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# CYCLING & BOAT SOUTH HOLLAND MS NORMANDIE

## Water routes & metropolis flair

Discover Holland in a unique way on an 8-day tour by bike and boat. Good bike paths and a ramified network of waterways guarantee an unforgettable holiday. During the day you cycle individually through the beautiful scenery in the country of Rembrandt and Van Gogh and in the late afternoon your boat MS SIR WINSTON is awaiting you as your "floating" hotel. Would you prefer to not cycle every day? No problem, stay on board and enjoy the passing landscape.

## Province southern Holland

Travel by bike and boat through Holland's green heart. Nearly no province is more diversified than southern Holland. Big cities and untouched nature are located next to each other. The numerous waterways offer countless possibilities to discover the beautiful landscapes and the cultural highlights of province "Zuid-Holland". Get to know the diversified cities as Den Haag and Scheveningen and of course Rotterdam, also named "Manhattan by the Maas river", precious inland lakes as the Westensteiner Plassen Brassemeer, not to forget the "Porcelain stronghold" Delft with its "Delft blue".



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided tour



Minimum number of participants:  
60 person

To the online version



# ITINERARY

DAY  
1

## Arrival in Rotterdam


Individual arrival in Rotterdam. Embarkation from 4:00 p.m. Rotterdam is a city with many faces: important port city, classy shopping city and hip artists' city, but most importantly a city of architecture, and one of the most interesting cities in Europe.

DAY  
2

## Rotterdam – Dordrecht

Keep cycling alongside the waterfront via Krimpen aan den IJssel to Kinderdijk, where you will find the most famous group of windmills of the Netherlands. Dating back to the 18th century, the 19 well- preserved mills were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List. Continue through the polder area of the Albwasserwaard to reach Dordrecht.


Dordrecht is considered to be Holland's oldest city. With about 1000 historic buildings that are housing restaurants, museums or theatres, the city's rich history and the marvellous historic port area will enchant you.

 approx. 40 km

DAY  
3


## Dordrecht - Gorinchem

After a short ferry ride, you reach the beautiful De Biesbosch National Park, where several rivers come together to form a fresh-water delta of no less than 8.000 hectares. You may enjoy a wonderful boat trip, offered here everywhere, before continuing your tour through the Rhine- Delta area and crossing over to Gorinchem by water taxi. Do not miss out on the picturesque Old Town of this small but charming city.


 approx. 46 – 53 km

DAY  
4**Gorinchem – Utrecht**


Today an interesting and varied tour awaits you. From Gorinchem, cycle via Leerdam – famous for the Leerdammer cheese – into the fortified city of Vianen. Here you may stop for a short break in one of the numerous street cafes. Take the ferry boat to cross the Lek, and keep cycling to Vreeswijk with its narrow lanes. Continue to the little town of Nieuwegein – perhaps take a short side trip to Fort Jutphaas, hidden in a green oasis in Nieuwegein -before reaching Utrecht. Utrecht is considered the heart of Holland. The city was built around the cathedral. That is why it is almost impossible to lose your way in the car-free town with its picturesque canals.

 approx. 47 kmDAY  
5**Utrecht – Schoonhoven**

This morning, be sure to take some time to explore the beautiful town of Utrecht, before getting back on your bike. Cycle tour through the beautiful polder landscape via Oudewater, with its famous Witches` Weigh House, (none of the so-called witches ever weighed here was found to be too light of weight and thus none of them was sentenced) to Schoonhoven, the Silver City of the Netherlands, with its typical Dutch Old Town.


 approx. 40 – 49 kmDAY  
6**Schoonhoven – Rotterdam**

From Schoonhoven, cycle leisurely to the city of Gouda, which is famous for its cheese. When the weather is fine, you may take a detour for a refreshing bath in the lake Reeuwijkse Plassen. Your today's destination is Rotterdam. **Tip:** you should experience the harbour of Rotterdam on an interesting harbour tour.

 approx. 43 kmDAY  
7**Rotterdam – day at leisure**

Two options for today's cycling tour: First one will lead you to Delft (Tip: visit of the porcelain manufacture), second directly to the governmental seat Den Haag and to the North Sea coastal town and health resort Scheveningen and back. Alternatively, you can also go back to Rotterdam by train (rail and bike is not included, approx. CHF 15.- /Pers, not in rush hour between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.).

You do not fancy a bike ride? Rotterdam offers endless possibilities to design your day. Really one is spoilt for choice

 approx. 40 – 70 km





Departure or extension

After breakfast checkout until 9:00 a.m. and we are saying goodbye – have a safe journey home.

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# TOUR CHARACTER

You cycle daily about 25 to 45 km. Nearly all routes are easy to cycle. You cycle on asphalted and signposted bike paths.





PRICES & DATA

PLACE OF ARRIVAL: ROTTERDAM

Season 1	Season 2	Season 3	Season 4
23.03.2024	06.04.2024	20.04.2024	04.05.2024   11.05.2024   18.05.2024
30.03.2024	13.04.2024	27.04.2024	22.06.2024   29.06.2024   06.07.2024
05.10.2024	21.09.2024	07.09.2024	13.07.2024   20.07.2024   27.07.2024   31.08.2024
Arrival	28.09.2024	14.09.2024	
Saturday	Arrival Saturday	Arrival Saturday	Arrival Saturday

Cycling & Boat: South Holland, MS Normandie, main deck, 8 days, NL-SHSSN-08I-H				
Base price	739.-	895.-	1'025.-	1'195.-
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	50%	50%	50%	50%
Cycling & Boat: South Holland, MS Normandie, upper deck, 8 days, NL-SHSSN-08I-O				
Base price	899.-	1'065.-	1'195.-	1'369.-
Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use	50%	50%	50%	50%
1-bed-cabin	335.-	389.-	449.-	449.-
Discount 2-bed-cabin front/back	-55.-	-55.-	-55.-	-55.-

Our rental bikes

	Price
Bicycle 7-gear	109.-
Electric bicycle	245.-

Prices per person in CHF

# SERVICES AND INFORMATION

## Services

### Included:

- Program according itinerary
- 7 nights in outside cabins with private facilities
- Full board (7x breakfast, 6x packed lunch, 7x 3-course dinner) 6x Coffee and tea in the afternoon
- Welcome drink
- Daily cabin cleaning
- Changing of towels and bed cloths if wanted
- All port, bridge and lock fees
- Daily informational meeting
- Guide book for individual Tours (1x per cabin)
- Tour guide on board
- GPS-Data available

### Note:

- Bicycle rental, including bicycle insurance
- Reservation fee of CHF 20.- per adult (incl. legally required customer money protection)

## Information

### Arrival/Parking/Departure:

- Car park near the docking location (about 10 minutes walking distance), approx. CHF 25.- every 24 hours.

### Other important information:

- If a minimum number of participants is necessary for the trip to take place, this is defined under "Arrival dates". If the minimum number of participants is not reached, we reserve the right to cancel the tour by the time specified under the heading "Arrival dates" before the planned travel date. We recommend organising your arrival and departure only after this deadline has passed.
- The distance travelled is approximate and may differ from the actual distance.
- Travel cancellation insurance, including travel interruption insurance is recommended.



# ACCOMMODATION



## MS Normandie

Enjoy a great bike tour where you get to sleep on board a boat each evening. The MS Normandie is a very middle-class barge with a friendly and comfortable atmosphere.

**BEDS:** 100

**CABINSIZE:** 10-11 M<sup>2</sup>

**CREW:** 17

**LENGTH:** 91,20 M

**WIDTH:** 10,50 M

**DRAUGHT:** 1,60 M

# CONTACT & BOOKING

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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**Book now**