



The Beautiful South - Amsterdam to Bruges

This tour brings you through some of the most beautiful cities in all of Europe, plus the beautiful South of the Netherlands with its polders, windmills, farmland and small, historic towns and villages. You will also see some of the most impressive Dutch engineering, the famous „Deltawerken“.*

Day 1 Amsterdam

17 km / 10 miles

Arrival on board the Elodie where the crew will welcome you with a nice cup of tea or coffee. Introduction to the crew, the rules on board and your personal bike. After this we will make a short tour along a round course into rural Amsterdam North and back to the barge, so that you can get comfortable with your bike and make adjustments if required. In the evening, after dinner, your guide will take you for a walk into the city.

Day 2 Amsterdam – Vianen

55 km / 39 miles

Early in the morning the Elodie will start sailing for Nigtevecht where this day's cycling tour will start. Along the lovely river Vecht you can enjoy the sight of mansions in this beautiful valley landscape. Leaving the river we will head south and continue our tour through wetland, polders and picturesque little towns towards Vianen where we will spend the night.

Day 3 Vianen - Dordrecht

53 km / 33 miles

Along the meandering river Lek you will proceed your journey for a stop at Schoonhoven. This old town is well known for its Silver. You will be able to admire this in the many Silver shops. From Schoonhoven we cycle on to Kinderdijk, one of the most famous attractions in all of The Netherlands. Here you will find the largest assembly of windmills together in a park, still presented as they were originally built. After this visit it's only a short distance to cover before you will get to the fast Ferry that will take you to Dordrecht where the Elodie will be waiting for us. This historic town also calls for an evening walk.

**Day 4 Dordrecht - Willemstad - Zierikzee****56 km / 35 miles**

Early in the Morning the ship will sail to Willemstad while you are enjoying your breakfast. This fortified town or the locks nearby will be the starting point of a tour through the Province of Zeeland - home of the Dutchman who named New Zealand after this province. The polders, farmland and typical small towns of Zeeland will be the setting of your cycling tour towards Zierikzee. This small picturesque harbour town boasts with 500 monuments, including medieval city gates, historic mills and town houses, pretty alleys and the charming, old fishing port.

Day 5 Zierikzee — Middelburg**56 km / 35 miles**

Today you will encounter one of the wonders of the world. We will be able to cross the great dam that was built after the great flooding of Zeeland in 1953 - on our bikes. This truly impressive example of Dutch engineering is designed to tame the sea, and it has served its purpose ever since. Middelburg, situated right in the heart of the province of Zeeland, is our destination for the day.

Day 6 Middelburg – Gent**53 km / 33 miles**

Today's program offers a tour from Dutch Vlaanderen into Belgium Vlaanderen. With the ferry from Vlissingen to Breskens we will cross the Westerschelde. The first kilometers will still be in The Netherlands before we reach the Belgium border where the Elodie will be waiting for you to sail into Gent together. Gent is also called the pride of Belgium. The city is believed by many to be even more beautiful than Bruges - whilst being less crowded.



Day 7 Gent — Bruges

40 km / 25 miles

As we leave Gent by boat we will soon get into rural countryside where Elodie will drop us off sometime after breakfast. We will then cycle between green pastures. Picturesque little towns follow up quickly as we approach the final destination of this tour. The city of Bruges is world famous for its charming atmosphere and historic architecture. It's like being in an open air museum at times. The nice thing about it that it is not a museum but a town where you can go to restaurants and bars right at the heart of this historic display of architecture, canals, bridges and streets. We can truly recommend eating out in one of the many restaurants because this part of Belgium is famous for its good food.

Day 8 Bruges

It's time to say good-bye. We take leave of you after breakfast, at 9 a.m.

**Please note: Daily mileages and tour planning may change according to weather or other circumstances.*