



NEW:

EXTRA MAGICAL ROUTE THIS YEAR!

Starting Amsterdam via Texel and Wadden Sea back to Amsterdam

Guided Bike and Barge with the Merlijn through a great Dutch scenery in the northern part of the Netherlands, crossing the UNESCO Heritage Wadden Sea where you might be able to spot some seals.

May 25th to June 1st 2019

Average biking tours per dag between 35 and 55 kms

Saturday- Amsterdam - Zaanse Schans

After check in (3PM) the crew welcomes you on board with a welcome drink and information on the Merlijn and the trip. **3:30 PM** the Merlijn sets sail and in approx. three hours we have reached the harbor of Zaanstad, where we will stay overnight. Your dinner will be served on board. We offer you a nice evening stroll through the picturesque scenery of de Zaanse Schans.



Amsterdam



Zaanse Schans

Sunday - Zaanse Schans - Alkmaar

After breakfast you will have more time to stroll through the very interesting area of Zaanse Schans, with windmills and more dutch heritage. You will get the experience of the real ancient Dutch history. After this visit your bike tour starts to Alkmaar, leading you through an attractive Dutch landscape. Evening stroll after dinner through this pretty city, well known for its cheese market - unfortunately on Fridays only -, you may want to meet some people who have joined the Alkmaar Pride Festival, that ends this Sunday.



Monday - Alkmaar - Den Helder

Today your bike tour leads you through a part of the Netherlands, we would call 'Dutch nature at its purest', meadows, canals, farm houses and more.

Your tour ends in Den Helder where we will stay overnight, and tomorrow morning we will sail to the isle of Texel.



Tuesday - Den Helder - Texel

While you enjoy your breakfast Merlijn crosses the water to the isle of Texel. Here you will have the opportunity to cycle on this island. Here are dunes, beaches and lots of great bike paths. And if you want to take a break from cycling you will definitely enjoy the nature and the sea. You will have the chance to visit a cheese farm today or tomorrow. Tonight you will enjoy your dinner at your own expense in one of the many restaurants here.



Wednesday - Texel - Wadden Sea - Stavoren

This morning we will stay on this beautiful island of Texel, you will be able to cycle more on this island. Early afternoon we will sail across the Wadden Sea to Stavoren. The Wadden Sea sailing gives you a stunning view on the shallow body of water with tidal flats and wetlands. It has a high biological diversity and is an important area for both breeding and migrating birds. It is also possible you will be able to spot some seals. Early evening we will arrive at Stavoren. Enjoy your stroll through this ancient harbor city with many monuments to see.



Thursday - Stavoren - Lemmer - Urk

Your bike tour starts in Stavoren and takes you through the charming landscape of Friesland with lots of small canals and lakes to Lemmer. Here you will board the Merlijn and together we sail to Urk, a formerly fisher village with a lot of history, your stroll through this village after dinner will be very interesting to you.



Friday - Urk - Lelystad - Amsterdam

Early morning - while you enjoy your breakfast - we motor from Urk to Lelystad, along the coast of our new land. Your bike tour of today will be in the 'new land', our youngest new province called Flevoland. Once this was the Zuiderzee, an open sea. Flevoland has been reclaimed in the sixties and has become the 12th province. In Lelystad you will board the Merlijn and together we will sail in approx. three hours to Amsterdam. Farewell dinner on board and last overnight stay.



Saturday - Amsterdam

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.

A minimum participation of 14 people applies for this trip

Rate p.p. in a double room € 1.480

Included:

7 nights' accommodations on board the Merlijn in a double room with private bathroom
Daily cabin cleaning service
Welcome drink
Services of a tour guide
Visit to a cheese farm
7 x breakfast buffets, 6 x lunch boxes, 6 x 3-course dinners
Coffee, hot chocolate & tea on board, ice water during dinner
Use of a 27-speed bicycle, incl. a bike bag, towel, helmet and water bottle
Ferry fares en route

Not included:

Insurances
1 dinner
Inbound and outbound journey and transfers
Drinks other than mentioned
Entrance fees, excursions
Gratuities to the staff

Payment: Deposit: 20% of the rate at the time of definite reservation
80% 2 months prior to starting cruise date

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