

Cycling Safaris

Amsterdam Tulip Tour 2024

Guide cycling with group | 270km | 7 nights / 8 days

New: Thursday arrival day



Between April and mid-May we offer special tulip tours. The program of this Super Tulip Tour is totally dedicated to this beautiful flower. You will cycle through hectares of spring flowers and tulips, learn all about growing tulips in a tulip park and of course you visit the “Keukenhof”.

On this bike and barge tour we cycle through the green heart of Holland, with its meadows, ditches and farms. The route leads through vast fields of tulips between Leiden and Haarlem, where you can visit the world-famous, 32-hectares flower garden The Keukenhof. Over 7 million bulbs, with a total of 800 varieties of tulips, bloom here, it is a unique, unforgettable experience!

The tulip bulb, originally from Turkey, reached the Netherlands at the end of the 16th century. The flower and bulb were thought to be so special that a lively trade arose quite quickly. In 1634 there was one single bulb that was so expensive, a whole canal house in Amsterdam could be bought with its worth.

Apart from the beautiful flowers we also visit the famous cheese city of Gouda, the 19 windmills of Kinderdijk (World Heritage List), the international port of Rotterdam and the Residence in The Hague.

DATES & PRICES 2024

Barge	Dates	Standard Season per person	High Season per person sharing
Anna Antal	April 4	€1355 (twin cabin)	€1480 (twin cabin)
	April 11	€1155 (bunk bed cabin)	€1255 (bunk bed cabin)
	April 18	€1480 (single use bunk bed cabin)	€1624 (single use bunk bed cabin)
	April 25		
Wending	April 4	€1355 (twin cabin)	€1480 (twin cabin)
	April 11	€1270 (triple cabin) €1715 (single use cabin)	€1390 (triple cabin) €1860 (single use cabin)
Liza Marleen	April 4	€1485 (twin cabin)	-
	May 2	€1715 (superior twin)	-
		€1365 (superior triple)	-
		€2125 (single use cabin)	

Reduction for Children: (if child is travelling with at least 1 full paying adult)

0 - 2 years : free of charge

3 - 11 years : 30 % discount

WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 nights on board (incl. bed linen, towels & soap)
- Breakfast & Dinner on board
- Lunch packages when on the road
- Entrance fee Keukenhof and return ticket public transport
- Coffee and tea on board
- Tour guide who cycles with the group
- Minimum of 3 city walks with tour guide
- Route information/road book (1 set per cabin)
- Free WiFi (limited availability in lounge and on deck)
- Ferry fares on the route
- GPS tracks (on request)
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Please note that all charges on the boat must be settled in cash (euro) at the end of the tour.

Not included/optional extras

Bike Hire:

€115 21 speed touring bike with water bottle cage, lock and a small pannier bag

€225 Electric - bike with water bottle cage, lock and a small pannier bag

Available Childrens bike; suitable for approx 9 years and older

- Entrance fees to museums; approx €25 per tour
- Gluten free or Vegan meals : €75 supplement, needs to be booked in advance.
(When ordered upon arrival the additional charge is €100.

Prices are based on current fuel prices and may be subject to change if fuel prices increase by more than 5%. We do not allow private bikes onboard (due to safety regulations)

ACCOMMODATION / BARGES

Our motorised passenger vessels are about 35 - 45 metres in length and are former river vessels especially converted for this kind of holiday. The barges all comply with the strict safety regulations laid down by the Dutch Shipping Inspection Authorities. On board you find a cosy dining room, a sun deck/a deck for the bicycles. All cabins are provided with running water (hot and cold), private shower and toilet, 220 voltage and central heating. There is limited storage space in the cabin. We recommend 1 suitcase per person which you can slide under the bed.

Do not expect a cruise ship with its passive luxury. The Bike & Barge Holidays are for people who really enjoy the physical activity of cycling and who value sociability more than wholesale luxury.

Anna Antal - Category StandardPlus/Comfort

The "Anna Antal" is a former barge which was converted into a luxury motor passenger ship in the winter of 1994-95.

Cabins: The Anna Antal has 9 cabins each with their own shower, washbasin, toilet and central heating. 5 x 2-berth cabins with low beds (Comfort) 4 x 2-berth cabins with bunk beds (StandardPlus)

Electricity: 220 V, Wifi on board, Windows can open

Saloon: The Anna Antal is pleasant for a day's stay and it has a cosy bar.



Wending - Category comfort

The "Wending" is a former freight barge that started a new life in the early nineties as a luxury passenger motor barge. Since then the "Wending" is a familiar fixture on several routes in the Netherlands and Belgium.

Capacity: max. 28 people/ On the Bike & Barge tours: max. 25 people

Cabins: The "Wending" has 8 double and 2 triple cabins. The beds in the cabins are side by side. In the triple cabin one bed is placed over the other two.

All cabins with private bathroom and central heating.

Day Stay: The "Wending" has a roomy and cosy salon, equipped with a complete music installation and TV. After a strenuous bike ride it is a great place to relax.

Electricity: 220 V



Category Comfort Plus: The “Liza Marleen” is a luxury motor passenger barge, built in 1997-98 on the completely dismantled shell of a seafaring freight logger. Cabins were fully renovated for the 2016 season. The “Liza Marleen” has 8 double cabins and 2 triple cabins (Capacity: max 22 people)

All cabins come with a private bathroom and central heating. The triple cabins have one double bed on top and one single bed underneath. The double cabins have two separate beds on top of each other.

The “Liza Marleen” has a beautiful, spacious and tastefully decorated salon and plenty of room on deck. The dayroom has audio-equipment and TV. Electricity: 220 V, Air conditioning, Windows cannot open, Wifi on board



WHAT TO BRING

Specialized 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
- sunglasses/ cap/ swimming costume
- extra towel
- soap/ insect repellent

BIKES AND CYCLING

Bike Insurance:

Bicycle insurance is included with bike rental.

The bicycle insurance covers the cost of the repair or replacement of bicycle parts in case of an accident. It also protects against theft of the bike while it was locked.

If you didn't arrange cycle insurance when booking you can do this on board (the first day). Payment in cash is required

On these tours you cycle together as a group with the guide.

Hybrid bikes

After arrival on board you will be allocated a bicycle suitable to your height. This bicycle (a Hybrid bike), is at your disposal during your trip until Friday at 4pm. here is a good bicycle available for all participants from ages nine and up with 24 gears and handbrakes. All bikes are comfortable lightweight touring bikes.



The bikes are equipped with:

- Pannier bags, Helmet, Odometer, Good lock, Water bottle
- You will get a repair kit when biking on your own.

E - bikes

It is also possible to book an E-bike. Your bike has 24 gears, a detachable lithium-Ion battery, hand brakes, pannier bags, a good lock, water bottle and you can get a repair kit.



ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Embarkation is between 12:30 – 1.30pm. You can recognise the barge by the banner with Cycletours written on it. After arrival there's coffee and tea on board. Other drinks are also available on cash payment. If you want you can bring your luggage in advance, from 10 Noon onwards.

**The mooring place of the barge in Amsterdam is Oosterdok
Zip-code 1011 VX (near the Science Centre: 'Nemo', Oosterdok 2).**

On foot

At Central Station take exit "centrum", and then turn left, walk straight on 1,2 km/0.75 miles. Cross the bridge (only for cyclists and pedestrians). It takes about 10 to 15 minutes. Follow the red line on this map.

Train

There is a direct train that leaves 6 times per hour from Schiphol Airport to Amsterdam Central Station. It takes about 16 minutes. The price for a train ticket Schiphol-Amsterdam is € 4,00 per person for a single journey.

Taxi

A taxi from Schiphol Amsterdam Airport to the barge in Amsterdam takes about 30 minutes. It costs about € 50 you can call the following company: Taxi Direct 0031 (0) 20 6333333 www.taxidirect.nl a taxi from the Central Train Station in Amsterdam to the barge takes about 5 minutes: Costs about € 10,-.

Car

If you arrive by car, we recommend you to arrive earlier to unload your luggage. You can find more information about parking possibilities at www.iamsterdam.com



GENERAL INFORMATION

Group

On board you will meet an international party of all age groups, men and women, singles, couples and families together with their children.

Travel Guidance

The crew on board your ship consists of: the skipper and his mate who are responsible for the smooth running of things on board and the cook who is in charge of the catering. A tour leader, who can assist in case of breakdowns, and who can be your guide to point out to you the things of interest along the way, accompanies the participants. He or she is multi-lingual.

Meals

In the morning a substantial cyclist's breakfast is on offer, and the evening meal consists of a dinner with tea and coffee to follow. The midday meal comprises sandwiches/fruit/ snack/drink, which you take with you from the boat after you have prepared this package yourself after breakfast. When you arrive back at the boat after the day's cycling a cup of tea or coffee with a biscuit will be waiting for you. The three-course dinner is different every day. There is a first course, main course and dessert (on the Comfort deluxe there is also an extra intermediate course). The meals on board are included in the price, as are coffee and tea. There is a bar on the boat with beer, soft drinks and wine at reasonable prices.

Hotels

If you are booking additional hotel accommodation 3* in Amsterdam and/or Bruges, herewith some suggestions:-

Amsterdam -

Hotel Avenue -

www.hotels.nl/amsterdam/avenue/

Prinsengracht Hotel

www.prinsengrachthotel.nl/index.php

Bruges -

Hotel Martins -

www.splendia.com/pagehotel.php?hotelid=30399&lang=EN

Hotel Maraboe -

www.maraboe.be/

Hans Memling Hotel -

www.hansmemlinghotel.com/