



Bike and Barge with Merlijn from Wolfsburg to Koblenz

August 31st - September 7th 2019

You love sailing and biking? This tour offers you the most sailing kilometers (and normal cycling kilometers 35 - 55 daily) of all our journeys.

Day 1 Wolfsburg - Peine (Mittland Canal) - after check in at 2 PM and directly a visit to the VW Autostadt; afterwards welcome drink, and information about the ship, the tour and the cycles. Henk starts sailing already to Peine.



Day 2 Peine - Kolenfeld - Minden (55 km)

Today we start sailing early and take you on the Midland Canal. Your bike tour will start in Kolenfeld. From here you can bike along the **Natural Preserve Steinhuder Lake**. At the end of the day we will be in Minden, where the Canal flows over the Weser river, a magnificent view. We will stay overnight in Minden.



Day 3 Minden - Bramsche - Bergeshövede (50 km)

Again we start early and offer a sailing breakfast while you enjoy the view on the beautiful surroundings of the *Weserbergland*.

Your bike tour will be from Bad Essen to Bramsche, passing the Teutoburger Wald (*Teutoburg Forest*) a range of low, forested mountains in the German states of Lower Saxony and North Rhine-Westphalia.



You will also pass the Kalkrieser Berg (mountain) where the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest (*Varusschlacht*) took place. It is described as the Varian disaster by Roman historians, it took place in 9 CE, when an alliance of Germanic tribes led by Arminius of the Cherusci ambushed and decisively destroyed three Roman legions and their auxiliaries, led by Publius Quinctilius Varus. You are invited to visit this former battle field and learn more about the great history. Entrance fee is included in your trip.



In Bramsche the Merlijn will await you, and from here to Bergeshövede we will sail together. We will stay overnight at the Canal.



Day 4 Bergeshövede - Münster (biking 50 km)

Münster is a city of science, city of sculptures, city of the Peace of Westphalia, city of bicycles, Hanseatic city - It is a living metropolis with many faces. You will surely enjoy your night in the town, in the *Altstadt*.

Day 5 Münster - Oberhausen - Düsseldorf (55 km)

We start sailing from Münster early in the morning while Henk sails us to Oberhausen. Here your bike tour starts and leads you to Düsseldorf.

In Düsseldorf you will have time to explore this great city, the *Altstadt* is worth a visit. Tonight you will enjoy your dinner in one of the many restaurants here in Düsseldorf.



Day 6 Düsseldorf - Zons - Cologne (45 km)

While you enjoy your breakfast, the Merlijn sails to Zons. From here you will cycle along the Rhine river to Cologne. Already in the afternoon you can visit Cologne, where the cathedral spires tower (*The Dom*) over Germany's oldest city and its innumerable cultural and historical treasures, world-famous museums and active art scene. People meet here for a Kölsch, a chat or simply a laugh. Life in Cologne is uncomplicated and vivacious. You will experience this great city even more in the *Altstadt*, enjoying a Kölsch as well!



Overnight stay in Cologne.

Day 7 Cologne - Koblenz (45 km)

Early sailing to Bonn, where your biking tour starts to Andernach, here you will meet the Merlijn. From Andernach we sail together to our final destination Koblenz, situated at the Confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers.

Day 8 Koblenz

After breakfast it is time to say goodbye.

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.

Rate p.p. in a double room € 1.480

Included in your trip:

7 nights of accommodation, 7 times breakfast buffet, 6 times lunchboxes, 6 times three course dinners
Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and ice water free of charge
Use of a 24-speed bike, including towel, bike bag, water bottle and universal sized helmet
Fees for harbors, bridges and locks
Daily cabin cleaning service
Welcome drink
Route information
Ferry fares *en route*
Services of a tour guide
Visit and guided tour Autostadt Wolfsburg
Entrance fee Varusschlacht

Not included:

Insurances
Inbound and outbound journey and transfers
One dinner
Organised city tours
Drinks other than mentioned
Entrance fees, excursions other than mentioned

Payment: 20% of the price at the time of 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%

We will be happy to inform you about transfers, city hotel reservations, rental of our tandem or electric bikes (€ 25 each per day)