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Full Itinerary and Tour details for

Bruges to Amsterdam 11-day Bike & Barge Tour (G)



Prices starting from.

1929 €

Trip Duration.

11 days

Max Passengers.

20

Start and Finish.

Bruges to Amsterdam

Activity Level.

1

Experience.

Bike & Barge Tours Europe

Tour Code.

#B1/2702



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Tour Details and Description

This 11-day tour through the lowlands of the Netherlands and Belgium has all the ingredients a successful bike & barge tour needs — highlights like the iconic windmills at Kinderdijk; north Belgian culture in the beautiful Flemish cities of Antwerp, Ghent, and Bruges; personal encounters with local producers as you bike through Flanders; and above all, very nice cycling off the beaten path, along quiet country roads. And because this tour per bike and ship lasts a couple of days longer than most of our tours, you will have that extra bit more time to wander around in this region's intriguing cities, visit one or more of their world-class museums or spend an afternoon shopping.

Highlights:

- Cycling through countryside
- Discover the famous cities
- Fully Guided

Accommodation:

A small and comfortable passenger barge. The ship, owned and operated by skipper Hans Petrus, sails under Dutch flag has been sailing in various areas in The Netherlands and Belgium for many years, and is ideal for bike and barge tours. The barge has ten twin cabins (10 m² – 108 sq.ft.) with two separate beds. In two of the cabins a bunk bed as third bed is possible (on request). Each cabin has a recently renovated bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. Windows can be opened and the cabins have ventilation and central heating. A hair dryer is available on request.

On the upper deck you will find the large and cozy lounge with the bar and dining area. Wi-Fi is available. The barge also has two large sun decks with storage room for the bicycles and sitting areas with tables and chairs, where you can have a drink. On nice evenings, or while cruising, you can enjoy

the scenery from here. Furthermore, equipped with a double-roof of solar panels, the barge runs for a great part on green energy! This is not only environment-friendly, but also comfortable for guests: since the ship hardly needs to use a generator to produce electricity, the nights are still and quiet on board.

Included in the Bike and Barge Tour:

- 11 days/10 nights accommodation
- 10 x breakfasts
- Packed lunches
- 9 x 3-course dinners
- Coffee and tea on board
- Welcome drink
- Use of bed linen and towels
- Cleaning of the cabin 3 times during the tour
- Daily briefings
- Fully guided cycling tours (1 tour leader)
- Some short walking tours
- Fees for ferries / waterbus
- Maps and notes for cycling tours (1 set per cabin)
- GPS tracks
- Use of a waterproof pannier bag
- Wi-Fi

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.**
- 1x dinner in Antwerp
- Drinks
- Coffee and tea on board at other times
- Bicycle rental or E-bike rental
- Bike insurance (20-40 EUR)
- Helmet rental (10 EUR)
- Personal insurances

- Gratuities (at your discretion)
- Entrance fees and excursions
- Transfers to/from the docking place
- Parking fees
- SGR Insolvency protection (mandatory consumer contribution SGR insolvency protection guarantee scheme: € 5 per person)

If you would like to rent a Bike (130 EUR) E-bike (360 EUR), please contact our office when booking: sales@slowtours.com

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Notes:

- 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.
- A detailed cycling map and a GPS app are available for guests who wish to cycle individually and at their own pace. The tour guide is always available via cell phone in case of questions, breakdowns or emergencies.

Arrival/ Departure:

- Transfer between Amsterdam and Bruges: There is a good train connection between these two cities.
- Embarkation time is between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. in Bruges
- At the end of your tour: enjoy your last breakfast on board and disembark before 9.30 a.m.

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Itinerary

Day 1

Bruges (11 km/6 mi.) Embarkation time is between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. in Bruges, where your lovely ship awaits you in the Bruges Harbor. After a welcome and briefing from your friendly and experienced crew at 2 p.m., there is time for bicycle allocation and a short but sweet test-ride through the countryside

around Bruges. After dinner, our guide will introduce you to the city with a short walk through its gorgeous medieval center.

Day 2

Roundtrip from/to Bruges & North Sea (38 km/23 mi.) After a sound night's rest, your tour leader will guide you on a morning bike tour of about 37 km. Your first tour will set out along a quiet canal, past beautiful poplar trees and through attractive landscapes of flat green polder fields dotted with small farmhouses (a polder is a low-lying tract of land enclosed by embankments). On the return ride to Bruges, you will cycle along a charming little canal. In the afternoon, you will have time to discover this marvelous UNESCO World Heritage-listed historical city, which is aptly nicknamed "the Pearl of Flanders." While you are there, make sure you 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 3

Bruges – Aalterbrug | Aalterbrug – Ghent (37 km/23 mi. or 45 km/28 mi.) After enjoying breakfast on board, you'll start cycling out of Bruges, zigzagging through charming woodland and pastures. Your barge will be patiently waiting for you halfway along the canal between Bruges and Ghent. Once everyone is back on board, the anchor will be lifted and you can enjoy the scenery as you cruise on to Ghent. In the evening, you can take a nice guided tour through the historical center of Ghent, seeing it from one of the best perspectives possible — from a small canal boat that passes delightful areas like the Graslei and Korenlei. Ghent is a lively university with a rich past. The city has its origins in Roman times, where it arose at the confluence of the rivers Leie and Scheldt. This favorable site resulted in great prosperity over the years, which peaked in the late

13th and early 14th centuries when textile manufacturing brought great wealth to Ghent. In the city center many old patrician houses have been skillfully preserved in all their glory. The impressive Clothmakers' Hall (1425) is where textile merchants used to meet. Ghent's major church is St. Baafs' Cathedral, which was built across various ages and in various styles. In the cathedral, you can admire a number of masterpieces of medieval painting, of which the "Adoration of the Lamb" by Jan van Eyck is the most famous.

Day 4

Ghent – Dendermonde/St. Amands (40 km/24 mi. or 55 km/34 mi.) After a delicious breakfast in Ghent, you will cycle downstream through diverse landscapes, along the tidal Schelde River to Dendermonde, located at the confluence of the Dender and Schelde rivers. There is only one way to describe the Schelde and that is: "magnificent". Its natural splendor is, without doubt, one of the highlights of the tour. During this section of the Schelde, the speed of your ship will be determined by the height of the tide. You will travel from Dendermonde to St. Amands by either bicycle or barge, depending on the tides. You and your ship will spend a relaxing night docked in St. Amands.

Day 5

St. Amands – Temse – Antwerp (33 km/21 mi. or 49 km/31 mi.) Today, we will follow the Schelde River further downstream through the Temse region to Antwerp. Over the centuries the Schelde River held strategic importance for the Romans, Vikings, Spanish, and Napoleon... Today it is a stunning waterway just perfect for bike and barge holidays! Antwerp, your shining destination for the day, is a harbor city famous for handling up to 80% of the world's rough diamonds — and as the birthplace of the famous painter Sir Peter Paul Rubens. This city

has many delights in store for you, including the City Hall — one of several majestic buildings constructed during the Renaissance period — the Grote Markt historical city square, the Onze-Lieve-Vrouwe Cathedral, and the medieval Steen Castle.

Day 6

Antwerp Today your ship stays in Antwerp. This means you will have an entire day to discover this city of culture, cobblestones, and Flemish Baroque masterpieces. You can visit the Rubens House, the palazzo where the brilliant and versatile artist lived with his family. You will find some of his paintings to admire just a ten-minute walk away in the "Onze Lieve Vrouwe (Our Dear Lady) Cathedral." Other ideas for spending a pleasant afternoon here are to visit the famous beer brewery of 'de Koninck' for a tour and tasting, explore the fascinating Museum on the Scheldt River (MAS — Museum aan de Stroom) or go shopping in Antwerp. Antwerp's welcoming shopping area. Dinner tonight is not included as you have the chance to dine at a restaurant of your choosing. If needed, your crew can provide restaurant recommendations.

Day 7

Antwerp – Kreekrak locks | Kreekrak locks – Tholen | (36 km/23 mi. or 20 km/13 mi.) This morning, your ship will sail along the Schelde-Rhine Canal and through the huge Kreekrak lock system. Here, your bicycle tour starts through the beautiful "Wouwse Plantage" forest to Tholen. Tholen once was an island in the middle of the large Zeeland waterways, where many people fished for their living. Nowadays Tholen is connected to the mainland in various ways but it is still a picturesque village with many relics from an eventful past.

Day 8

Tholen – Willemstad | Willemstad – Dordrecht (44 km/26 mi. or 36 km/23 mi.) Your bike tour today passes through the pleasant Tholen village of Oud-Vossemeer to Willemstad, an old fortified town on the Haringvliet inlet of the North Sea. From here you will board the ship again for a pleasant afternoon sail to the city of Dordrecht, one of the oldest cities in the Netherlands. In the evening, your guide will lead you through the city as they bring the history of the Netherlands to life. We spend the night in the port of Wolwevershaven, which has a rich history dating back to 1609 when it emerged as a trading center for wool weavers.

Day 9

Dordrecht – Alblasserdam (waterbus ferry) | Alblasserdam – Kinderdijk – Schoonhoven – Vianen (32km/19 mi. or 57 km/36 mi.) Today you will start your tour with the “Waterbus”, a fast ferry that will take you and your bicycles to Alblasserdam in just 10 minutes. After a few minutes of cycling, you will reach Kinderdijk, a village famous for its impressive row of 19 UNESCO cultural heritage-listed windmills – one of which you can visit (don’t forget your camera!). The windmills were constructed in the 18th century to pump water out of the low Alblasserwaard polder. You will then continue to cycle to Vianen via Schoonhoven, a small fortified town on the Lek (Lower Rhine), where you will stay for the night and where you can explore at your leisure after a scrumptious dinner.

Day 10

Vianen – Breukelen | Breukelen – Amsterdam (37 km/22 mi. or 47 km/29 mi.) As you enjoy breakfast, the ship will cruise to Breukelen you’ll disembark to begin your final day of cycling. Ride along the Vecht River in an area famous for its beautiful mansions, small castles, and impressive houses with expansive gardens. After cycling through the villages of

Nieuwersluis, Loenen, and Vreeland, you will at Nigtevecht where you can treat your tastebuds by visiting a traditional cheese farm. Continue cycling through the historical town of Muiden and on to Amsterdam, where you will meet your lovely barge for the final time in the Amsterdam harbor.

Day 11

Amsterdam The end of your tour : enjoy your last breakfast on board and disembark before 9.30 a.m.

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