



Amsterdam Bike & Boat

2027 May 27 – June 5

It is here that you will see a landscape of water, meadows, grazing cows, windmills and picturesque farms... it is a landscape that is impossible to feel or look any more Dutch.

In short the Authentic Holland Tour is the perfect tour for anyone wanting to see as much of “typical” central Holland as is possible in one week.

What you will come away with at the end of the tour is a greater appreciation of why this part of the Netherlands attracts so many visitors from all corners of the globe every year.

As well as being able to discover the natural beauty of Holland’s Green Heart you will visit:

- The world famous city of Amsterdam
- Utrecht, the geographical center of The Netherlands
- Rotterdam, the busiest port in Europe
- Delft, a city with close ties to the Dutch Royal family and the world renowned painter Johannes Vermeer
- Haarlem, a sightseeing paradise
- the cheese city of Gouda
- the windmills at Kinderdijk (Unesco World Heritage Site),
- the silver city of Schoonhoven,
- the dunes and beaches of the North Sea coastline
- the open air museum “Zaanse Schans”.

ITINERARY

May 27 - Thursday Arrive anytime into Amsterdam

Please arrange a transfer, or take a taxi to the Hotel.

Transfer is not included.

May 28 - Friday

Explore Amsterdam with your Bike Lane friends – see flyer for ideas

May 29 - Saturday Board ship

There will be a group transfer to the ship at approx. 3pm. To be determined.

Meet at the Hotel Lobby before the appointed time for the transfer.

CYCLE ROUTE DAILY FROM BOAT

Day 1 Amsterdam

Embarkation and check-in between 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. in Amsterdam. Take the opportunity to go shopping, to explore downtown Amsterdam, to make a canal cruise or to visit a museum. At 5 p.m. welcome drink and safety instructions. Dinner and first briefing on board. First night on board in Amsterdam.

Day 2 Amsterdam – Breukelen | Breukelen – Utrecht | Utrecht – Rotterdam

12 miles or 24 miles

Your first cycling tour starts in Breukelen. You'll tour along the beautiful and winding river Vecht with its enchanting background of imposing castles, country houses and quaint tearooms. You will follow the Vecht into the center of Utrecht where you will have the opportunity to explore the beautiful historical city center: the Dom Cathedral with its tower, the canals, special shops and nice cafes. In the afternoon you will continue by ship from Utrecht to Rotterdam.

Day 3 Rotterdam – Schiedam – Delft – Rotterdam

29 miles

Today you will cycle via the “jenever city” of Schiedam and through the Delfland area to Delft, famous, of course, for its blue pottery. Visit the beautiful city center with its small canals, picturesque streets, bridges and alleys. For many of our guests a visit to the Delftware factory is one of the highlights of their tour. Afterwards, you will cycle back to Rotterdam, where you can enjoy a short city walk in the evening.

Day 4 Rotterdam – Alblasterdam (“waterbus”) | Kinderdijk – (Gouda) – Schoonhoven*

18 miles or 36 miles

Today you can cycle the first part or the “waterbus” will take you and your bicycle to Alblasterdam. After just a few minutes of cycling you will reach Kinderdijk (UNESCO cultural heritage, with its impressive row of 19 large windmills). You then have the choice between a longer cycling tour with a visit to the beautiful cheese city of Gouda and a short cycling tour through the Alblasterwaard. Both tours end in the “silver city” of Schoonhoven, where you can visit a silversmith.

*On some departures, the night in Schoonhoven is not possible. The ship will dock in the cheese city of Gouda instead. All cycling highlights will remain in the program.

Day 5 Schoonhoven – Oudewater – Utrecht | Utrecht – Haarlem

22 miles or 27 miles

Today you will cycle from Schoonhoven through the beautiful “Green Heart” of Holland along small villages and quiet roads to Utrecht. On your way you can visit a traditional cheese farm and in Oudewater you can visit the Witches Weigh House. In the late afternoon the ship will sail from Utrecht to Haarlem.

Day 6 Haarlem – North Sea coast – Haarlem* |

Haarlem – Zaandam

24 miles or 31 miles

Today you can choose from 2 cycling tours. Both tours takes you through the beautiful Kennemer dunes, a national park where you can spot several bird species, Scottish Highland cows and Shetland ponies. After a visit to the seaside resorts Bloemendaal and Zandvoort you cycle through the forests and the center of Haarlem back to the ship. The longer cycling tour leads to the largest steam engine of the world, the Cruquius pumping station and back to Haarlem. During dinner your ship will cruise to Zaandam.

Day 7 Zaandam – Amsterdam

19 miles or 32 miles

From Zaandam, your final day of cycling will take you to the open air museum the Zaanse Schans (free entry), with its beautiful windmills, an Old



Dutch village with traditional wooden houses, a cheese farm and a traditional wooden clog maker. After exploring the museum you cycle through the recreational area “Twiske” back to Amsterdam. The afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy everything Amsterdam has to offer. If you didn’t go for a canal tour on the first day, you will have the opportunity to do so today.

Day 8 Amsterdam

End of your tour: Disembarkation after breakfast until 9.30 a.m.

TOURING BIKES - INCLUDED

Our bicycles have a lightweight aluminum frame and are furnished with highly-responsive handbrakes, at least seven speeds and a gel seat whose height can be adjusted. Attached to the frame is an easy-to-use built-in lock and the wheels carry puncture-resistant tires.

E-BIKES – OPTIONAL (Extra fee)

Our e-bikes also have highly-responsive handbrakes and a minimum of seven speeds. The motor runs on a 400Wh battery and offers three levels of power-assistance. The e-bikes include comfortable gel seats that can be adjusted for height, have a lock attached to the frame and special anti-puncture tires.

HELMETS

A helmet can be rented for € 10 per week, only on prior reservation and payment.

THE SHIP – YOUR SAILING HOTEL

In between cycling excursions, you cruise along with the ship, which travels to a new destination every day. You dine, sleep and eat breakfast on board. You’ll receive a packed lunch every day, and you can usually choose between a longer or shorter bike ride. It’s also possible to spend a day on board if you like. There are rental bikes on board, but you can also bring your own if you mention it when booking.



YOU CYCLE INDEPENDENTLY

During this trip there is an expert and experienced tour leader on board. He or she will discuss the next day's cycling routes on a daily basis and provide you with tips and information about the route. You will cycle the tours independently and at your own pace using a detailed cycling map, GPS directions via the free Ride With GPS app and printed route descriptions (available on board). The tour leader will also cycle the routes, so they will be riding nearby and can be reached by phone in case of emergencies, problems or questions.

GOOD TO KNOW

- Cycling route distances in the travel program are approximate.
- On some days you can choose between a longer and a shorter cycling route. Please note that on the shorter routes you may not be able to visit all the highlights mentioned.
- If you prefer not to cycle on a particular day, you're welcome to stay on board and relax while the ship cruises to the next landing place.
- The tour itinerary and route are subject to possible changes due to nautical, technical or meteorological reasons, or other unforeseen events.
- On the arrival day, you can leave your luggage on board the ship from 11.00 am.
- Detailed cycling maps, route tips and a GPS app are available to cycle individually and at their own pace. The tour guide is always available via cell phone in case of questions, breakdowns or emergency