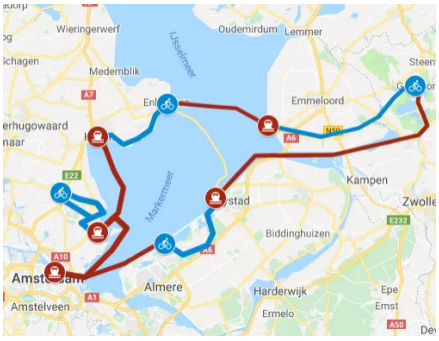
Bike and Boat IJsselmeer

8 days, *€ 1049*



DUTCH BIKE TOURS
Bike, Breathe & Discover

Introduction



Cycling to historic harbour towns, green polder scenery and former islands on the Ijsselmeer.
Take with bikes an exciting discovery tour on a stylish and beautifully appointed sailing ship. Your boat and bike tour starts in Amsterdam and takes you along the Ijsselmeer coast.
In collaboration with:
Kootstra Schiffsreisen GmbH.

Day to Day

Day 1 **Amsterdam - Monnickendam/Volendam**
Your week of sailing and cycling starts in Amsterdam. The crew welcomes you on board around 2 P.M. Once all guests have checked in, the ship sails under motor to Monnickendam or Volendam. From the port of this former fishing village, you can take a nice stroll through the histiric center after dinner.

Day 2 **Monnickendam - Volendam - Hoorn** **32 km**
A very Dutch start of the day: you cycle to a nearby, family-run cheese and clog shop for a short demonstration of cheese and clog making, and of course a cheese tasting. Continue pedaling along the dikes to Purmerend, in the heart of a polder named De Beemster, 11 feet (3.5 meters) below sea level. Divided into a tight geometric pattern of squares and quadrants, it is recognized by UNESCO as "a creative masterpiece". Your next destination is Edam, a lovely town whose lanes and canals deserve a stroll. Edam is known worldwide for its cheese covered in red or yellow wax. Via the main dike of the IJsselmeer you arrive at the promenade of Volendam, where the ship is docked. You will have some time on your own to check out the souvenir shops. After dinner, let the historical city center lure you into a digestive walk. Later in the evening, the ship sails to Hoorn.
(32 km/19 miles or 51 km/31 miles)

Day 3 **Hoorn - Enkhuizen - Urk** **28 km**
(28 km/17 miles or 39 km/24 miles)

Day 4 **Urk - Vollenhove** **37 km**

After breakfast, cycle along the lake on a tarmacked cycle path to the former island of Schokland. Since the reclamation of the Northeast polder (Noordoostpolder) in 1942, Schokland – just as Urk – is no longer an island. Since 1995, it belongs to the cultural heritage of UNESCO. Continue your bike ride through the polder to Vollenhove, another charming, former fishing village.
(37 km/23 miles)

Day 5 **Vollenhove - Giethoorn** **37 km**

From Vollenhove, cycle paths through open countryside lead you to the small town of Blokzijl. This is where you enter the Weerribben-Wieden National Park, the largest freshwater wetland in northwestern Europe and a peaceful oasis for plants, animals and humans. A bicycle path through the center of the park takes you far away from roads, immersing you in the tranquility of this region. Keep your eyes peeled for a fleeting kingfisher or?if you're really lucky?an otter, the symbol of the park. You pass through Kalenberg, a village that till the fifties of the last century could be reached by boat only. A twisting route through an agricultural landscape of narrow strip fields surrounded by dikes
takes you to the lovely town of Giethoorn, known as ?small Venice of the North?.
(37 km/22 miles or 49 km /30 miles)

Day 6 **Giethoorn - Lelystad**

Today you can enjoy a full day of sailing and relaxing on board. Again, you can help the captain sail the ship if you wish. Or you can simply sit back on deck and relax. The captain sails the ship out of the narrow channels toward open water. Early afternoon the Elizabeth will arrive in Lelystad, capital of the province of Flevoland that was entirely reclaimed from the sea. After docking, the ship serves a real captain?s dinner.

Day 7 **Lelystad – Blocq van Kuffeler - Amsterdam** **20 km**

In the morning you can visit the Batavia Werf, an extraordinary shipyard, where ships with an important maritime history are taken from oblivion and returned to their former glory. Or go shopping at Batavia Stad, an outlet center with all the famous brands. After these optional visits you depart for your last half day of cycling. You?ll ride through the Oostvaardersplassen?a nature reserve on new land, left to find its own balance like nature did in old times on old land. Sections of the ride wind through forested areas, while others give you panoramic views of expansive reed beds and marshes. This is a birdwatchers? paradise. The ship picks you up in the small harbor of Oostvaardersdiep for the return voyage to Amsterdam. Celebrate this marvelous week around the IJsselmeer while having a farewell dinner aboard the ship.
(20 km/12 miles or 29 km/18 miles)

Day 8 **Amsterdam**

Prices, Data, Booking

Elizabeth	Small Twin Cabin	Twin Cabin	Single Cabin	Triple Cabin	Quadruple Cabin
Price per person €	**Euro**	**Euro**	**Euro**		**Euro**
Saturday 08-06-2024	1.149,00	1.249,00	1.873,00	1.199,00	1.149,00
Saturday 15-06-2024	1.149,00	1.249,00	1.873,00	1.199,00	1.149,00
Saturday 22-06-2024	1.149,00	1.249,00	1.873,00	1.199,00	1.149,00
Saturday 29-06-2024	1.149,00	1.249,00	1.873,00	1.199,00	1.149,00
Saturday 06-07-2024	1.149,00	1.249,00	1.873,00	1.199,00	1.149,00
Saturday 13-07-2024	1.149,00	1.249,00	1.873,00	1.199,00	1.149,00
Saturday 20-07-2024	1.149,00	1.249,00	1.873,00	1.199,00	1.149,00
Saturday 27-07-2024	1.149,00	1.249,00	1.873,00	1.199,00	1.149,00
Saturday 03-08-2024	1.149,00	1.249,00	1.873,00	1.199,00	1.149,00
Saturday 10-08-2024	1.149,00	1.249,00	1.873,00	1.199,00	1.149,00
Saturday 17-08-2024	1.149,00	1.249,00	1.873,00	1.199,00	1.149,00
Saturday 24-08-2024	1.149,00	1.249,00	1.873,00	1.199,00	1.149,00
Saturday 31-08-2024	1.149,00	1.249,00	1.873,00	1.199,00	1.149,00
Saturday 07-09-2024	1.049,00	1.149,00	1.723,00	1.099,00	1.049,00

Accommodation

Elizabeth

The stylish and beautifully appointed three-mast clipper Elizabeth was built in 1913 and boasts a plush interior design. During the painstaking renovation to become a modern passenger sailing vessel great attention was paid to retaining the original features of the characteristic Dutch flat bottom boat and creating a comfortable atmosphere. The impressive clipper Elizabeth is a very popular sailing vessel on the IJsselmeer tour.

Description of the cabins:
The Elizabeth has ten twin cabins (6 m^2 – 65 sq.ft.), which all have been fully renovated recently. Eight cabins are situated on the lower deck, two on the upper deck. All cabins have two single beds. Some of the cabins can be booked as a three-bed or four-bed cabin (the third and fourth beds as bunks). Each cabin has an en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and basin. All cabins have central heating and a window that can be opened.

Description of the ship:
On the lower deck, the Elizabeth offers a large lounge with a snug seating corner, dining area and a bar. Wi-Fi is available. On the upper deck the Elizabeth also offers a beautiful sundeck with benches and tables where you can relax on nice evenings and enjoy the scenery while sailing.
Ship Details
Length: 41,00 m | Beam: 6,90 m | Sail surface: 445 m^2 | Guests max 32 passengers | Crew 4 | Flag: NL
Currency on board: Euros, only cash accepted
Languages on board: German, Dutch, English

Practical Info

Tour information

Important observations for the Sail & Bike program

A little bit of adventure is a part of every Sail & Bike tour: the departure and arrival day and the location – Amsterdam – are a certainty, 100%. For the rest, the planned daily sailing routes are partially dependent on the strength and direction of the winds. The skipper decides the best route to be taken day by day, and discusses the options with his guests. The crew does everything in its power to enable the program to run according to plan and to offer you as fascinating, varied and a active a week as possible, in which nature and cultur play a major part. It is, however, also possible that departure times and the time spent on the water – and even the the program itself – may be adjusted. Enjoy the ride and let yourself be led by the elements! Whenever possible, various passages will be undertaken fully rigged and anyone who would lik one who would like to help the crew to sail and steer the boat is welcome to do so. This is of course absolutely up to you and no sailing experience is necessary.

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.

Perfect for more experienced cyclists

With a detailed map of the area and a suggested route for close-range explorations, you decide where you head and how fast you ride. During the evening prior to next day's cycling tour the ship's crew will explain some difficult parts, offer tips about the nicest places to stop for a drink or lunch, and mention the best highlights. In case of emergencies or problems, the crew can be contacted. But – as the ship is sailing to the next port – they can only offer assistance by phone.

We would ask guests with food intolerances or allergies to inform us when booking. The chef will be happy to comply with your wishes. On some ships this may incur an extra charge, depending on your dietary requirements. There is no extra charge for vegetarian meals. Vegan mails can not be offered.

Minimum number of participants: 18

Included

8 days/7 nights
7 x breakfast
Packed lunches
7 x 3-course dinner
Coffee and tea on board
Welcome drink
Use of bed linen and towels
Cleaning of the cabin once a week
Daily briefings by the crew
Maps and notes for cycling tours (1 set per cabin)
GPS tracks
Use of a waterproof pannier bag
Biodegradable water bottle
Wi-Fi
Carbon offset payment to the non-profit organization Justdiggit

Not included

Transfers to/from the docking place in Amsterdam, Other transfers, Rental of bike or E-Bike, Rental bike helmet, Parking fees, Entrance fees & excursions, Fees for ferries, Drinks on board, Personal (travel) insurances, Gratuities (at your discretion)

Cycle hire (7 gears) € 96,-
E-bike hire (on request) € 232,-

Bike helmet hire € 10,-
Bike insurance/week (booking in advance) € 10,-
Bike insurance E-bike/week (booking in advance) € 25,-
Parking own bicycle € 10,-
Parking + charge station own E-Bike € 25,-
* In the Netherlands bikers are not obligated by law to wear a bike helmet. Bike helmets are not available on board.

The bicycles on board are unisex city bikes of the brand Gazelle Chamonix and of the brand Velo de Ville C100, both with lightweight frames and normal mount (ladies model), with easy-to-handle Shimano 7 gears, hand brakes, gel-saddle (height adjustable), a lock on the frame and pannier bag. All bikes have 28 inch wheels. Some smaller frames are available on board for smaller persons. For large gentlemen (from 1.90 m and above) we have a few traditional men's models (with a horizontal bar) available.
The e-bike is a Velo de Ville CEB 200 with Nexus 7 gears, 4 support levels and hand breaks only (or a comparable brand/model). E-bikes available (on request, limited stock, pending availability).
Other bikes (children's bikes, tandems etc.) can only be rented on request and in exceptional cases.

You can also bring your own bicycles or e-bikes, but there is only a limited number of spaces for your own bikes available on board. For a small fee, you can book a parking space for a normal bike or a parking and charging station for an e-bike.

For safety reasons, it is not possible to charge the batteries of your own electric bikes in the cabin. The crew will inform you on board where you can safely charge your batteries. The ship's crew and tour operator are not liable for any damage, loss or theft of their own bicycles or e-bikes.

Arrival by plane, rail
Airport: Amsterdam Schiphol. From here to Amsterdam's main station (Amsterdam Centraal) a train leaves every 10 minutes (approx. € 4.30). The berth is not far from the railway station.
Arrival by car, parking in Amsterdam (price status 2023)
Oosterdok underground car park near the station for € 20,– for 24 hours, but only for cars up to 2.1 metres high. You cannot reserve parking spaces.
Alternative: Centralparking, secure parking can be reserved in advance for € 145,– per week including pick-up service. A valet will bring your car from the vessel to the underground car park and back to the vessel on the day of your departure. Full details are included with your travel information.