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Full Itinerary and Tour details for

Amsterdam-Bruges 8-day Bike & Barge Tour (FV)



Prices starting from.

1349 €

Trip Duration.

8 days

Max Passengers.

40

Start and Finish.

Amsterdam to Bruges

Activity Level.

1

Experience.

Bike & Barge Tours Europe

Tour Code.

#B1/2483



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Tour Details and Description

The Amsterdam to Bruges bike and barge cycle tour is an exciting and diverse holiday experience that highlights some of the most beautiful cities of Holland and Belgium. On a daily basis, you will cycle through a variety of flat landscapes through charming villages and historic cities while cruising along the impressive waterways of Zeeland, the River Schelde and the picturesque Vecht and Lek Rivers. The tour is perfect for families who want to cycle together and enjoy barge life or for that matter, anyone wanting to enjoy a delightful week of cycling to a long list of historic destinations. A great way to combine bike and barges.

The picturesque Vecht, charming villages and the Dutch windmills in Kinderdijk. During the course of the 8 day, 7-night tour you will visit the world-famous cities of Amsterdam, Utrecht, Antwerp, Ghent and Bruges – each in their own right are destinations of significance with a long list of sights and attractions to discover. Along the way you will cycle through the beautiful Dutch landscape of Zeeland, will visit a real Dutch cheese farm and 19 Dutch windmills in Kinderdijk and will discover the western Flanders region of Belgium. The province of Zeeland is essentially one big river delta of the Rhine, Meuse and Scheldt Rivers famous for its fantastic beaches, water sport activities and Delta works, while the Flanders region of Belgium boasts a number of world-famous medieval towns and has a well-deserved reputation for superb food and drink. As well as cycling through many picturesque villages each day, you will:

- Have the opportunity to discover Amsterdam
- Visit Antwerp, a city famous for its vibrant nightlife
- Get the opportunity to explore Ghent
- Discover the UNESCO World Heritage-listed historical centre of Bruges

Accommodation:

For many years the river cruiser has been a popular choice. Onboard this charming barge, which caters for a maximum of 44 guests, there are 18 twins and 4 double cabins: 14 regular and 1 smaller twin on the lower deck, and 3 twins and 4 double cabins on the upper deck. All of these are equipped with the necessary facilities: beds, bathroom, air conditioning and a cabinet for your belongings. Have a drink in the salon on the upper deck and enjoy your meal in the restaurant area. Or take a seat on the large sun deck if the weather allows it.

Included in the Bike and Barge tour:

- 8 days/7 nights
- 7 x breakfast
- Packed lunches
- 6 x 3-course dinners
- Coffee and tea on board till 4pm
- Welcome drink
- Use of bed linen and towels
- Daily Cleaning of cabin
- Climate-controlled cabins
- Daily briefings
- Semi guided cycling tours (guest cycle independently, tour leader also cycles the tour)
- Some short walking tours
- Maps and notes for cycling tours (1 set per cabin)
- GPS tracks
- Use of a waterproof pannier bag
- Biodegradable water bottle
- Wifi

Not included in the Tour:

- **2026 Fuel Price Surcharge - Please note, there may be a surcharge of 20-50 EUR per person/per week. To be paid on board.**
- Drinks
- 1x dinner

- Coffee and tea after 4pm
- Bicycle rental or E-bike rental
- Helmet rental (10 EUR)
- Bike insurance (14-28 EUR)
- Personal insurances
- Gratuities (at your discretion)
- Entrance fees and excursions
- Fees for ferries/ waterbus
- Transfers to/from the docking place
- Parking fees
- SGR Insolvency protection (mandatory consumer contribution SGR insolvency protection guarantee scheme: € 5 per person)

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Notes:

- **If you would like an Upper Deck Cabin (FROM 1449 EUR p.p), please enquire for availability!**
- Dietary requirements on request/surcharges may be applied
- **Please let us know if you would like this trip to be Fully Guided (surcharge applicable - 120 EUR p.p)**
- Cycling route distances in the travel program are approximate.
- On some days you can choose between a longer and a shorter cycling route. Please note that on the shorter routes you may not be able to visit all the highlights mentioned.
- If you prefer not to cycle on a particular day, you're welcome to stay on board and relax while the ship cruises to the next landing place.

- The tour itinerary and route are subject to possible changes due to nautical, technical or meteorological reasons, or other unforeseen events.
- On the arrival day, you can leave your luggage on board the ship from 11.00 am.

Arrival/parking/departure:

- There are good train connections between the two cities
- Departure Sundays

If you would like to rent a bike (91 EUR) or E-bike (252 EUR), please contact our office when booking: sales@slowtours.com

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Itinerary

Day 1

Amsterdam | Amsterdam – Vianen Embarkation and check-in where the crew will welcome you onboard is at 1pm. At around 2pm the ship will leave Amsterdam and sail to Vianen, a small fortified town on the river Lek, where you will spend the night. Here the bicycles will be distributed and you can enjoy a short bicycle ride.

Day 2

Vianen – Schoonhoven – Kinderdijk | Kinderdijk – Dordrecht 56km Today you will cycle along a beautiful route to Schoonhoven – nicknamed Zilverstad (“Silver City”) – a city renowned for its talented silversmiths since the 17th century. Later in the day as you cycle through the Alblasserwaard region you will reach Kinderdijk, a village famous for its impressive row of 19 large windmills. All 19 windmills have a UNESCO cultural heritage listing and are a definite highlight – you will have the opportunity to visit one so don’t forget to bring your camera! From nearby Alblasserdam you will take the “Waterbus”, a fast ferry, that will take you and your bicycle in approx. 10 minutes to Dordrecht, one of the oldest towns in Holland.

Day 3

Dordrecht – Tholen | Tholen- Kreekrak lock | Kreekrak lock–Antwerp 20km or 36km During breakfast, the barge will sail to Tholen where you will start your day’s cycling by visiting the “Wouwse Plantage” forest. Another attraction on the day is the impressive Kreekrak lock. After once again meeting up with the barge you will finish your day by sailing to the port city of Antwerp which is situated on the river Schelde. Antwerp is famous for handling up to 80% of the world’s rough diamonds and has many attractions that include: the City Hall, one of several majestic buildings constructed during the Renaissance period,

the historical City Square Grote Market, the Onze-Lieve-Vrouwe Cathedral and the medieval Steen Castle. After dinner visit the beautiful old city centre.

Day 4

Antwerp – Temse – Dendermonde 48km or 64km
Today's tour will see you cycle out of Antwerp on a beautiful cycle path along the picturesque tidal Schelde River to Dendermonde, your home for the night. There is only one way to describe the landscape around the Schelde and that is "magnificent". It is without doubt one of the natural highlights of the tour.

Day 5

Dendermonde – Ghent 52km Today you will continue to follow the river Schelde to Ghent where the ship will moor for the night at a lock in a suburb of the town. Ghent is a lively university city that boasts a rich history. The city's position at the junction of Leie and Schelde Rivers has meant it to be a major trading port since Roman times. In total, the city features an Opera House, 18 museums, more than 100 churches and over 400 historical buildings. A major attraction is St. Bavo Cathedral where a number of masterpieces of medieval art including the world-famous 'Adoration of the Mystic Lamb' by Jan van Eyck are kept.

Day 6

Ghent – Bruges 45km Your bicycle tour will lead through the beautiful Flemish countryside of western Flanders around this beautiful city widely described as the 'Venice of the North'. The city attracts more than two million visitors every year who come for the ambience of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic centre. An outstanding example of a medieval settlement, Bruges has managed to maintain its

historic fabric as it has evolved over the centuries, with the result that today the city's original Gothic constructions form an integral part of the town's identity. While you are here you can visit one of Bruges many museums or simply take in the stunning beauty and culture of this unforgettable city from the comfort of a sidewalk café.

Day 7

Tour around Bruges to the North Sea 38km or 51km
Your final day of cycling takes you along a quiet canal and past beautiful poplar trees through an attractive polder landscape (a polder is a low-lying tract of land enclosed by embankments) dotted with small farmhouses to the North Sea coast. Here if you want you can swim in the sea along an inviting sandy beach, visit any one of numerous cafés and see the attractive dune landscape. On the return ride to Bruges you will cycle along a small picturesque canal.

Day 8

Bruges End of your tour: Disembarkation after breakfast until 9.30am.

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