landscape and reach Alkmaar. Famous for its cheese market, the city exudes a particularly historic atmosphere with its canals, drawbridges and narrow streets.

### Day 3: Dune tour around Alkmaar, approx. 35 – 40 km, Alkmaar – Den Helder (boat)

Today you will get to know the North Holland Dune Reserve on your tour by bike and boat through North Holland. It is used for drinking water production and offers fine sandy beaches, wooded areas and dunes. After a visit to the North Sea coast and the artists village of Bergen, you will return to Alkmaar. In the afternoon, the ship takes you via the North Holland Canal to Den Helder, the largest naval port in the Netherlands.

### Day 4: Excursion to the island of Texel, approx. 35 – 50 km, Den Helder – Den Oever (boat)

By ferry (included) you will go to the island of Texel today. The largest and westernmost of the West Frisian Islands impresses with a dune landscape formed over centuries by wind and water. You will cycle through a varied landscape dominated by a rich flora and fauna. Visit the Ecomare, which is not only dedicated to island and sea life, but also serves as a bird and seal sanctuary. Or how about an extended stay on the beach? Back in Den Helder, you'll take a boat to the port of Den Oever during dinner.

### Day 5: Den Oever – Stavoren (boat), Excursion to the southwest of Friesland, approx. 45 / 55 km

Today's day of your journey by bike and ship through North Holland takes you across the IJsselmeer to Stavoren. The town's landmark is the statue of Wyfke fan Starum at the old harbor. In the Middle Ages it is said that a rich merchant's widow wanted to possess the most valuable thing that existed at that time. She was brought wheat, which she haughtily spurned. Right at the statue you will learn how the story continues. Decide in Stavoren whether you want to take a shorter bike tour to the Gaasterland nature area or a longer one to the Frisian Lake District. Your ship will be anchored at the harbor until the next day.

### Day 6: Stavoren – Medemblik (boat), Medemblik – Enkhuizen, approx. 40 / 50 km

In the early morning you cross the IJsselmeer again and reach Medemblik. Along the IJsselmeer you cycle to Enkhuizen. The city, crisscrossed by canals, looks back on a centuries-old shipping tradition. Visit the Zuiderzee Museum. It documents the shipping and fishing of the former Zuiderzee, today's IJsselmeer. If you like, take a longer

bike ride to Hoorn. The port city is one of the most beautiful in the Netherlands. Numerous buildings bear witness to the eventful past of the former trading city.

**Day 7: Enkhuizen – Volendam (boat), Volendam – Amsterdam, approx. 30 / 50 km**

On the last leg of your journey by bike and ship through North Holland, you first head for Volendam. The former fishing village is known for its traditional costumes. You follow the cycle path directly to your

destination Amsterdam or take a detour to the idyllic island of Marken. At the end of the trip, a canal cruise is worthwhile in Amsterdam, which takes you along the small and large canals past the most beautiful sights of the 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

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## De Willemstad

The De Willemstad is a 4\* ship that was thoroughly modernised in 2017/ 2018 and offers a personal and familiar atmosphere. All cabins on the upper and lower decks are outside cabins, each with two single beds, shower and toilet, hairdryer, adjustable air conditioning, TV and mini-safe. The spacious, partly covered sundeck and the panorama saloon offer you cosy places to sit, whatever the weather. Here you can relax and enjoy the beautiful landscape of North Holland.

### Facts about the ship:

- 48 outside cabins
- On the lower deck:
  - 24 twin cabins with single beds at ground level, approx. 10 m<sup>2</sup>, small opening hinged windows
- On the upper deck:
  - 16 twin cabins with separate single beds at ground level, approx. 10 m<sup>2</sup>, opening panoramic windows
  - 8 twin-bedded suites with single beds at ground level, approx. 15 m<sup>2</sup>, with French balcony (floor-to-ceiling, glazed sliding door)
- Amenities: shower / WC, individually adjustable air conditioning, TV, mini-safe, hairdryer
- Year of construction 1986, renovation 2017 / 2018
- 2 passenger decks | 48 outside cabins
- Maximum occupancy: 96 passengers
- Crew: 20
- Length: 91,35 m
- Width: 10,45 m
- Draught: 1,45 m
- Appointments: Restaurant on the lower deck, saloon / bar with panorama windows on the upper deck, sun deck with deck chairs (partly covered), WLAN (extra charge)
- EC and credit cards (with PIN): Visa, Master Card (no cash payment possible).
- Board languages: German, English



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## 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 m<sup>2</sup>, 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 m<sup>2</sup> and one suite, approx. 13 m<sup>2</sup>, each with French balcony (floor-to-ceiling, glazed sliding door)
- beds at ground level
- 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