



Bike - and boat trip from Malchin to Berlin

We also offer transfers from Berlin to Malchin
July 6th, July 20th, August 3rd 2019

During the daily bicycle tours you will be cycling about 30 - 55 km per day

Highlights:

Cruising on the Peene River “the Amazon of the North”, cycling on the sunny island of Usedom, travelling through Poland and being in the Ship Lift of Niederfinow

Day 1. Saturday - Berlin - Malchin - Demmin



Brick Gothic town gate of Malchin (Kalensches Tor)



Peene river near Jarmen



Demmin

Check in on the Merlijn 4PM in Malchin (Peene), upon arrival Merlijn motors to Demmin. The city of Malchin, situated on the Peene River, was documented as early as the 12th century. The city was constructed very systematically as a grid-patterned network of streets with the market place and the church in the center of the grid. Worth visiting is St. John's Church on the Market Square.

After checking in we will start our boat trip at 5PM from Malchin to Demmin. On the “Amazon of the North” nature lovers can explore mysterious forests, blossoming meadows and hidden valleys. Our trip will take us over the large Kummerower Lake while we serve you your welcome dinner. Its 300-metre-high east bank offers magnificent views of the beautiful landscapes of the Mecklenburger Schweiz district. Our moorage in Demmin is located right in the town center and is therefore the perfect place for an overnight stay. The Hanseatic city of Demmin is situated in the Northern German Lowlands where the rivers Peene, Trebel and Tollense flow together. The city is imbedded in a very attractive landscape that is characterized by its five scenic and nature protection areas.

Day 2. Demmin - Jarmen - Anklam



While you are enjoying your breakfast, the Merlijn will continue her trip by following the Peene River downstream to Sophienhof. Here our cycling tour to Stolpe will begin. After visiting the village of Jarmen with its St. Mary's Church, the triangular old and new market, the town hall, the “Waterstraat” residence with its Art Nouveau elements, we will follow the Peene River to Stolpe. Here you will embark the Merlijn and together we cruise to Anklam; the Peene will cross the largest uninterrupted lowland moor area of Europe. The Hanseatic city of Anklam, situated on the European Road of Gothic Brick Building Art, boasts the brick buildings of St. Mary's Church and Nikolai Church, the Brick Gate (Steintor) and the Gothic gabled house

Day 3. Anklam - Isle of Usedom (Kamminke)



From Anklam we first sail to the very charming Isle of Usedom, crossing the Haff with the Merlijn. Your bike tour will start in Karnin on the southern coast of Usedom. The Isle of Usedom is one of Germany's major holiday and recreation areas due to its beaches, its natural beauty and a number of elegant seaside towns such as Zinnowitz and Heringsdorf, which have been frequented by the German and international nobility as well as the general public. It is situated very close to the Polish border as well. We will stay overnight at Kamminke.

Day 4. Isle of Usedom (Kamminke) - Szczecin



Today you will bike a few hours extra on the Isle to explore the beautiful beaches and perhaps a swim in the Baltic sea. Afterwards the Merlijn will sail you across the Stettiner Haff and the Oder river to the city of Szczecin in Poland. During this cruise we will serve you a pick nick lunch on board.

On the way we will repeatedly pass through areas of untouched natural beauty. Take a break at our Merlijn and enjoy the view. We continue our boat trip along the last bit of the magnificent Stettiner Lagoon before we reach the estuary of the Oder River and the Polish border, where we will follow the Oder River to Szczecin. The Stettin Lagoon, originating from a glacier reservoir lake, is located to the south of the island of Usedom and its surface area is larger than the surface area of the famous Lake Constance. This is a German-Polish region located at the Baltic Sea definitely well worth exploring and discovering. We will stay in the former German city of Szczecin, which belongs to Poland now. Tonight you will have the opportunity to discover the regional Polish cuisine in one of the many restaurants this city offers. This will be at your own expense.

Day 5. Szczecin - Mescherin (D)- Schwedt



Szczecin/Oder

Nature Park near Schwedt

Schwedt

During breakfast we will leave Szczecin and return to Germany, where we will soon reach yet another German State: Brandenburg. Our cycling tour will start in Mescherin and will take us to Schwedt, where we will stay tonight. Schwedt is an historical town where you will be able to discover and experience some of the remains of the lifestyle and atmosphere of the German Democratic Republic. As far as the landscape is concerned, today's trip will offer you "nature at its purest" yet again. You will enjoy your dinner in one of the local restaurants in Schwedt tonight.

Day 6. Schwedt - Oderberg - Eberswalde



Castle of Stolpe



Ships Lift Niederfino

Our cycling tour will take us from Schwedt to Oderberg passing magnificent areas of natural beauty. The tour also leads along the Castle of Stolpe where you will be offered a guided tour. The Castle of Stolpe has one of the best preserved Medieval castle towers in Germany. Enjoy the majestic view from the roof of this tower, a view that extends from the National Lower Oder River Valley up to Poland or picturesque wooded slopes up to beautiful chains of hills in the spacious hinterland. Our tour will take us through many more magnificent scenic areas to the city of Oderberg. Here we will reboard the Merlijn. Together we will pass the oldest German boat lift at Niederfinow. This is considered to be the highlight of this tour. The Merlijn and the guests will be taken up 38 meters in the lift to continue its journey to Eberswalde. Our overnight stay will be in Eberswalde.

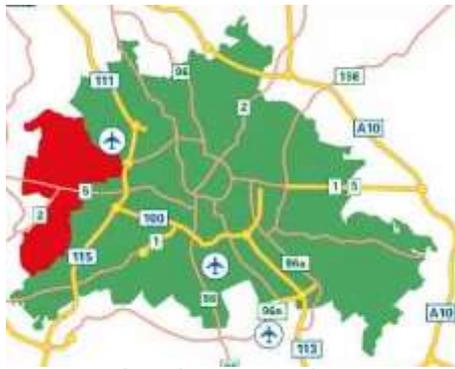
Day 7. Eberswalde - Oranienburg - Berlin/Spandau



Finow Channel



Our cycling tour of today will explore the industrial history of this area. We will cycle from Eberswalde to the city of Oranienburg along the old and very charming Finow Canal. On our tour we will take the cycling route Berlin-Kopenhagen and the Oder-Havel-River cycling route. During today's route nature and culture will be emphasized. We will take a break at Zerpenschleuse where you can have your lunch in a cosy *Biergarten*. Oranienburg, which received its royal name from the Dutch princess Louise Henriette of Nassau-Oranien (1627-1667), is situated at the northern city limits of Germany's capital city of Berlin. Being very attractively located within a lakeland district and due to its many attractions and sights, like the oldest Baroque castle of the Brandenburg March area, the city is a very popular destination for visitors to Berlin. Since the reunification of Germany new trade and industry have been established, most of the residential areas have been thoroughly renovated and redeveloped, and roads, footpaths and cycle tracks have been newly constructed. But even the brand-new residential and commercial buildings characterize the historically shaped face of this city. At Oranienburg you will reboard the Merlijn for a relaxing afternoon's boat trip to Berlin/Spandau along the Havel River. In the evening you will have plenty of time to enjoy a stroll around the city centre of Spandau.



Spandau west Berlin



Spandau Church

Day 8, Saturday - Berlin/Spandau

After breakfast, unfortunately, it will be time to say goodbye.

*Today is not forever,
We'll meet again, no doubt.*

Rate p.p. in a double room € 1.480*

**Rates are subject to change. This rate applies at the moment of reservation/confirmation.*

Inclusions in the 8-days trip (Malchin - Berlin):

- 7 overnight stays on board the Merlijn
- 7 times breakfast buffet
- 6 packed lunches
- 6 times three course dinners (not in Szczecin, Poland)
- Use of a 24-gear bike, incl. water bottle, universal sized helmet, bike bag, towel to take along on your bike ride
- Entrance and guided tour Stolpe Tower
- Service of a tour guide throughout the Bike and Barge tour
- Service on board (housekeeping, restaurant and bar service and more)
- Canal, harbour and docking fees

We rent electric bikes and a tandem, each € 25 a day extra, to be paid on board. We accept credit cards (MC and VISA), reservations ahead are appreciated.

We will be happy in assisting you and book your transfers and/or pre or after hotel reservations.

We reserve to ourselves the right of changing schedule and/or program. If -part of - the route is not navigable the captain is entitled to change the schedule for safety reasons. Changes in schedule and program do not give you the right on free cancellation.

Payment: 20% of the price at the time of definite reservation
80% 1 month prior to starting cruise date

Cancellation fee: If the cruise is cancelled
until 6 months prior to starting cruise date 20%
between 6 and 4 months prior to starting cruise date 50%
between 4 and 1 month prior to starting cruise date 80%
between 1 month and 1 day prior to starting cruise date 90%
at the day of starting cruise date or later 100%