

Bike and Barge Tour in the Netherlands

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 205 – 280 KM
BOOKING CODE: NL-NHSNS-081

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●●●
TOPOGRAPHY ●●●●●●●



Your tour

Travelling by bike and boat on the IJsselmeer is truly a pleasure. You will get to know the IJsselmeer, the province of Friesland and the island of Texel in the North Sea as well as the historic cheese city of Alkmaar and the open-air museum Zaanse Schans with its impressive windmills. You start your round trip on the IJsselmeer in the small harbour town of Enkhuizen. Your ship, the MS Serena, will accompany you during your cycling tour, so there is no need to pack your luggage and you will always cycle only on the most beautiful sections of a route. In the north of Holland you will find everything that is so typical of the Netherlands: canals and canals, once important trading towns like Hoorn, colourful flower fields and windmills lie to the left and right of the flat cycle paths.

Itinerary

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| Day 1 | Individual arrival in Enkhuizen |
| Day 2 | Bike tour around Enkhuizen, approx. 30 – 35 km |
| Day 3 | Enkhuizen – Lemmer (boat), round trip around Lemmer, approx. 35 – 40 km |
| Day 4 | Lemmer – Stavoren, approx. 30 – 40 km, Stavoren – Island of Texel (boat) |
| Day 5 | Bike tour on the island of Texel, approx. 30 – 50 km, Texel – Den Helder (boat) |
| Day 6 | Den Helder – Sint Maartensvlotbrug – Alkmaar, approx. 25 – 55 km |
| Day 7 | Alkmaar – Wormerveer (boat), Wormerveer – Hoorn, approx. 55 km |
| Day 8 | Hoorn – Enkhuizen (ship), individual departure from Enkhuizen |

Travel time

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| Season A | 23.03. – 30.03. | 05.10. |
| Season B | 06.04. – 13.04. | 21.09. – 28.09. |
| Season C | 20.04. – 27.04. | 07.09. – 14.09. |
| Season D | 04.05. – 31.08. | |

Arrival Saturday 23.03. – 05.10.2024
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

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

Not included services

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

| Basic price per person | Main deck | Promenade deck |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Double cabin, season A | 729,- | 879,- |
| Double cabin, season B | 829,- | 979,- |
| Double cabin, season C | 929,- | 1079,- |
| Double cabin, season D | 1079,- | 1229,- |
| Surcharge double cabin for single use | 50% | 50% |
| Surcharge Junior Suite | 50,- | - |

Additional services per person

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| Electric bike / Pedelec (8-speed, freewheel / backpedal)* | 169,- |
| Unisex bike (7-speed, freewheel / backpedal brake)* | 59,- |

*including rental bike insurance

Child reduction on basic price

No child discount is offered on this trip.

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English

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 departure: 50 persons

Equipment of our rental bikes

→ Waterproof pannier

Journey to Enkhuizen

- Nearest airports: Amsterdam
- Train station: Enkhuizen

Parking in Enkhuizen

→ Free parking available at the Enkhuizen railway station, directly at the harbour and near the berth. 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 Enkhuizen

Your journey by bike and ship on the IJsselmeer begins in charming Enkhuizen. After embarkation in the afternoon, you have the rest of the day to take a closer look at the small harbour town. Directly at the harbour, the Drommedaris catches your eye. The fortified gate dates back to the 16th century and once protected the harbour. Afterwards, explore the pretty old town with its canals, churches and cafés before returning to your ship.

Day 2: Bike tour around Enkhuizen, approx. 30 – 35 km

Relax and start your first discovery tour today. You can design it according to your own wishes. Explore Enkhuizen's hinterland with its countless canals and seemingly endless expanses, or sit back and relax on the town's own small beach. A visit to the Zuiderzee Museum is also recommended. The museum consists of an outdoor and indoor area. It mainly provides insights into the history of the Zuiderzee, which merged into today's IJsselmeer through dyking.

Day 3: Enkhuizen – Lemmer (boat), round trip around Lemmer, approx. 35 – 40 km

In the morning, let the fresh sea air blow around your nose as you sail across the IJsselmeer. Once you arrive in Lemmer, you set off on a short trip through the western part of Friesland, the province of lakes, canals and canals. The shoreline stretches are perfect for a bike ride. You first reach the Tjeukemeer and then cycle back to Lemmer via Munnekeburen and Scherpenzeel. In Lemmer it is worth visiting the Woudagemaal. The world's largest steam pumping station still in operation has been used for over 100 years when water levels in the hinterland are too high and need to be pumped out.

Day 4: Lemmer – Stavoren, approx. 30 – 40 km, Stavoren – Island of Texel (boat)

Today's stage of your journey by bike and boat on the IJsselmeer takes you along the south coast of the province of Friesland. With the IJsselmeer never far away, you cycle along the Sondeler Leien lake,

cross the Rijsterbos forest area, pass the Mokkebank bird sanctuary and reach Stavoren. This is the oldest of the eleven Frisian towns and was the residence of the Frisian kings and later a Hanseatic town. By boat you cross over to Oudeschild on the island of Texel.

Day 5: Bike tour on the island of Texel, approx. 30 – 50 km, Texel – Den Helder (boat)

You will first spend your cycling day on Texel, the largest of the West Frisian Islands. You can plan your route according to your own taste. You can choose from routes of different lengths. Whichever one you choose, you will not miss out on enjoying Texel's varied landscape and wildlife. Towards evening, you will sail from Oudeschild back to the mainland to the maritime town of Den Helder, which means Hell's Gate. The harbour, ships and ship museums still characterise the town today.

Day 6: Den Helder – Sint Maartensvlotbrug – Alkmaar, approx. 25 – 55 km

With the North Sea in view, you cycle through the wind-swept dunes to Alkmaar. As the ship docks in Sint Maartensvlotbrug, you can also cycle only the first part of the stage. Alkmaar awaits you with a picturesque old town and many small museums. The charming cheese market is not only famous in Holland. Cheese has been tasted, weighed and sold on the market square since 1622.

Day 7: Alkmaar – Wormerveer (boat), Wormerveer – Hoorn, approx. 55 km

There is still time for a leisurely stroll through Alkmaar before you set off by boat to Wormerveer. From there you cycle via the Zaanse Schans open-air museum with its historic windmills towards Volendam. Via the traditional fishing village of Volendam you cycle along the Markermeer via the small town of Hoorn to your destination Enkhuizen.

Day 8: Hoorn – Enkhuizen (ship), individual departure from Enkhuizen

After breakfast and disembarkation (by 09.00) your journey by bike and ship on the IJsselmeer already ends.

Boat descriptions



MS Serena

Look forward to the river ship MS Serena, which will take you relaxed over the waters around North Holland. When you're not on your bike, you can spend the day relaxing on the sun deck or chatting with your fellow passengers in the restaurant. The crew will spoil you with delicious meals every day and provide you with all the information you need for your cycling tours.

Facts about the ship:

- 51 outside cabins
- Promenade deck: 17 twin cabins with single beds, approx. 8 – 9 m², approx. 12 m² and 1 single cabin, approx. 6 m²
- Main deck: 29 cabins with single beds, 2 junior suites with French bed, approx. 8 – 9 m² and 2 single cabins, approx. 6 m²
- Equipment: shower / WC, ventilation system
- Windows open on all decks
- 2 passenger decks: Promenade deck | Main deck
- Maximum occupancy: 99 passengers
- Crew: 10
- Length 90 m
- Width 9.90 m
- Amenities: saloon, bar, air-conditioned restaurant, partly covered sundeck with seating, bicycle storage
- Languages on board: German, English