

Bike and boat in South Holland

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 260 – 290 KM
BOOKING CODE: NL-SHSSN-08I

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



Windmills, tulips and beautiful cities

From Eur 729,-



Your tour

On board the MS Normandie, you will get to know the countless waterways of South Holland in comfort. You start cycling in Rotterdam and soon change from the big city to untouched nature. On the way you will discover the windmills of Kinderdijk as well as the nature reserve De Biesbosch, one of the few freshwater tidal areas in the world. Taste the variety of Dutch cheese in Leerdam and Gouda, take a relaxing walk along the canals of Utrecht and finally explore the impressive port of Rotterdam on a boat trip. At the end of our tour, a cycling excursion takes you to the famous porcelain city of Delft and to the North Sea coast near The Hague and Scheveningen.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Rotterdam
Day 2	Rotterdam – Dordrecht, approx. 40 km
Day 3	Dordrecht – Gorinchem, approx. 40 km
Day 4	Gorinchem – Utrecht, approx. 55 km
Day 5	Utrecht – Schoonhoven, approx. 40 km
Day 6	Schoonhoven – Gouda – Rotterdam, approx. 45 km
Day 7	Stay in Rotterdam or cycle tour to Delft (approx. 40 km) or cycle tour to The Hague and Scheveningen (approx. 70 km)
Day 8	Individual departure from Rotterdam

Travel time

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
- All port, bridge and lock fees
- Welcome drink
- Bed linen and towels (no bath towels)
- 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, 7 x dinner)

Not included services

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

Basic price per person	Main deck	Upper deck
Double cabin, season A	729,-	879,-
Double cabin, season B	829,-	979,-
Double cabin, season C	929,-	1079,-
Double cabin main deck, Season D	1079,-	1229,-
Discount cabins in the back	–	50,-

Additional services per person

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

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.
- Arrival dates: 23.03. / 30.03. / 06.04. / 13.04. / 20.04. / 27.04. / 04.05. / 11.05. / 18.05. / 22.06. / 29.06. / 06.07. / 13.07. / 20.07. / 27.07. / 31.08 / 07.09. / 14.09. / 21.09. / 28.09. / 05.10.
- Bis 21 Tage vor Reisebeginn zu erreichende Mindestteilnehmerzahl: 60 Personen
- Supplement double cabin for single use: 50 % of the basic cruise price

Equipment of our rental bikes

→ Waterproof pannier

Journey to Rotterdam R&S

- Closest airports: Rotterdam
- Train station: Rotterdam

Parking in Rotterdam R&S

- Various parking facilities (e.g. multi-storey car parks) near the ship's pier, approx. 25 € / day.
- Valet Parking: Your car will be collected from the ship on the day of arrival, parked under surveillance and returned to the ship on the day of departure, costs approx. 170 € / week. For Valet Parking we can send you a link to the parking reservation after confirmation.
- A reservation by Radweg-Reisen is not possible.

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 Rotterdam

You start your tour in the port city of Rotterdam. Situated at the mouth of the Rhine into the North Sea, the city is today one of the most modern cities in Europe. Discover one of the largest ports in the world, a wealth of museums and architectural masterpieces on a walking tour. Embarkation on the MS Normandie takes place from 16.00 hrs.

Day 2: Rotterdam – Dordrecht, approx. 40 km

Here we go! Always along the water, you will reach Kinderdijk. This small town is home to the most famous windmills in the Netherlands - a real postcard motif. 19 of them date back to the 18th century and were used to drain low-lying areas. You cycle on through a polder area to Dordrecht. The town is the oldest in Holland and enchants with its numerous historic buildings and pretty house fronts along the canals.

Day 3: Dordrecht – Gorinchem, approx. 40 km

Right at the beginning of today's stage of your tour in South Holland, you will take a ferry crossing to the nature reserve De Biesbosch. Various rivers form a freshwater delta covering several thousand hectares, which is criss-crossed by numerous cycle paths and waterways. With Gorinchem, you reach a former fortified town that started out as a farming and fishing village more than 1000 years ago.

Day 4: Gorinchem – Utrecht, approx. 55 km

First, your tour takes you to Leerdam, famous for its cheese of the same name. Then you continue to Vianen. There you cross the river Lek and reach the fourth largest Dutch city – Utrecht - via Vreeswijk and Nieuwegein. Take a walk through the old town, which is criss-crossed by canals. You can't miss Utrecht Cathedral. Its 112-metre-high church tower is the tallest in the Netherlands. It stands separate from the rest of the church due to a storm in the 17th century - remarkable.

Day 5: Utrecht – Schoonhoven, approx. 40 km

You cycle through polder landscapes to Oudewater with almost no climbing. In the 16th century, this small village was the scene of so-called cradle trials, which took place in the context of witch trials. Anyone who was too light for their height and could therefore ride a broom was convicted of witchcraft from the point of view of the time. To this day, those interested can have themselves weighed at the Heksenwaag - certificate included. Your destination for the day, Schoonhoven, is considered the silver city of the Netherlands. The Nederlands Zilvermuseum provides insights into the history of Dutch silversmithing.

Day 6: Schoonhoven – Gouda – Rotterdam, approx. 45 km

Rested and relaxed, you first cycle to Gouda, known for its world-famous cheese and traditional cheese market. The city is characterised by a typical Dutch townscape and impresses with picturesque canals and a historic city centre. The destination of your tour is Rotterdam. Before you spend a penultimate night on the MS Normandie, a boat tour of Rotterdam harbour is worthwhile, offering impressive views of the fancy architecture of the Rotterdam skyline.

Day 7: Stay in Rotterdam or cycle tour to Delft (approx. 40 km) or cycle tour to The Hague and Scheveningen (approx. 70 km)

Today you are spoilt for choice: you can cycle to Delft, known for its famous porcelain, or a few kilometres further on you can get to know the Dutch seat of government, The Hague, and the North Sea resort of Scheveningen. You can shorten the return journey by train (not included). Whichever destination you choose, you can organise the last day of your tour with bike and boat in South Holland according to your wishes.

Day 8: Individual departure from Rotterdam

After breakfast, disembarkation begins until 9.00 a.m. and thus also the

journey home.