

Cycling Safaris

Bruges & Flanders Fields

Self-guided Tour 2025

307-322 km | 8 days / 7 nights



The West-Flanders region offers an ideal mix of nature and culture. It is one of those unique places where you can enjoy silence along canals and open landscapes, but culture is never far away. You of course can discover the story of the first World War in Ieper (Ypres) and Diksmuide. The most interesting town of this tour is of course Bruges, the famous historic town with its wonderful cultural heritage and many canals which has earned the city the surname 'Venice of the North'.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrival in Roeselare

After arriving in Roeselare you can start with a small tour to the basilica of Dadizele and discover the landscape around the city. Or first visit Roeselare, with the National Cycling Museum, the brewery of Rodenbach, the old cemetery, the city park along the Mandel river, the Castle of Rumbeke with various exhibitions and the city center known for its vibrating shopping streets.

Day 2 Roeselare - Ieper (Ypres)

ca. 31 km



Your first cycle takes you to Ieper (Ypres), a beautiful medieval town with a stunning market place and the famous town-gate 'Menenpoort'.

You pass the Tyne Cot cemetery, the largest graveyard for English soldiers of World War I. In Ieper (Ypres), you can visit the 'In Flanders Fields Museum'.

The cycle itself is a lovely experience, especially passing through the charming hills. You can also walk around the city and follow the ramparts route.

Day 3 Ieper - Diksmuide

45 or 60 km



Today you will pass another nice medieval town: Poperinge, popular for the hops cultivated in this area. The 'Talbot House' is a place of interest, it was the only place during WWI where British soldiers could rest and forget about the war for a while.

Definitely worth a visit is the Trappist Abbey of Saint Sixtus where the Westvleteren is brewed, voted best beer in the world!

You cycle further along the banks of the IJzer to Diksmuide, where the IJzertoren, a well-known monument of the Great War can be visited. You can also enjoy the beauty of the historic market place.

Day 4 Diksmuide - Bruges

62 km

It is almost unbelievable how much cultural heritage can be discovered in such a rural region. Indeed, the destination is arguably one of Europe's most beautiful city, Bruges, with its historic center and the stunning belfry.



Day 5 Bruges - Knokke - Bruges

64 km

Today you cycle through the area between Bruges and Knokke, a village of the Belgian coast. It will be another unforgettable trip, through the polder landscapes and the dunes. The main sight of this tour is the nature reserve 'Het Zwin' and the picturesque village of Damme. Or, when it is warm enough, you can go swimming in the sea!



Day 6 **Bruges - De Haan - Bruges** **52 km**

This day will again be an exciting day as you visit another nice place on the Belgian coast. De Haan is a village which has preserved the Belle Epoque style (19th century).

Day 7 **Bruges - Roeselare** **58km**

Our last cycling tour will bring us back to Roeselare. This tour passes two nice castles, d'Aertrycke and Wijnendaele. Both are really worth a visit! After arriving in Roeselare, it is possible to visit the National Cycling Museum (to be paid on the spot).



Day 8

Departure after breakfast.

Level:

Easy and flat, available for all cyclists and their children.

Route:

Quiet roads and mostly cycle tracks along the Flanders Cycle Route, 90% signposted. Roadbook with detailed description in English.

2025 DATES

Every Saturday from 26th April up to and including 13th September 2025

(except 2nd August: replaced by arrival on Sunday 3rd August due to the annual folk festival in Dranouter.)

2025 PRICES

€665 per person sharing

€300 single room supplement if travelling with others

€50 per person - high season supplement from 7th June to 16th August

Bike rental is not included in the price above which is additional:

Touring Bike €85

E-bike: €165

Child Seat €20

Child bike, Trailer and 3rd wheel €55

Tandem €150

Bike insurance: €18 (€30 for E-bike)

Children discount (with two paying adults in one room):

0-2 years - 100% (free)

3-6 years - 50%

7-11 years - 25%

For children over 12 years and adults we cannot give a reduction for the 3rd person in room

For the comfort of the clients, we can only book a double room and a single room at the hotel in Bruges, but there is no single supplement. The rooms will be connected.

WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 days - 7 nights in 3/4* hotels
- Room with shower / bath and toilet
- 7 x breakfast buffet
- Luggage transport (1 piece/person up to 15 kilos pp)
- Map, tourist information and roadbook in English, German, French, Spanish and Dutch
- Service-Hotline
- Local taxes, except in Bruges
- Possibility for half board (7 x 3 course dinner)

Optional extras (per person):

Half board: €240 (7 x 3 course dinner)

Additional night in Roeselare incl. breakfast: €75 per person / €120 single room

BIKE RENTAL

Bike rental is not automatically included in the tour price but can of course be organized.



7 or 21 gear ladies bike



7 or 21 gear gents bike



E - Bike



Tandem

The bike tours are unescorted. All mileages are approximate distances of recommended routes, the tour is easy and flat, suitable for all cyclists and families with children with some cycling experience.

WHAT TO BRING

Specialised cycle clothing may be handy but not strictly necessary. What you do need (among other things) is the following:

- shorts/ long trousers/ track suit/ legging
- shirts/ sweater/ rain clothing
- gloves (only when you book a tour in April. It can be chilly in the morning that time of year!)
- good shoes
- soap/ insect repellent
- Please bring your own helmet (we don't supply helmets on this tour)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Arrival to tour start

Airport in Brussels or Bruges and then take a train or bus to Roeselare; approx. 1hr 40mins.

Accommodation

Rooms are generally in the 3 or 4 star category. You can savor the good regional kitchen with a generous breakfast and a 3 course menu (if booked half board). Vegetarian plates are also possible (if requested).