

Travel information – by bike & boat „South Holland“

1. Port Location MS Normandie

You will find your ship at the following berth on the day of arrival:

Rotterdam, Erasmus Bridge / Boompjeskade

Address: Boompjeskade, 3011 Rotterdam

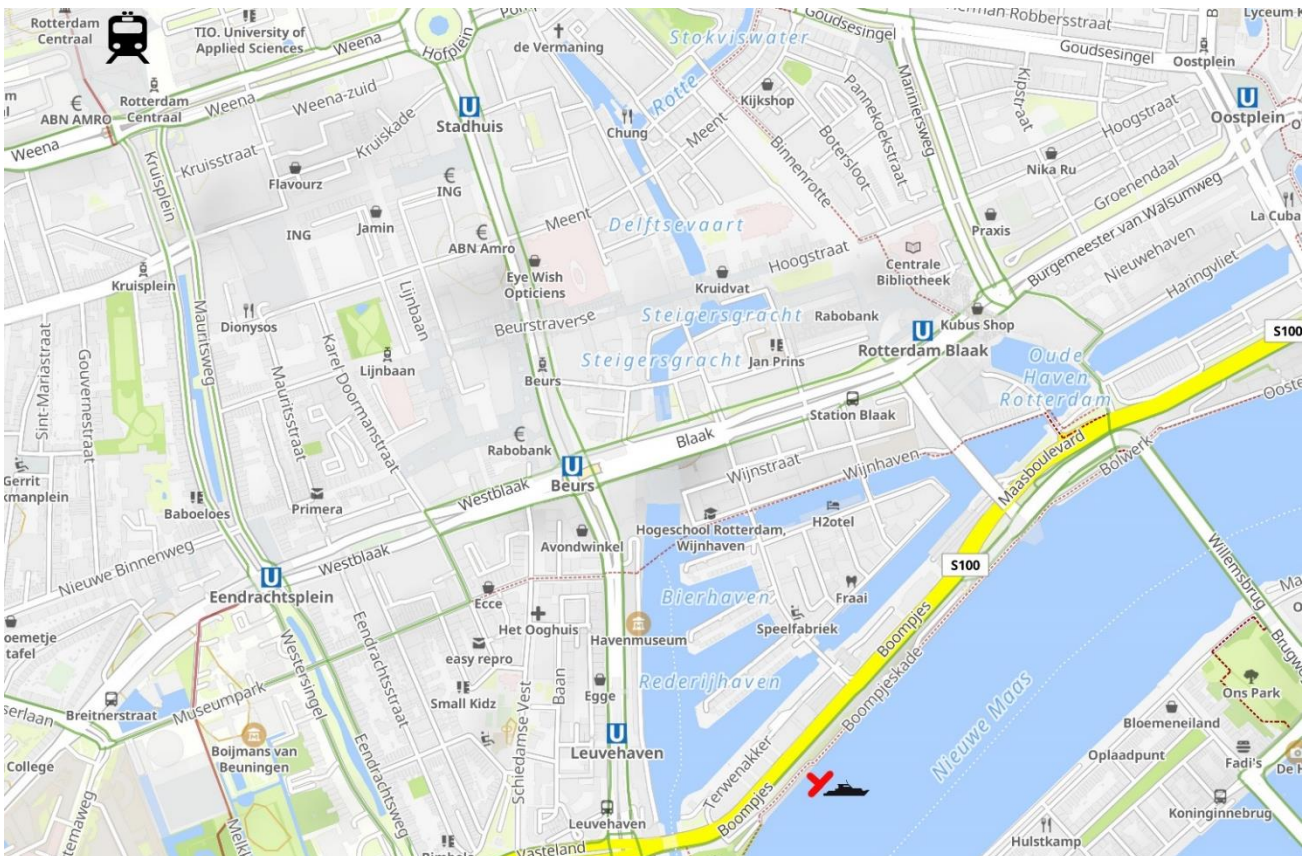
Please note: The berth can also change at short notice. The port authorities may assign a common berth to several ships. Your ship may be moored behind another ship. If you do not find your ship, please contact the emergency numbers given in your travel documents.

You will be told the berth for disembarkation by your cruise director on the last evening.

Embarkation will take place **between 4pm and 5pm**.

Please plan your arrival so that you arrive in time for embarkation. If you arrive later, please let us know in time. Earlier embarkation is not possible for organizational reasons.

Please label your luggage with a luggage tag with your name, your cabin number and the name of the ship.



2. Emergency number

You can reach your on-board tour guide **on the day of arrival** at the following cell phone number:

0049 170 993 87 69

In case of urgent emergency, the following contacts are also available:

Reception MS Normandie: 0031 - 625 261 065

SE-Tours emergency phone (on the day of arrival only): 0049 171 826 17 18

If you have any enquiries before the start of your trip, please contact your booking office.

3. Timetable and Itinerary

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Day 1	Rotterdam, Embarkation	16:00	
Day 2	Rotterdam		10:00
Day 2	Dordrecht	12:30	
Day 3	Dordrecht		10:00
Day 3	Gorinchem	12:30	
Day 4	Gorinchem		09:30
Day 4	Utrecht	16:30	
Day 5	Utrecht		10:00
Day 5	Schoonhoven*	15:30	
Day 6	Schoonhoven*		10:00
Day 6	Rotterdam	14:00	
Day 7	Rotterdam		
Day 8	Rotterdam	09:00	Disembark.

1st Day: Rotterdam - Embarkation

Individual arrival in Rotterdam. Embarkation from 4:00 pm. Rotterdam is a city with many faces: important port city, classy shopping city and hip artists' city, but most importantly a city of architecture, and one of the most interesting cities in Europe.

2nd Day: Rotterdam – Dordrecht, Cycle tour approx 40 km

Keep cycling alongside the waterfront via Krimpen aan den IJssel to Kinderdijk, where you will find the most famous group of windmills of the Netherlands. Dating back to the 18th century, the 19 well- preserved mills were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List. Continue through the polder area of the Albwasserwaard to reach Dordrecht. Dordrecht is considered to be Holland's oldest city. With about 1000 historic buildings that are housing restaurants, museums or theatres, the city's rich history and the marvellous historic port area will enchant you.

3rd Day: Dordrecht – Gorinchem, Cycle tour approx. 46 - 53 km

After a short ferry ride, you reach the beautiful De Biesbosch National Park, where several rivers come together to form a fresh-water delta of no less than 8.000 hectares. You may enjoy a wonderful boat trip, offered here everywhere, before continuing your tour through the Rhine- Delta area and crossing over to Gorinchem by water taxi. Do not miss out on the picturesque Old Town of this small but charming city.

4th Day: Gorinchem – Utrecht, Cycle tour approx. 47 km

Today an interesting and varied tour awaits you. From Gorinchem, cycle via Leerdam – famous for the Leerdammer cheese – into the fortified city of Vianen. Here you may stop for a short break in one of the numerous street cafes. Take the ferry boat to cross the Lek, and keep cycling to Vreeswijk with its narrow lanes. Continue to the little town of Nieuwegein – perhaps take a short side trip to Fort Jutphaas, hidden in a green oasis in Nieuwegein -before reaching Utrecht. Utrecht is considered the heart of Holland. The city was built around the cathedral. That is why it is almost impossible to lose your way in the car-free town with its picturesque canals.

5th Day: Utrecht to Schoonhoven*, Cycle tour approx. 40 - 49 km

This morning, be sure to take some time to explore the beautiful town of Utrecht, before getting back on your bike. Cycle tour through the beautiful polder landscape via Oudewater, with its famous Witches` Weigh House, (none of the so-called witches ever weighed here was found to be too light of weight and thus none of them was sentenced) to Schoonhoven, the Silver City of the Netherlands, with its typical Dutch Old Town.

6th Day: Schoonhoven* – Rotterdam, Cycle tour approx. 43 km

From Schoonhoven, cycle leisurely to the city of Gouda, which is famous for its cheese. Your today's destination is Rotterdam. The city has become one of the architectural and cultural metropolises.

7th Day: Rotterdam, Day at leisure / Cycle tour from Rotterdam to Delft and back or from Rotterdam via Den Haag to Scheveningen and back, approx. 40 - 70 km

Two options for today's cycling tour: First one will lead you to Delft (Tip: visit of the porcelain manufacture), second directly to the governmental seat Den Haag and to the North Sea coastal town and health resort Scheveningen and back. Alternatively, you can also go back to Rotterdam by train (rail and bike is not included, approx. € 16.- p. Pers, not in rush hour between 16:30 h and 18:00 h).

You do not fancy a bike ride? Rotterdam offers endless possibilities to design your day. Really one is spoilt for choice.

Tip: you should experience the harbour of Rotterdam on an interesting harbour tour.

8th Day: Departure from Rotterdam

After breakfast checkout until 9:00 am – have a safe journey home.

**Depending on the official authorities responsible for the distribution of moorings, Vianen can also be called as an alternative for Schoonhoven. Then itinerary on 5th day Utrecht – Vianen, cycle tour approx. 45 – 55 km and on the 6th day: Vianen – Gouda – Rotterdam, cycle tour approx. 59 km.*

4. Excursion program

Guided city tour by bike - Rotterdam | Friday, 10:00 am | 1,5 hour | € 20,- p. p. | minimum number of participants: 10 p.



Get up close and personal with Rotterdam's famous sites. One of the nicest ways to discover Rotterdam. The bike tour will offer you close-up looks of the impressive Rotterdam's buildings. Accompanied by an experienced local guide, enjoy the beauty of architecture and culture in small groups. And of course, in Rotterdam something you may not miss: a bit of "harbour ambience". You cycle to the highlights in the centre like the train station, the market hall, to the old harbour and you'll see the famous Kubus houses. Further on you cross the famous Erasmus Bridge to the south

of Rotterdam. Here you will ride through interesting neighbourhoods and pass by the Hotel New York, situated in the former central of the Holland America Line, now a listed building. The tour starts and ends directly at the ship.

Harbour Tour Rotterdam | Friday, 17:00 pm | 75 min | € 17,- p. p. | minimum number of participants: 25 p.



Experience the world's largest harbour. Amidst the busy traffic of sea-going and inland ships, you will participate in a special harbour tour through one of the largest seaports in the world. You can see the impressive skyline and imposing buildings glide by and enjoy a unique view of the ship yards, docks and the hypermodern transshipping of thousands of containers.

Excursion booking:

Bookings for the excursions are only possible on board with your on-board tour guide. Places are limited. Payment is to be made exclusively in cash in € to your on-board tour guide.

Please note that there may be changes in the excursion program, the starting times and also the embarkation and disembarkation points, e.g. due to weather conditions or lock closures. We reserve the right to make changes to the itineraries and excursion programs.

Itinerary as well as tour programs are subject to change. Rates effective December 2023.