# By bike and boat through Zeeland

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 250 / 265 KM BOOKING CODE: NL-ZLSRR-08I









#### Your tour

As the tour starts and ends in Rotterdam, you will have ample time to discover the many faces of the metropolis. Leave the modern skyline behind and explore the west of the Netherlands on the daily bike tours. Here, the beautiful nature, the scent of the sea and the species-rich flora and fauna will impress you. Historic cities like Dordrecht, Middelburg and Willemstad are on the way. Visit the "Thick Tower" in Zierikzee and the Korenlust Mill in Stellendam. They are witnesses to the long, eventful history of these small towns. In addition to all these highlights, enjoyment should not be neglected. Don't miss out on tasting delicious mussels, oysters or the Oosterschelde lobster.

#### Itinerary

renner ar y	
Day 1	Individual arrival in Rotterdam, Rotterdam – Dordrecht (boat)
Day 2	Dordrecht – Willemstad (boat), Willemstad – Hellevoetsluis, approx. 45 km
Day 3	Hellevoetsluis – Bruinisse, approx. 45 km
Day 4	Bruinisse – Veere, approx. 45 km
Day 5	Excursion to the island of Neeltje Jans, approx. 35 / 50 km
Day 6	Excursion to Middelburg, approx. 40 km, Veere – Dordrecht (boat)
Day 7	Dordrecht – Rotterdam, approx. 40 km
Day 8	Individual departure from Rotterdam

## Travel time

Season A	25.05.	01.06.	08.06.
	15.06.	03.08.	10.08.
	17.08.	24.08.	

Arrival Saturday 25.05. – 24.08.2024

#### 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
- → Programme as per itinerary
- → 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	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 —

\*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.
- → 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**

→ Closest airports: Rotterdam
→ Train station: Rotterdam

#### Parking in Rotterdam

- → 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.

#### Stages description

## Day 1: Individual arrival in Rotterdam, Rotterdam – Dordrecht (boat)

An early arrival in Rotterdam is worthwhile. Before embarking at 4.00 p.m., take plenty of time to get to know this multifaceted city. Discover the large market hall with delicious delicacies or the largest port in Europe on a tour. At 6.00 p.m. its time to cast off, because the MS Normandie will take you to Dordrecht, the oldest city in Holland, on the very first evening of your journey through Zeeland.

## Day 2: Dordrecht – Willemstad (boat), Willemstad – Hellevoetsluis, approx. 45 km

The day gets off to a leisurely start as you first sail to Willemstad. The small fortress town impresses with well restored buildings from the 17th and 18th centuries. After a short sightseeing tour, you will get into the saddle for the first time. You start your cycle tour by crossing the inland waterway Harlingvliet via the Volkerakdam. You cycle past green fields and through tranquil villages like Zwartsluisje and Goudswaard. The destination of todays cycle tour is Hellevoetsluis.

## Day 3: Hellevoetsluis - Bruinisse, approx. 45 km

Do you fancy a refreshing dip in the sea? Then its worth making a detour to the wide, fine-sand Rockanje beach before you continue cycling. You will cycle along the Harlingvliet again. Discover many small villages such as Stellendam and Herkingen, which sank in the floods in 1511 and was later rebuilt. Via the Grevelingendam you come to Bruinisse. Here the focus is on mussel farming. Dont miss trying this delicacy in one of the many restaurants.

## Day 4: Bruinisse – Veere, approx. 45 km

During your bike tour you can visit the "Watersnoodmuesum". Learn all about the great flood disaster of 1953 and the "drowned" village of Viane, which was flooded and never rebuilt. Continue to Zierikzee, which is one of the most beautiful monument towns in the

Netherlands. Visit the Thick Tower, the top of which you reach via 279 steps. The effort is worth it, because from the top you can see the village, the island and the five-kilometre-long Zeeland Bridge. You then cycle over this very bridge to your destination for the day, Veere. Where once richly laden ships from Scotland docked, you will now find a beautiful little town that you can visit extensively.

## Day 5: Excursion to the island of Neeltje Jans, approx. 35 / 50 km

Today you have the choice between two routes. But no matter which one you choose, you will experience the picture book that is Holland! You will cycle to the former working island of Neeltje Jans, which was built especially for the construction of the storm surge barrier of the Oosterschelde. Take your time to admire the impressive structure at close quarters. It consists of 65 piles and 62 treasures that can be closed at high tide. Afterwards, you cycle leisurely, always close to the sea, back to Veere.

## Day 6: Excursion to Middelburg, approx. 40 km, Veere – Dordrecht (boat)

The first stop on your cycle tour is Middelburg, the capital of Zeeland. Stroll through the city full of monuments and historic buildings and enjoy the unique flair in one of the many cafés around the market square. Today you can continue to explore the Walcheren peninsula, on which Middelburg is located next to Veere. Walcheren was once an island. But the construction of the dam to Zuid-Beveland in 1871 turned it into a peninsula. The round trip takes you through a picturesque, typically Dutch landscape. By the way, the sun shines here more often and for longer than anywhere else in the Netherlands! In the evening, the MS Normandie leaves Veere and the province of Zeeland and heads back to Dordrecht, where you arrive at night.

Status: 17.08.2023

## Day 7: Dordrecht - Rotterdam, approx. 40 km

Off you go on your last cycle tour. On the way, you will pass the most famous windmills in the Netherlands: the 19 windmills of Kinderdijk from the 18th century. Soon the landscape changes and it becomes urban. The sign that Rotterdam is not far away. At the latest when you cross the famous Erasmus Bridge, affectionately known as "The Swan"

because of its shape, you will get a whiff of big city air. If there is still enough time, take an original city tour with the Splashtours – a bus that can move both on the road and in the water.

## Day 8: Individual departure from Rotterdam

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

Status: 17.08.2023

# Boat descriptions



#### MS Normandie

Spend informal hours on the MS Normandie. On board the beautiful middle-class ship, which was last thoroughly modernised in winter 2019 / 2020, the atmosphere is informal and cosy. Get into conversation with your fellow passengers on the spacious sun deck or in the popular panorama salon.

## Facts about the ship:

- → 51 outside cabins: approx. 11 m<sup>2</sup>
- → Level beds
- → Centrally controlled air conditioning, shower/WC, TV, hairdryer, safe (deposit)
- → Main deck: 2-bed cabins, windows do not open
- → Upper deck: 2-bed cabins, windows can be opened
- → On the upper deck you can also book the cheaper cabins in the rear area of the MS Normandie. Here, however, engine and generator noises can be heard when the ship is moving and in locks.
- → Single cabins: approx. 7 m<sup>2</sup>
  → Year of construction: 1989
  → Renovation: 2019 / 2020
- → 2 passenger decks | 51 outside cabins
- → Maximum occupancy: 100 passengers
- → Length: 91 m → Width: 10.5 m
- → Amenities: Sun deck with garden furniture and deck chairs. Restaurant, saloon, bar
- → Entertainment: Live music
- → Board language: German, English