



**Holland Tulip Tour**  
**Bike and Barge with MS Merlijn**  
Departure dates: April 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Cycling routes daily from 35 to 55 km's.



**Highlights:**

Amsterdam - Utrecht with the cathedral 'Utrechtse Dom' - the Green Heart of Holland with all kinds of charming nature - Vianen - the silver town of Schoonhoven - the windmills of Kinderdijk - Gouda cheese and candle city - charming university city of Leiden - flower exhibition the Keukenhof - Haarlem, the oldest town of Holland with the famous St. Bavo cathedral and last but not least 'de Zaanse Schans' with its open air museum and windmills.

**Tour description:**

**Day 1 - Saturday - Amsterdam - Utrecht**

4PM check in, the Merlijn will be docked in Amsterdam, behind the Central Station  
Welcome drink, information on the ship and the tour. 4:30PM we start sailing to Utrecht where we will spend the night. Dinner during the cruise, in the evening there is a city walk through Utrecht.



**Amsterdam**



**Utrechtse 'Dom'**

**Day 2 - Sunday - Utrecht - Vianen - Schoonhoven**

Sailing breakfast while we cruise to Vianen, where your bike tour will start to the charming silver town Schoonhoven. The bike tour of today takes you through one of the prettiest parts of Holland.



### Day 3 - Monday - Schoonhoven - Kinderdijk - Gouda

This morning the Merlijn will sail on the river Lek, while you will enjoy a beautiful Dutch scenery biking from Schoonhoven to Kinderdijk.



Here appears an impressive row of large windmills, built to drain the polder Alblasserwaard. You can visit one of the mills. After your visit you will cycle to the city of Gouda, through a real Dutch scenery of polders. Gouda is famous for its cheeses, candles and '*stroopwafels*'. Dinner on board and overnight stay in Gouda.



Gouda



### Day 4 - Tuesday - Gouda - Leiden

Today's bike tour takes you through the Green Heart of Holland. Leaving Gouda we will pass Boskoop, famous for its nurseries (horticulture), particularly woody plant and perennial nurseries, of which some 774 are situated on long stretches of land, divided by narrow canals. You will pass small cities and villages such as Alphen aan den Rijn. Finally we will reach Leiden. When exploring Leiden you will notice it's rich history still seems very much alive.



This is where Rembrandt was born and developed his painting skills. Leiden's atmosphere is largely determined by the first university in Holland (1575), which has developed into a world-famous centre of science, while its many students contribute to the lively and convivial atmosphere in the city.

After dinner you will have time to stroll through the charming centre of this city.

### Day 5 (Wed): Leiden - Keukenhof - Haarlem

While you enjoy your breakfast the Merlijn will take you to Lisse, which is near the Flower Exhibition Keukenhof. Here you can admire all the beautiful tulips and other flowers that are cultivated in Holland.



After your visit you will bike to the city of Haarlem, passing flower fields and great Dutch sceneries. Tonight you will enjoy your dinner in one of the many restaurants in Haarlem, before or after take a stroll through the historical city of Haarlem and end your trip drinking the famous local “Jopen” beer in one of the many bars or in the “Jopen Church”.

### Day 6 (Thu) Haarlem - Amsterdam



St. Bavo, Haarlem



Amsterdam, Central Station

Today's bike tour will be from Haarlem to Amsterdam, along the Zaanse Schans, famous for its open air museum and windmills.



Your tour ends in the capital of the Netherlands, Amsterdam. Farewell dinner and city walk through the beautiful illuminated lively centre of Amsterdam.

### Day 7 (Fri): Amsterdam

Breakfast, check out and departure. Hopefully you will have time to explore the city, you might want to include a ride through the canals, or you may want to visit the Rijksmuseum or the Van Gogh museum.

**Rate per person € 1,450 in a double room**

**Single supplement: € 325**

**Included:**

6 nights accommodation on board the Merlijn, in a double room, with private bathroom, climate control, safe, hairdryer

Full board - except one dinner, starting with dinner on Saturday, Day 1 and ending with breakfast on Friday Day 7, packed lunch bag during your bike tours

Entrance fee to the Keukenhof

Entrance fee and audio guide St. Jan's Church Gouda

Service of a tour guide

Daily cleaning of the rooms

Service of staff

Supply of bedding, towels, facial tissues, soap

Porterage of luggage

Unlimited coffee, tea and hot chocolate during the trip on board and potable ice water throughout the meals

Harbour fees

Use of a 24-gear bike, incl. towel, bike bag, water bottle and helmet

**Not included:**

Drinks other than mentioned

One dinner

Entrance fees other than Keukenhof

Outward and inward journey

Insurances

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

**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 12 months prior to starting cruise date 20%

between 12 and 6 months prior to starting cruise date 50%

between 6 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 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.