

Amsterdam – Bruges

8 days, € 840



Introduction



A supreme cycling tour from the Netherlands down into Belgium, gliding past historic towns, villages and canals – all on high-quality bike paths! Riding from Amsterdam to Bruges, you'll find those delightful places you would otherwise never chance upon.

Take off from Amsterdam in a south-westerly direction. Fill your photo album with portraits of the most picturesque towns in the Netherlands and Flanders: Gouda, Dordrecht, Willemstad, Zierikzee, Middelburg, Vlissingen (Flushing), Sluis, Damme and ultimately Bruges. All remarkably well-preserved gems, evocative of centuries past. And on a more natural note: this predominantly rural cycling tour takes in a number of nature reserves.

This is a linear tour! Also available with Bruges as the starting point. Generally speaking, there is more chance of tailwind if you start the trip in Bruges (although obviously, we can not control the weather!)

Want to see more of Belgium? Ask about the possibilities for extra cycling days to Ghent and Antwerp or visit the site of our other label Belgian Biketours.

Please be aware that it is not always possible to start/ finish with a bike rental in every location, our bike supplier cannot deliver the bikes everywhere. When you want to rent our bikes, please check with us which starting/ending location in Belgian is suitable.

Day to Day

Day 1 **Arrival in Amsterdam**

Your cycling holiday begins in Amsterdam, with its gorgeous 400-year-old canal district; a myriad of museums such as the new Rijksmuseum, Van Gogh, Anne Frank; street artists and performers on Dam, Leidseplein and Rembrandtplein; and the renowned red-light district. The city brims with things to see and do and you couldn't hope for a more dynamic way to start your trip. Arrange for an early arrival to allow time for the elegant tree-lined canals, tall narrow townhouses and 17th-century canal ring, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Day 2 Amsterdam - Gouda / Bodegraven**79 km**

From bustling Amsterdam, plunge into the peace and quiet of the Groene Hartâ or Green Heart, a pleasant rural area of low-lying polders, peat meadows and grazing cattle. A flat, open landscape where church spires and windmills touch the horizon and clouds are reflected in lakes and canals. For centuries, people have flocked to markets in Gouda, coming from far and wide to buy horses, cows, meat, turf, seed, cheese, etc. Take an evening stroll around the Old Town, soak up the yesteryear atmosphere and marvel at the attractive market square, 15th-century town hall and Weighing House or Waag.

Day 3 Gouda/Oudewater/Bodegraven - Papendrecht / Dordrecht

From Gouda, cycle via the 'Green Heart of Holland' to Kinderdijk, where 19 windmills have majestically stood the test of time since 1740. These mills were formerly used to drain excess water out of the low-lying polder and pump it up to the River Lek, and one of them is open to the public. Your destination Papendrecht is just a ferry crossing away from Dordrecht, one of Holland's oldest towns, surrounded entirely by rivers. Beautiful bridges take you across into the heart of town, where monumental buildings line the harbour.

A short 3km stretch leads to your hotel in Papendrecht, situated on the north bank of the river just outside Dordrecht town centre.

Day 4 Papendrecht / Dordrecht - Willemstad

The result of a major 1421 flood, Biesbosch is one of Europe's few wetland habitats where the ecosystem has adapted to both salt water, coming in from the sea through tidal creeks, and fresh water, flowing down through the rivers. This ever-changing labyrinth of creeks and rivulets encompasses countless little islands of willows and reeds, a paradise for birds. Ride along at the edge of the National Park, then round off your day in Willemstad, a fortified town in the shape of a seven-pointed star.

Please note: Biesbosch Park can only be cycled on days the ferry runs. There is an alternate route for days with no ferry departure.

Day 5 Willemstad - Zierikzee/Schuddebeurs

Today you enter Zeeland, a province marked by light, wind, water and lots of space. Criss-cross this region made up of islands, taking bridges and ferries as you drift down toward Belgium. Storybook towns with ancient houses and cobbled streets await in the coming days, as you traverse a patchwork landscape of vast polders, idyllic countryside, rolling dunes and golden sand flats.

Day 6 Zierikzee/Schuddebeurs - Middelburg / Vlissingen

Delight in a wander down the narrow lanes of Zierikzee. Quaint little houses take you back in time, recalling the glory days when ships set sail with salt, wool, fish, grain and red dye, as far afield as the Baltic and Mediterranean. Your route continues in charming Veere, a distributor of Scottish wool way back in 1541. For 300 years, such commerce brought prosperity to the town, along with a lively expat community. Walk in their footsteps, as you tour the local sights. Cruising further south you discover the nostalgic splendour of Middelburg, capital of Zeeland and one of the Netherlands' most important trading centres in the 16th and 17th centuries.



Day 7 **Middelburg / Vlissingen – Brugge**

After a hearty breakfast, cycle onward to Vlissingen then hop on a ferry to Zeelandic Flanders with its winding country roads, pollard willows, moist meadows and scattered villages. Cutting across the border into Belgium, you will reach charming little Damme, on the banks of the romantic Damse Vaart. From here, it's only a short stretch to Bruges, known as the pearl of Flanders! This truly enchanting destination has been welcoming tourists for some 150 years. With most of its medieval architecture intact, the exceptionally well-preserved town centre exudes a sense of times gone by when it was at the heart of the European wool and fabric trade.

Day 8 **Return home**

After breakfast your cycling holiday has come to an end.



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Starting dates:

Daily from April 1 till September 23.

Please note: a minimum stay of 2 nights in a row is required in the hotel in Amsterdam on the following dates (and a higher price will be charged):

April 18-20 2025

April 25-26 2025

May 29-31 2025

June 6-8 2025

June 21-22 2025

June 24-25 2025

August 29-31 2025

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		835.00
Single room, breakfast		1,325.00
Extra night double room, breakfast only		80.00
Surcharge per person		€
Stay in Amsterdam on Saturday		25.00
Stay in Amsterdam from: 25/04/2025 - 26/04/2025 29/05/2025 - 31/05/2025 06/06/2025 - 08/06/2025 21/06/2025 - 22/06/2025 24/06/2025 - 25/06/2025 29/08/2025 - 31/08/2025		40.00
Rental bike		€
Child bike		77.00
Hybrid		91.00
E-bike		196.00
Extra services		€
Bike Breakdown pass	€ 4.00 x 7	28.00
Child seat	€ 5.00 x 7	35.00
Bike theft insurance	€ 3.00 x 7	21.00
E-bike theft insurance	€ 6.00 x 7	42.00
Extra luggage	€ 5.00 x 7	35.00
Tag-along bike	€ 10.00 x 7	70.00
Child trailer	€ 18.00 x 7	126.00
Bike helmet	per piece	10.00
SGR	per piece	5.00
discount	per piece	-20.00

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Amsterdam



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April 20th 2024

April 26th and 27th 2024

May 9, 10th and 11th 2024

May 17th, 18th and 19th 2024

Price pp		€
Double room, breakfast		875.00
Single room, breakfast	29/03/2025 - 30/09/2025	1,365.00
	Extra night double room, breakfast only	80.00
Upgrades pp/night		€
Fletcher Hotel Arion, Vlissingen		55.00
Hotel NH Brugge, Brugge		20.00
Relais & Châteaux Weeshuis Gouda, Gouda		100.00
Westcord Art Hotel, Amsterdam		10.00
Surcharge per person		€
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Accommodation

The hotels or B&Bs on this trip have been carefully selected for their location, atmosphere and/or unique services. All rooms are en-suite. A list of the hotels we work with appears below. If a certain accommodation is unable to confirm due to lack of availability, we will request a comparable alternative. When selecting the accommodation, we try to take into account as much as possible a safe and closed bicycle shed. However, we cannot do this with all of them guarantee and this partly depends on the number of bicycles of other guests.

Category A:

Westcord Art Hotel */**** (Amsterdam)**

www.westcordhotels.nl/hotel/art

City Hotel Gouda ** (Gouda)**

www.cityhotelgouda.com

Leonardo Hotel Papendrecht ** (Papendrecht)**

www.leonardo-hotels.nl/papendrecht

Hotel de Magistraat (Willemstad)

www.demagistraat.nl

Boutique Hotel Mondragon (Zierikzee)

www.mondragon.nl

Hotel Loskade 45 ** (Middelburg)**

www.Loskade45.nl

Velotel ** (Brugge)**

www.hotelvelotel.com

Category B:



Westcord Art Hotel */****
(Amsterdam)**

www.westcordhotels.nl/hotel/art

Gr8 Hotel Bodegraven *
(Bodegraven)**

www.gr8hotels.nl/bodegraven

Postillion Hotel Dordrecht *
(Dordrecht)**

www.postillionhotels.com/postillion-hotel-dordrecht

Hotel Mauritz * (Willemstad)**

www.mauritzwillemstad.nl

Hostellerie Schuddebeurs *
(Noordgouwe)**

www.schuddebeurs.nl

Be aware that the restaurant of the hotel is very populair so advance reservations is recommended. There is no other restaurant nearby. The nearest alternatives are in Zierikzee, 3 km away.

Hotel Piccard ** (Vlissingen)**

www.piccard.nl

Velotel ** (Brugge)**

www.hotelvelotel.com



Practical Info



7 Nights included



3/4 Star Hotels



Breakfast included



Detailed roadbooks with maps and tourist information



Rental bikes available



7-days a week service-hotline



Luggage transport to your next hotel



not included:
Amsterdam Sloterdijk / Amsterdam CS
Bruges - Amsterdam via Antwerpen. For more information:
ns.nl/reisplannen
nsinternational



Parking available at the hotel



Ferry crossings are not included



Train back to Amsterdam is not included

Arrival info



The nearest airport is Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)



The train from Schiphol to Amsterdam Sloterdijk departs 6 times per hour. Travel time is about 10 minutes. A single ticket costs approx €4,- per person excl. bicycle.

For timetables and tickets, go to www.ns.nl/en. For bus details, how to reach the hotel, check : www.9292.nl/en.

Bruges is the final destination of this tour. You can fly back from Belgium, or take the train back to Schiphol Airport.

