



Bike and Barge with Merlijn from Magdeburg to Cologne

Day 1 Magdeburg - after check in at 4 PM the Merlin will sail to Calvörde, overnight stay at the Midland Canal



Day 2 Calvörde - Wolfsburg - Peine

During breakfast the Merlijn will take us to the city of Wolfsburg. Here you should definitely visit the cradle of Volkswagen (www.autostadt.de).

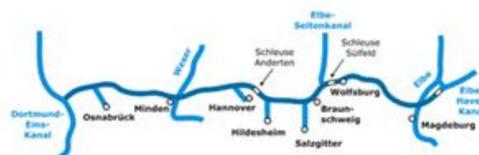
We can offer our guests a collective Guided Factory Tour, which will take about 45 minutes. After that it's up to you to decide whether you would like to visit more production sites. Afterwards we will sail to Peine.



Day 3 Peine - Hannover - Minden

Today we start sailing early and take you further on on the Midland Canal. Your bike tour will be starting in Kolenfeld, passing 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 4 Minden - Bad Essen - Münster

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

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



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

Day 5 Münster - Duisburg/Ruhrort

We start sailing from Münster early in the morning and your bike tour starts in Senden and ends in Datteln. Together with the Merlijn we sail to Duisburg/Ruhrort, here is the largest river harbor in the World, with quays extending nearly 40 kilometers along the river, and it is the principal inland shipping port in Germany. It is also situated at the confluence of the Ruhr and Rhine rivers.



Münster



Duisburg/Ruhrort

Day 6 Duisburg/Ruhrort - Düsseldorf

After breakfast your bike tour along the Rhine river towards Düsseldorf will start. In the afternoon there will be time to explore the city of Düsseldorf and *the Altstadt*. You will experience this great city even more, while you will have dinner at your own expense tonight here in the *Altstadt*



Day 7 Düsseldorf - Cologne

We will start with a sailing breakfast and when we reach Zons your last biking tour of this trip will start. 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.



Day 8 Cologne

After breakfast (8-9AM) time to say goodbye

Rate p.p. in a double room € 1.065

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 7-speed hybrid bike, including 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
Guided tour and entrance to the *Autostadt Wolfsburg*

Not included:

Insurances
Inbound and outbound journey and transfers
Organised city tours
Drinks other than mentioned
Entrance fees, excursions other than the *Autostadt*

Payment:	20% of the price at the time of definite reservation, approving the program 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 on transfers, city hotel reservations, rental of our tandem or electric bikes (€ 20 each per day)