

Bike and Barge in Holland

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 210 – 305 km
BOOKING CODE: NL-SH

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



On MS Flora, MS Gandalf & MS Sarah in Holland's Green Heart

From Eur **1229,-**



Your tour

Your journey will take you to the green heart of Holland, to kilometres of sandy beaches on the North Sea coast and to historic cities like Amsterdam, Leiden, Gouda, Haarlem or Rotterdam. After the trip, you will know how the famous Gouda cheese is made, where 19 windmills stand in rows and Rembrandt left his mark. Cycling in Holland is wonderful because the paths are flat, well signposted and mostly run away from road traffic. This tour is also highly recommended for inexperienced cyclists.

You travel on MS Flora, MS Gandalf & MS Sarah.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Amsterdam
Day 2	Amsterdam – Zaandam (by boat), Zaandam – Haarlem, approx. 40 / 55 km
Day 3	Haarlem – Leiden, approx. 40 / 50 km
Day 4	Leiden – Delft, approx. 35 / 40 km
Day 5	Delft – Kinderdijk (by boat), Kinderdijk – Gouda, ca. 25 / 65 km
Day 6	Gouda – Kudelstaart, ca. 45 / 55 km
Day 7	Kudelstaart – Amsterdam, ca. 30 / 40 km or Kudelstaart – Amsterdam (by boat)
Day 8	Individual departure from Amsterdam

Travel time

Season A	27.04.
Season B	18.05. – 21.09.

Arrival Saturday 18.05. – 21.09.2024
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- 7 nights on board in double cabins with shower / WC
- Welcome drink
- Bed linen and towels (no bath towels)
- Fees for ferries and Waterbus
- Guided bike tours according to programme
- 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
- Drinks on board and tips for tour guide and crew
- City or visitors tax, if payable

Basic price per person

Double cabin, season A	1229,-
Double cabin, season B	1279,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec	199,-
Amsterdam canal cruise	16,-
Rental bike (7- / 24-gear, Freewheel)	59,-

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 Flora: 27.04. / 20.07. / 27.07.
- Arrival dates MS Gandalf: 01.06. / 08.06. / 13.07. / 03.08. / 10.08. / 07.09.
- Arrival dates MS Sarah: 18.05. / 25.05. / 15.06. / 22.06. / 27.07. / 17.08. / 14.09. / 21.09.
- You can book the tour on MS Flora (NL-SHSSF-08G), MS Gandalf (NL-SHSSG-08G) or MS Sarah (NL-SHSSS-08G).
- Supplement double cabin for single use: 50 % of the basic cruise price

Equipment of our rental bikes

→ 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.
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Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival in Amsterdam

Amsterdam is one of the most beautiful metropolises in Europe and wants to be discovered right at the beginning of your cycling tour. In addition to a canal tour, there are many other ways to pass the time: a stroll through the old town or a visit to one of the many museums. Embarkation starts at 14.00 hrs, the introductory talk at 15.00 hrs. Afterwards, you will test your bike on a short ride before having your first dinner on board.

Day 2: Amsterdam – Zaandam (by boat), Zaandam – Haarlem, approx. 40 / 55 km

Today, after a short boat trip to Zaandam, you will visit the museum village Zaanse Schans, which is one of the top tourist attractions in the Netherlands. A unique living and working quarter with museums, mills, shops, old crafts, restaurants, an information centre and an excursion service will transport you to times long past. Afterwards you cycle to Haarlem.

Day 3: Haarlem – Leiden, approx. 40 / 50 km

You leave Haarlem, which is known for its 17th century warehouses. It goes along the North Sea coast via the seaside resorts of Noordwijk and Katwijk aan Zee, both of which offer beautiful sandy beaches. This brings you to the university city of Leiden. This is where Rembrandt first saw the light of day and later opened his first studio. The Archaeological Museum, where you can see an original Egyptian temple, is also interesting.

Day 4: Leiden – Delft, approx. 35 / 40 km

From Leiden you cycle to the capital of the province of South Holland: The Hague. In addition to beautiful old buildings, there are also many modern buildings that have been given names like fountain pen or citrus press by the local people. We continue to the famous seaside resort of Scheveningen. The small fishing village has developed into the largest seaside resort in the Netherlands. In beautiful Delft you have reached your destination for today.

Day 5: Delft – Kinderdijk (by boat), Kinderdijk – Gouda, ca. 25 / 65 km

Delft is one of the oldest Dutch cities and presents itself with Brabant Gothic and Renaissance houses. By ship you visit the impressive world port of Rotterdam, marvel at the hustle and bustle! The 19 windmills of Kinderdijk have been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then continue by bike to the cheese city of Gouda.

Day 6: Gouda – Kudelstaart, ca. 45 / 55 km

The city of Gouda has more to offer than its world-famous cheese. This is also where syrup waffles were first made in the early 19th century. The Gothic town hall is one of the oldest in the Netherlands. From the confluence of the IJssel and Gouwe watercourses, you then cycle through the canal-lined landscape of South Holland to the pretty town of Kudelstaart.

Day 7: Kudelstaart – Amsterdam, ca. 30 / 40 km or Kudelstaart – Amsterdam (by boat)

Early in the morning you go to the famous flower auction in Aalsmeer (not included). Afterwards, get on your bike or the boat will take you back to Amsterdam via the Amstel. There you can once again enjoy the

incomparable atmosphere of this extremely charming city, take part in a canal tour and let yourself drift in the city's colourful nightlife on your last holiday evening.

Day 8: Individual departure from Amsterdam

After breakfast, your journey by ship and bike through Holland on MS Flora, MS Gandalf or MS Sarah is unfortunately already over. Disembarkation by 9:30 a.m. and your journey home.

Boat descriptions



MS Flora

A cosy, familiar ship - that is the MS Flora. The well-coordinated on-board crew takes care of their guests and can tell many an anecdote. The ship has an absolute feel-good atmosphere and the cabins are comfortably furnished. You can explore small towns from central landing stages. If you don't want to cycle on one day, you can also cover the distance on the ship.

Facts about the ship:

- Outside cabins: approx. 8 m²
- Level beds
- Shower / WC, central heating, storage space under the bed
- Small, opening windows in each cabin
- Year of construction: 1929
- Renovation: 2007
- 1 passenger deck | 10 outside cabins
- Maximum occupancy: 22 passengers
- Length: 40 m
- Width: 6 m
- Amenities: salon, bar, sundeck, WLAN
- Languages on board: German, English, Dutch

Boat descriptions



MS Gandalf

On the river ship MS Gandalf you will be welcomed by your skipper in a family atmosphere. The manageable number of guests makes it easy to get into conversation with each other. Two sun decks offer plenty of space. Solar collectors have been installed on the double roof to store sunlight during the day. So at night the generator does not have to run and you enjoy a quiet, restful sleep.

Facts about the ship:

- 10 outside cabins, approx. 8 m²
- Equipment: WC / shower, individually adjustable air conditioner, central heating
- Cabin deck: opening windows
- Double cabins: 2 single beds at ground level
- 1 passenger deck
- 10 outside cabins
- Maximum occupancy: 22 passengers
- Length: 45 m
- Width: 6,2 m
- Equipment: 2 sun decks, spacious salon, storage for bicycles, double roof with solar panels
- Board language: German, English, Dutch

Boat descriptions



MS Sarah

Small but mighty! With plenty of space and freedom of movement you travel on the river ship MS Sarah. The spacious salon doubles as a restaurant. Enjoy the passing landscapes when you are served delicious meals on the large sun deck in good weather. If you don't want to cycle a leg of the journey, you can relax and take the boat. We recommend a cherry beer to go with it!

Facts about the ship:

- 10 two-bed cabins (approx. 10 m²)
- beds at ground level
- shower / WC, central heating, opening windows
- additional bed: limited possible in bunk bed
- 2002 conversion to passenger ship
- 1 passenger deck
- 10 outside cabins
- Maximum occupancy: 20 passengers
- Length: 45 m
- Width: 6,60 m
- Equipment: salon with restaurant, sundeck with seats
- Board language: German, English, Dutch