By bike and boat to the tulip blossom

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS, APPROX. 95 – 120 KM BOOKING CODE: NL-NHST5 DAILY ROUTE LENGTH •••••
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Your tour

Discover the unique tulip blossom around Amsterdam by bike and boat. Cycle to the Zaanse Schans near Zaandam and visit the impressive Grote Kerk in Haarlem. Visit the Keukenhof, an impressive garden complex that attracts tulip lovers from all over the world every year. Early risers will witness a special spectacle: a visit to the world's largest flower market in Aalsmeer. You cycle the tour on flat cycle paths. If you don't want to cycle, you can comfortably reach your destination on two of the three stages by river boat. The entire tour is accompanied by competent and multilingual guides.

You will travel on the ships MS Fluvius, comfort category and MS Magnifique III & IV, premium category.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Amsterdam, Amsterdam – Zaandam (boat)
Day 2	Zaandam – Zaanse Schans – Zaandam – Haarlem, approx. 25 / 35 km
Day 3	Haarlem – Keukenhof – Oude Wetering, approx. 40 / 55 km
Day 4	Oude Wetering – Amsterdam, approx. 30 km
Day 5	Individual departure from Amsterdam

Travel time

Season A	30.03.	
Season B	31.03. – 21.04.	

The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Additional services per person	Comfort	Premium
Electric bike / Pedelec	99,–	119,-
Amsterdam canal cruise	16,-	16,-
Rental bike (7-speed)	29,-	39,–

Services

- ightarrow 4 nights on board in double cabins with shower / WC
- → All port, bridge and lock fees
- → Welcome drink
- $\boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$ Visit a mill at Zaanse Schans (only on Magnifique III & IV)
- → Bed linen and towels (no bath towels)
- → Entrance fee Keukenhof and North Holland Dune Reserve (only on MS Magnifique III & IV)
- → Ferry fees
- → Guided bike tours according to programme
- → Coffee and tea in the afternoon
- → Short city walks according to programme
- \rightarrow 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
- → Full board (4 x breakfast, 3 x packed lunch, 4 x dinner)

Not included services

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

Basic price per person	Premium	Comfort
Double cabin lower deck, Season A	929,-	-
Double cabin lower deck, Season B	1089,-	849,-
Reduction Small 2 berth cabin lower deck	-	30,-
Surcharge double cabin upper deck	_	120,-
Surcharge Upper Deck Premium	-	240,-
Surcharge Upper Deck Suite	400,-	-

Child reduction on basic price

No child discount is offered on this trip.

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, Dutch

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 MS Fluvius (comfort category, NL-NHSTF-05G): 01.04. / 05.04. / 09.04.
- → Arrival dates MS Magnifique III (Premium category, NL-NHST3-05G): 30.03. / 03.04. / 07.04. / 11.04. / 15.04. / 19.04.
- → Arrival dates MS Magnifique IV (Premium category, NL-NHST4-05G): 01.04. / 05.04. / 09.04. / 13.04. / 17.04. / 21.04.
- → Supplement double cabin for single use: 50 % of the basic cruise price

Equipment of our rental bikes

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

Journey to Amsterdam

- → Nearest airports: Amsterdam
- → Train station: Amsterdam

Parking in Amsterdam

- → Various unguarded parking facilities near the ship's 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.

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 – Zaandam – Haarlem, approx. 25 / 35 km

Start today directly after breakfast for a short bike tour to the open-air museum Zaanse Schans. After a few kilometres by bike you will reach this special place where once 65 shipyards and over 1000 windmills stood. Marvel at some of the remaining examples and get an insight into Dutch life in the 17th and 18th centuries. In the afternoon you will be spoilt for choice: you can cycle the leg to Haarlem or make yourself comfortable on the deck of your ship during a 2.5-hour cruise. In Haarlem, where you will spend the night, it is worth visiting the Grote Markt and the imposing Grote Kerk, which rises 80 metres into the sky. A detour to the Frans Hals Museum is also recommended, as is a tour of the city's canals in a rented boat (not included).

Day 3: Haarlem - Keukenhof - Oude Wetering, approx. 40 / 55 km

From Haarlem you cycle towards Keukenhof today. A true paradise for flower lovers and those who want to become one. Around seven million bulbs, mainly tulips, are planted every year in this 32-hectare

garden. Experience a unique tulip blossom on your journey by bike and boat between March and May, which guarantees a colourful stay. Only a few kilometres away is your destination for today, Oude Wetering. The small municipality is located in the Groene Hart – the Green Heart – of the Netherlands.

Day 4: Oude Wetering - Amsterdam, approx. 30 km

Get up! The earlier, the better. Because, today we are going to the world's largest flower auction in Aalsmeer (only open on weekdays). After a bus transfer, you will take part in the Bloemenveiling Aalsmeer at around 06.30 in the morning. Witness how millions of flowers are auctioned off and then sent all over the world. Back on the ship, a late breakfast awaits you as you sail back to Amsterdam. Walk along the historic canals and visit one of the many famous museums, such as the Rijksmuseum or the Anne Frank House. A visit to Amsterdam's Bloemenmarkt, where flowers, plants and bulbs have been traded since 1862, is also worthwhile, as is a flying visit to the Tulip Museum in Prinsengracht. If you prefer to go on a cycling tour in the afternoon, you can cycle through the beautiful Waterland region north of Amsterdam

Day 5: Individual departure from Amsterdam

After breakfast at around 9.30 a.m., your journey by bike and boat to the tulip blossom unfortunately comes to an end. You will disembark and depart individually.

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Boat descriptions



MS Fluvius

On the MS Fluvius you will be welcomed in a relaxed and familiar atmosphere. Spend cosy hours on the spacious sun deck and in the panorama salon, whether during the day or into the evening. In the ship's restaurant, the attentive crew will prepare the finest delicacies for you.

Facts about the ship:

- → 22 outside cabins, 9 12 m²
- \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
- → Twin cabins with beds at ground level; windows do not open
- → Premium double cabins with French double bed, large opening panorama windows
- → 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

Boat descriptions



MS Magnifique III

The three Magnifique premium ships have exclusive and stylish furnishings. The crews welcome their maximum of 40 guests with great warmth, the atmosphere is relaxed and familiar. No wonder, since the three ships are designed for manageable group sizes. After an eventful day on the bike, it is wonderful to relax on the spacious sun deck. Encouraged by the great success of MS Magnifique I, which is now sailing under the new name Princesse Royale, the fleet has been expanded by three more magnifiques bateaux since 2016, so that MS Magnifique IV will also be sailing in the Netherlands and Belgium from the 2020 season.

Facts about the ship:

- → 21 outside cabins with single beds at ground level
- ightharpoonup Lower deck: 14 twin cabins, approx. 12 m², 2 single cabins, approx. 9 m²
- → Upper deck: 5 suites, approx. 16 m²
- → Appointments: shower/WC, individually adjustable air conditioning, TV
- → the suites also have a small sitting area and a French balcony (floor-to-ceiling, glazed sliding door)
- → the portholes in the cabins on the lower deck cannot be opened; the sliding doors in the suites on the upper deck can be opened
- → a 3rd bed (folds out over one of the other beds) is possible in some twin cabins
- → Year of construction 2018
- → 2 passenger decks | 21 outside cabins
- → Maximum occupancy: 40 passengers
- → Crew: 5
- → Length: 67 m
- → Width: 7,20 m
- → Appointments: saloon with restaurant, bar, lounge, 1 sun deck with seating, whirlpool, WLAN (subject to availability)
- → Languages spoken on board: German, English, Dutch

Boat descriptions



MS Magnifique IV

The three Magnifique premium ships have exclusive and stylish furnishings. The crews welcome their maximum of 40 guests with great warmth, the atmosphere is relaxed and familiar. No wonder, since the three ships are designed for manageable group sizes. After an eventful day on the bike, it is wonderful to relax on the spacious sun deck. Encouraged by the great success of MS Magnifique I, which is now sailing under the new name Princesse Royale, the fleet has been expanded by three more magnifiques bateaux since 2016, so that MS Magnifique IV will also be sailing in the Netherlands and Belgium from the 2020 season.

Facts about the ship:

- → 18 outside cabins with single beds at ground level
- → Lower deck: 8 twin cabins, approx. 12 m²
- → Upper deck: 10 suites, approx. 16 m²
- → Appointments: shower / WC, individually adjustable air conditioning, TV
- → The suites also have a small sitting area and a French balcony (floor-to-ceiling, glazed sliding door).
- → the portholes in the cabins on the lower deck cannot be opened; the sliding doors in the suites on the upper deck can be opened
- → Year of construction 2020
- → 2 passenger decks | 18 outside cabins
- → Maximum occupancy: 36 passengers
- → Crew: 5
- → Length: 67 m
- → Width: 7,20 m
- → Amenities: restaurant on the lower deck, saloon with bar and lounge on the upper deck, sun deck with seating, WLAN (subject to availability)
- → Languages spoken on board: German, English, Dutch